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Ozark Cheer makes state history winning first ever Missouri Stunt State Championship

The Ozark High School STUNT team made history by winning the 2026 USA Cheer Missouri High School STUNT State Championship.

In December, the Ozark cheerleading program decided to take on a new challenge by launching a STUNT program. STUNT is one of the fastest-growing female sports in the nation and is expected to become an official MSH-SAA sport in the near future. Teams compete head-to-head in

a four-quarter format, performing the same pre-set routines and earning points based on the execution of skills such as partner stunts, pyramids, jumps, tumbling, and team routines.

With the victory, Ozark became the first high school in Missouri to win a STUNT state championship, earning the distinction of being the sport's inaugural state champions. Congratulations to the below athletes and coaches on this historic achievement!

The members of the Ozark High School STUNT Team are:

Coaches: Tess Keller, head coach; Megan Adams, assistant coach, and Angelo Corsolini, assistant coach.

Cheerleaders: Addison Wade, Ashtyn Spickard, Asiah Zendejas, Audrey Morgan, Clare Yates, Emma Heaton, Kadynze Huffman, Lillyana Breedlove, Maliyah Goins, Nova Fox, Reese Perkins, Tenley Grandt, Victoria Wade, and Zoey McKeenan.



The coaches and cheerleaders of the Ozark High School STUNT team pose with their trophy after winning the 2026 USA Cheer Missouri High School STUNT State Championship. PHOTO COURTESY OF OZARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Ground broken for new Springfield, Missouri Temple

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Members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints gathered at the site of the new Springfield, Missouri Temple of Saturday, June 6, for a groundbreaking ceremony to celebrate the temple's upcoming construction.

Presiding at the event was Elder Aroldo B. Cavalcante,

General Authority Seventy Second Counselor, United States Southeast Area.

In his remarks, Cavalcante referenced the church's history in Missouri.

"There are places in the history of the restoration that carry both sacred hope and sacred sorrow," he said. "Missouri is one of those places. One of the most sacred accounts recorded in the Book



The Branson, Mo Stake Children's Choir sing "I Know that My Redeemer Lives" during the groundbreaking ceremony.

of Mormon describes a great multitude gathered together round about the temple. Temples have always been places of gathering for covenant people. And today, in a deeply symbolic and sacred way, we gather once again in peace, unity, and gratitude to break ground for a house of the Lord this historic land. It was on this soil that early saints dreamed, sacrificed, built, wept, and prayed. It was here that faithful pioneers longed to establish Zion. It was here that many endured persecution, loss, and expulsion.

"And yet, despite hardship and heartbreak, their faith in Jesus Christ never failed. What once witnessed exile will now witness covenant gathering.



Elder Aroldo B. Cavalcante speaks at the groundbreaking ceremony.

What once saw the saints driven away will now welcome generations unto Christ."

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Clever to keep Police Department

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The City of Clever will retain its police force, according to a posting on the city's social media.

On Tuesday, June 2, a message from Mayor Beaudoin and the Clever Board of Aldermen was posted on the City of Clever Facebook page stating that Clever would not be pursuing an earlier proposed partnership with the Christian County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) for the time being.

"Over the past several weeks, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen have spent countless hours gathering information, discussing options, listening to residents, and considering what is in the best long-term interest of our city," the message stated. "One message we have heard clearly throughout this process is that our community values an independent police department that is dedicated specifically to serving our city, understands our community, and remains directly accountable to the people who live here. We respect those sentiments and believe they are important factors in this decision.

"After careful consideration, we have decided not to pursue a contract with Christian County for police services at this time."

The message also stated that the City would work to make the Clever Police Department fully staffed.

"Our goal is to build and maintain a fully staffed, professional police department that continues to be a vital part of our community," the message read, "and in doing so, we will continue working to address staffing needs, incentives for quality candidates, improving the retention of those officers, supporting department operations, and providing the resources necessary for the department to be successful."

The announcement was posted two weeks after a meeting at Clever City Hall held on Tuesday, May 19, during which members of the public were invited to speak about the proposed partnership between the City and the CCSO in which the Sheriff's Office would have provided police services for Clever.

A media inquiry sent to Mayor Eric Beaudoin via email had received no response as of presstime.



Participants in the soil turning prepare to symbolically break ground at the site of the temple. PHOTOS BY STEVE CHAPMAN



Surrounded by members of his team and supporters from the Nixa community, Bryan Magers, owner of Bryan Properties, prepares to cut the ribbon at a ceremony held by the Nixa Area Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday, June 3, to celebrate the opening of The Retreat. PICTURE COURTESY OF NIXA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Bryan Properties opens The Retreat in West Nixa

New apartment community to help city fulfill goal in 2045 Comprehensive Plan

NIXA — The westward expansion of Nixa is officially underway. The Retreat is open.

The 186-unit apartment community at Northview Road and North Gregg Road – developed and managed

by Bryan Properties – dovetails with the City of Nixa's 2045 Comprehensive Plan to create more multifamily housing in west Nixa. It will also spur further westward development, as the city eventually extends Northview Road west at Gregg, and connects it to North Nicholas Road.

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OZARK FARMERS MARKET CELEBRATES NEW LOCATION



Katherine Dowdy, treasurer of Board of the Ozark Farmers Market, cuts the ribbon at a ceremony celebrating the Farmers Market's new location at Finley River Park on Thursday, June 4. The Ozark Farmers Market will be held every Thursday through September from 3-7 p.m. Offerings at the market include: fresh vegetables, pastries, craft items, soaps, beef and beef tallow products, wines, honey, and more. There will also be a special Artisan's Market held during the Farmers Market on the first Thursday of each month. PHOTO BY STEVE CHAPMAN

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Event depends on wind, weather, and ground conditions. For more info, go to Facebook at: "20th Annual Hot Air Balloon Glow."


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CORRECTION

In the June 3, 2026 issue of the Christian County Headliner News, under the picture titled “Westpheling, Humphreys winners of EECU Scholarships,” the Educational Community Credit Union was also referred to by the initials “EECU”. This was incorrect; the correct initials were “ECCU”.

The Christian County Headliner News strives for fair and accurate coverage in all news stories. If you find a mistake in the paper, please contact Editor Steve Chapman via email at stevec@ccheadliner.com.

Ozark names Sappington as interim high school principal

Sustaita will be new high school assistant principal

Ozark High School will have some new faces in the front office next year as the administration team takes shape for 2026-27. As part of a district reorganization, Dr. Kent Sappington will serve as interim high school principal, and Fernando Sustaita will join as an assistant principal, a hire approved at the May 21 school board meeting.

Sappington currently serves as Executive Director of Elementary Education for Ozark School District, a position he has held since 2019. Before that, he was principal at East Elementary from 2007 to 2019. He holds a doctorate in educational leadership from Evangel University.

“Kent’s relationship-focused leadership style, along with his strengths in systems and processes, will provide valuable support to our secondary buildings and programs,” Ozark Superintendent Dr. Lori Wilson said.

Alongside his principal duties, Sappington will also serve as executive director of Secondary Learning. A full search for a high school principal will begin at a later date.

“I believe this approach provides an important level of stability and continuity for students, staff, and families during the upcoming year,” Wilson said. “The Ozark High School principal position will be formally posted in December or January in order to widen the search process and allow us adequate time to identify the best long-term candidate for the position.”

Sustaita comes to Ozark from Nixa High School, where he taught history for over a decade and coached various teams. Before teaching,

he had a career in corporate America and served in the United States Marine Corps. He earned a master’s in education and a bachelor’s in business administration from Drury University, and holds a specialist degree in superintendency and administration from Missouri State University.

“I believe schools change lives through relationships, belief, and opportunity,” Sustaita said. “I’m excited to join Ozark Schools and work alongside students, staff, and families to help create an environment where every student feels challenged, supported, and valued while discovering what they are capable of becoming.”

Sappington said he is excited to see how Sustaita’s wealth of knowledge and experiences will help the high school.

“I welcome Mr. Sustaita as our newest assistant principal at the high school,” Sappington said. “Mr. Sustaita comes to us as a past member of the United States Marine Corps, with unique experiences in the corporate world and time in the classroom at an excellent neighboring district. He has worked with students both as a teacher and a coach across multiple sports. He is a ball of energy, and I look forward to all he will bring to Ozark High School.”

Rounding out the new faces is Trent Floyd, currently the Academy Explorations teacher, who will step into the role of Dean of Students. The position oversees policy enforcement around things like cellphones and lanyards, handles smaller discipline matters, and helps facilitate the shuttle buses.

“Mr. Floyd has been with the Ozark School District since 2016,” Sappington said. “He has held various classroom roles and taken on numerous coaching responsibilities. He has



Sappington



Sustaita



Floyd

worked hard to help grow our Academies Exploration Model, and I look forward to seeing him continue that growth in an administrative role as Dean of Students. Most importantly, he is a quality role model for our students.”

Sappington, Sustaita and Floyd will all begin their new roles on July 1. Also effective that date: Dr. Anna Thurman, currently Executive Director of Student Services, will move into Sappington’s current role as Executive Director of Elementary Education, and Gerald Chambers, currently Executive Director of Secondary Learning, will move into Thurman’s role as Executive Director of Student Services.

Best Laid Plans

Caleb Jones
CEO of Missouri Electric Cooperatives

Last weekend, Lindsey and Charlie headed out of town for a dance competition. Max and I had other plans. While they were packing dance shoes and hair spray, we were loading turkey decoys, camouflage and enough shotgun shells to make every gobbler in Audrain County nervous. We headed up to our buddy George’s cabin for a guy’s weekend chasing spring turkeys.

Now, I felt pretty confident going into this hunt. We had blinds, decoys and every kind of turkey call known to man. Both of us were dressed in full camo from nose to toes.

Before daylight, we climbed into the blind and set our decoys on a ridge where every tom turkey in the county should have spotted them. As the sun came up, gobbling echoed from all four directions. I honestly thought Max and I had stumbled into turkey-hunting heaven.

What I didn’t realize

was apparently about 60 yards from us there was some kind of wild turkey superhighway.

We saw gobblers all morning long. Spitting, kicking and strutting, putting on a show like they owned the woods. The only problem for us was every single one of them stayed just out of our range.

By lunchtime, I started to worry that Max was ready to fire his hunting guide - me.

Thankfully, I had a backup plan. George’s cabin sits next to one of the best fishing holes this side of the Mississippi. We unloaded our hunting gear, grabbed a couple fishing poles and headed to the pond.

Whatever luck we were missing in the turkey blind showed up in the form of bass. Every other cast had one of us dragging in a fish. Before long, we had forgotten all about turkeys and spent the rest of the day debating who caught the biggest bass.

Truthfully, the weekend turned out even bet-

ter than we planned.

Electric cooperatives understand that sometimes the best plans still require adjustments. Storms hit, equipment fails and conditions can change quickly. Unlike other utilities, electric cooperatives are locally owned and guided by the members they serve, which means decisions are made with the community in mind.

That local focus drives a commitment to reliability and resilience. That’s why your electric co-op is always working, planning and preparing so that when problems arise, help is already on the way.

Keeping the lights on isn’t about everything going perfectly. It’s about being ready when it doesn’t.

Max never pulled the trigger on a gobbler that weekend. But somewhere between the turkeys and that little farm pond, I realized something important: Sometimes the best memories come from the backup plan.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

REPEATING EVENTS:

Every FIRST and THIRD Tuesday

The Christian County Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday at Dickey’s Barbecue Pit in Nixa, located at 111 N. Massey Blvd. in Nixa. On the third Tuesday, the Lions meet at Godfather’s Pizza, located at 510 E. South St. in Ozark. Members of the community interested in learning more about the Lions Club are invited to attend meetings.

Every SECOND Tuesday

Nixa Chamber of Commerce General Members Luncheon, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., North Point Church, 235 W. Tracker Rd., Nixa. Register at the Nixa Chamber of Commerce website, www.nixachamber.com

Coffee with Cole, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.; held at a different location each month. Check the Lawrence County Sheriff’s Office’s Facebook page for more details.

Every THIRD Tuesday

Working Women in Nixa Luncheon, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., North Point Nixa, 235 W. Tracker Rd., Nixa. Register at the Nixa Chamber of Commerce website, www.nixachamber.com.

The American Legion, Post 434 meets at 6 p.m. at 591 McCroskey St. in Nixa. For more information, call Nicholas Gerdes, commander, at (316) 737-1161.

Every Wednesday

Free Home-Cooked Meal, 5 - 6:30 p.m., at St. Matthews on the lower level, 1932 E. Highway 14, Ozark.

Every FIRST Wednesday

Free Medical Clinic: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., locations vary, visit <https://vimchristiancounty.org> for location and more information, or call 417-267-1667.

Every THIRD Wednesday

Free Health Clinic in Nixa, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. For more information, visit <https://vimchristiancounty.org> or call (417) 267-1667.

The Sparta Area Chamber of Commerce monthly networking meeting, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., at Sparta City Hall, 200 North Ave. in Sparta.

Every SECOND Thursday

The VFW and VFW Auxiliary in Ozark meet at 6:30 p.m. at 104 S. 1st Street. For more information, call (417) 834-2067.

The members of the Clever Chamber of Commerce hold their monthly chamber luncheon and meeting at 11:30 a.m. at Clever First Methodist Church, located at 202 Kennedy Ave. in Clever. Lunch is \$5. For more information, go online to www.cleverchamberofcommerce.com or call Sherry Hull at (417) 236-5232.

Every FOURTH Thursday

The members of the Ozark Chamber of Commerce hold their monthly luncheon from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Ozark Community Center, located at 1530 W. Jackson St. in Ozark.

Every FIRST Friday

First Friday Coffee networking event by the Ozark Chamber of Commerce from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Locations vary by month; call (417) 581-6139 or visit the Chamber’s Facebook page for more information.

Every Saturday

Music at the Oldfield Opry, doors open at 6 p.m., show starts at 7 p.m., 123 Oldfield Rd., Oldfield. The second Saturday of the month follows a different schedule.

Every SECOND Saturday

Music at the Oldfield Opry - Early Showing, doors open at 5 p.m., show starts at 5:45 p.m., 123 Oldfield Rd., Oldfield.

Ozark Senior Center Breakfast, 7 - 10 a.m., at Ozark Senior Center, 727 N. 9th St., Ozark. Cost is \$6 for adults/\$3 for kids under 12.

Community Conversation, 9 a.m., at the Ozark Community Center, 1530 W. Jackson St., Ozark.

OTHER EVENTS:

Wednesday, June 10: The Ozark and Nixa Chambers of Commerce will hold a joint ribbon cutting at Jenkins CPA at 204 Village Center St. in Nixa at 11:30 a.m. in celebration of the firm’s 25-year anniversary.

Friday, June 12: Sunset on the Square series, from 6-8 p.m. at the Ozark Square. The event includes food trucks and music by the Buff Lamb Band. The series will continue on the second Friday evening each month through September.

The Christian County Historical Museum will host their Night at the Museum fundraiser from 7-9 p.m. Wayne Glenn will speak about past famous musicians from Christian County; other features include hors d’oeuvres, beer and wine, a scavenger hunt, and a silent auction. Admission is \$28. For more information or to purchase admission, call (417) 848-3540 or go online to www.ccmo-historicalsociety.com.

Saturday, June 13: The Finley River Art Gallery is hosting an art class in textured art taught by Nixa artist Lupe Rivera. A nominal fee of \$10 will be charged; all materials will be provided. The class starts at 10 a.m. Register by calling (417) 551-4011, or visit the art gallery during their business hours, Wed. through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Finley River Art Gallery is located on the south side of the Ozark Square at 100 E. Elm St.

Wednesday, June 17: The Ozark Genealogical Society is presenting Genealogical Grit: Persevering Through Tough Problems at 10 a.m. at the Library Center. When an answer is elusive, do you tend to give up? Don’t stop just because one thing didn’t turn up any records for you. There are always more databases, digitized collections, online books, and so much more to find. In this lecture, certified genealogist Cari Taplin discusses “genealogical perseverance” through examples and how they were overcome. Attendance Options: In person at The Library Center or by Zoom. Members will receive a Zoom link by email or find the link at ozarksgs.org > programs. Members must login for access. The Library Center is located at 4653 S. Campbell Ave., Springfield, Mo.

Thursday, June 18 through Saturday, June 20: Sertoma Duck Race Festival at Finley River Park. The event features Rides and Amusements, a craft Fair, the Rubber Duck Race, food trucks, live music, the Hot Air Balloon Glow, a car Show, a fireworks show, a Corn Hole tournament, a beer garden, a pie-eating contest, a 5K Run, and more. For more information, go online to <https://4csertoma.com/sertoma-duck-race/>.

Saturday, June 27: Starting at 6 p.m. The Clever Chamber of Commerce is hosting the Clever Freedom Celebration at Clever High School. The event includes food, free entertainment, vendors, a Kids Zone, and Fireworks. For more information, send an email to cleverchamberofcommerce@gmail.com or visit the Clever Chamber of Commerce Facebook page.

The Finley River Art Gallery is hosting an art class in Neurographic Art taught by Carol Snyder. A nominal fee of \$10 will be charged; all materials will be provided. The class starts at 10 a.m. Register by calling (417) 551-4011, or visit the art gallery during their business hours, Wed. through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Finley River Art Gallery is located on the south side of the Ozark Square at 100 E. Elm Street.

Saturday, Aug. 15: The Ozark School District, in partnership with the Ozark Chamber of Commerce, is holding their Back to School Bash at the Ozark Innovation Center from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Back to School Bash helps Ozark students in grades PK-12 start the school year with confidence by providing a backpack, school supplies, hygiene kits, and access to community resources. It’s also a great family-friendly event to help kick off the school year. Families must register in advance by visiting www.ozarktigers.org/btsbash.

Have an event? Send the date, time, place, and details to stevec@ccheadliner.com so you can be included in the upcoming Community Calendar.



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CLUES ACROSS

1. The thing here
5. Biting
9. Staff
12. Intense dislike
13. Bruised
14. Rowboat blade
15. Pub orders
16. Conceited person
17. Blue above us
18. Burger garnish
20. Egyptian waterway
22. Emporium
24. Cat
27. Fireproof mineral
31. Santa's time
32. Tropical snake
33. ____ up (tense)
35. Daughter's brother
36. Tons
38. Pleasures
40. Go inside
42. Pass out cards
43. Lion's den
45. Circus performers
49. Fruity drink
51. Table seasoning
53. Sandal
54. Negative connector
55. Reflex-test site
56. Chimney clogger
57. Uh-huh
58. Slippery road mishap
59. Gabs

CLUES DOWN

1. TV's " ____ Girl"
2. Angel's headwear
3. Bit of info
4. Bun seed
5. Mixed
6. Prison inmate, briefly
7. Laundry appliance
8. ____ card
9. Flowering shrub
10. Strong wood
11. Like the Sahara
19. Assignment
21. Reclined
23. Trifled
25. Stain
26. Hankerings
27. Sound
28. By and by
29. Contenders
30. Chose
34. Telephone
37. Pirate's domain
39. Shiny
41. Chances
44. Army grade
46. Rider's command
47. Sheltered spot
48. Tennis units
49. ____ port in a storm
50. Mama deer
52. Hawaiian wreath

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES ON PAGE 5

SUDOKU

Fun by the numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off.

Here's how it works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into the nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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OZARK RFD

Remembering my inclusive Dad

Most of my recent columns have been rewrites of essays in my 1994 collection, “River of Used To Be.” That didn’t quite fit for this time around. My dad died in December 2005, and the typical light-hearted Father’s Day essay hardly seemed appropriate — if for no other reason, because Dad was anything but typical.

I miss my dad more and more each passing year. As a boy I reckoned he was about the same as all dads of boys my age, but in retrospect I’ve come to appreciate the many ways he was not.

Dad included me in everything. Among my earliest memories are the hundreds of times I rode with him over miles of Ozarks roads on his calls as an artificial inseminator. On one such trip we stayed overnight in an old hotel in Houston, Mo. What I remember best of that trip is a man feeding his horses in the field across the road, and Dad telling me he was a “real Indian.” That made a lasting impression on this 5-year-old boy in the early 1950s. I’d never seen a “real Indian.”

On another farm visit I waited in the car (a 1953 Dodge) outside Marionville while Dad took care of his breeding business. At one point

a wind came up, the car rocked violently, and I thought Dad took an awful long time getting back. When he finally returned, he said a tornado had blown off part of the barn, and we couldn’t leave until the farm owner lifted a power line out of the lane. Was I scared? Not as far as I can recall. I was never scared of anything when I was with Dad.

In later years when businesses began promoting “take your kid to work days,” I recalled my dad was decades ahead of them. I always knew how Dad made our living.

It was the same with play as with work. Dad always carried fishing poles in the back of our car on his breeding calls, and often we stopped for an hour or so at some Ozarks creek or farm pond.

Later, after we bought the farm near Elkland, we got to know the Pomme de Terre and Niangua Rivers like we’d been there all our lives. Dad loved to fish, and because he included me and my younger brothers in all he loved to do, I learned to love fishing — as well as squirrel hunting and farm work.

Yes, farm work. Working beside Dad in the milk barn, the hayfields, timber and fence rows, I learned to appreciate the discipline and rewards of hard work. I’m still suspicious of folks who don’t.



JIM HAMILTON
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Of all the reasons I miss Dad these many years later, his companionship is the greatest. Dad was my first and favorite fishing partner, and though his stoic, World War II veteran side never allowed him to say, “I love you,” I never doubted that he did.

He showed it by including me and my brothers in everything he did and loved. In his senior years, I was able to return the love by taking him on fishing trips to New Mexico and to various farm events and fairs as far away as Oklahoma City with his cattle.

Over time, Dad became not only my parent, but my touchstone, my connection to my roots, and above all, my best friend — even if I didn’t understand it at the time.

Were he still here this Father’s Day, I’d take him and a handful of crappies jigs fishing off the old McDaniel Lake bridge and have to say nothing more.

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THE GREAT OUTDOORS

His Last Day

Marvin, a 99-year-old World War II veteran, stepped out onto his porch. It was Flag Day, a day that held special significance to him. It always brought back memories. Some were good, some were bad. To him, the flag was an important part of his life.

Marvin’s mornings always started the same way. With help from his caretaker Annie, he walked to the flagpole in his front yard to raise his flag. With shaking hands and Annie’s help, he carefully unfolded it the same way he had so many times.

This particular Flag Day morning, his hands trembled a bit more than usual. The damp air from recent storms made his withered old body feel cold. The flag was slightly tattered from weeks of wind. Yet, he was determined to fly the flag on this special day.

As they raised the flag, a morning breeze caught it, and it unfurled overhead. Marvin instinctively brought his trembling, wrinkled old hand to his forehead in a slow, precise salute.

He had Annie help him back to the porch. Memories washed over him. He thought of the muddy trenches, the freezing nights holding his rifle in the dark, his time as a gunner in an airplane, and the many friends who never made it back home to American soil. To him, that flag



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represented someone who had given everything for their country.

Lost in his reflections, Marvin didn’t immediately notice that a bunch of people from his church had gathered on the sidewalk just beyond his fence. They all loved this man. They had heard his stories, and they had come to celebrate this day with him.

Seeing the old veteran standing on his porch and looking at the flag with his hand over his heart, one by one, his church friends placed their hands over their hearts just like Marvin was doing.

Marvin lowered his hand, blinked back the tears welling in his eyes, and smiled. He walked to the edge of his porch and leaned against the railing. “Good morning, troops!” Marvin called out, his voice cracking but clear. “Happy Flag Day, Marvin!” they all replied.

One man spoke up as he stepped closer to the fence. “Mr. Marvin, why do you fly your flag every single day?” Marvin looked out at all

of them, then gazed up at the flag snapping in the wind.

He told them about the men he served with under its banner, protecting the freedoms they all have. He told them that, even in this broken and divided America, we need to continue to fly it for those men. Moved by his words, they enthusiastically cheered.

For Marvin, that Flag Day was one of the best he could remember. He hoped the memories of his fallen comrades would always live on. He hoped they would all cherish the flag as long as they lived and pass that love on to future generations.

He stood there on his porch, hoping that the Star-Spangled Banner would continue to wave long after he was gone. He pledged to keep raising his flag, every single day, as long as he had the strength to do so. It was his last Flag Day.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

“Our flag is a universally recognized symbol that stands for liberty and freedom. It is the history of our nation, and it’s marked by the blood of those who died defending it.”

— *Unknown*

Nixa, Mo. native Larry Whiteley has been communicating the great outdoors across America for over 40 years through newspapers, magazines, books, blogs, and a nationally syndicated radio show. To read more of his award-winning stories, go to www.storiesbylarry.com. Email him at atlarrywhiteley2@gmail.com.

CHADWICK NEWS

I really enjoyed the program that Channel Three did on our Bank of Sparta. My family has been a member of that bank since we got married in 1953. It has been so good to all the things this community has been involved in. Those three special girls could answer any question we might have and keep us updated on things good and not so good.

Our community just completed the celebration of Chadwick Railroad Day for 44 years. The town became a town in 1883 when the Railroad finished the tracks at the top of that hill above acres of good timber to cut ties for building tracks west. Books are now available for this and future generations to learn the wonderful history of that. I, with the help of the community, have 12 books available at our community build-



MARIE DAY
CHADWICK HISTORIAN

ing and museum.

I just wish there were the special thank you words to express my appreciation for all the help our Friendship Club was lucky enough to have to make this year so great. Each one of the local churches had special folks helping and coming up with new ideas and workers. Thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you! Everyone was wonderful. I won’t try to list for fear of missing someone. The Friendship Club did surprise me

with flowers and ribbon as Queen of Railroad Days. I am sure there are pictures in all the phones from the event to be shared with folks.

I will try to share the results next week. We are planning to reorder some t-shirts in the next couple of weeks. If you want one, please let us know in the next week. Please! Folks loved the design this year that Joey made for us. Call Marie at (417)634-3734.

My sister, Hester, had back surgery last Tuesday, and her husband Mack had gallbladder surgery the next day. There is still a lot of pain going on at their house. Get well soon guys!

The big weeds are having a hay day with the rain we have had. This-tles are making a comeback, too.

We will be back on our regular quilting schedule this Monday. It is so good to have Patty back.

Again, thank you, thank you!

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The Spokane High School Class of 2026 pose for a photo. PHOTO COURTESY OF SPOKANE R-8 SCHOOL DISTRICT

Spokane High School Class of 2026 graduates

The Spokane High School Class of 2026 made the transition from students to alumni during their graduation ceremony, held on Sunday, May 17. Forty-nine high school seniors received their diplomas during the ceremony.

Spokane High School Class of 2026

Madelynn Abarca
Destinee Andaya
Jesse Baxter
Ricky Bell
Julieanna Blazek
Aurora Buechter
Kade Burk
Kirkton (Kash) Burk
Savannah Cauley
Jerrica Clemons
Josie Clevenger
Lynzy Colera
Bryce Conley
Dominic Cortese
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Sarah Essick
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Nova Kissingner
Chezney Lee
Lewis Louviere
Ryland Mangum
Makenzie Melton

Sofia Montalvo
Elexis Nelson
Aden Pense
Tyler Prewitt Jeffers
James Raefski-Linzer
Aaron Rampa
Timothy Rantz
Elijah Richardson
Sophia Rose
David Scott
Wyatt Sportsman
Victoria Sundell
Madeline Teague
Callie Terrell
Saige Watkins

Heart of the Scorpion

Summer brings back longer days and shorter nights. It also marks the return of one of the few constellations that looks like the object it represents. Summer also brings back the glory of the Milky Way that threads its way across the night sky. It is also the time that many deep sky objects can be seen without binoculars or telescopes.

Scorpius the Scorpion is one of the original 48 constellations listed by Ptolemy. It is also home to the path of the planets and the Moon. Traditionally, the Sun appears in Scorpius from October 24 through November 21. Yet the observed days that the Sun is in Scorpius are only from November 23 through November 29, seven days.

Scorpius is the 33rd largest constellation in total area. It is also the 10th brightest constellation, with 62 stars that are visible with the unaided eye. It is easily recognized with three stars equal in brightness that are oriented in a straight line. Its

brightest star, Antares, marks the heart of the constellation. It also had a ‘hook’ at the end of the constellation that forms the stinger of the scorpion. The entire constellation can easily be traced from the claws to the stinger with bright stars.

Antares is the 15th brightest star in the night sky. Its name means ‘rival of Mars’ due to its red color. Its color indicates that it is in the last stages of stellar evolution, or the life cycle of the star. If it were placed at the center of our solar system, the other edges of the star would extend past the orbit of Mars. The mass of Antares is 10 to 14 times that of our sun. When it ends its life as a supernova, it will shine as bright as the full moon.

Above the tail end or the stinger of the constellation lies two open clusters both visible with the eye. Messier 6, also known as the Butterfly Cluster, is about 1,590 light years away. Messier 7 is closest to the stinger and can be seen with only the human eye. It has been known since the second



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century. Try and locate both open clusters in Scorpius away from city lights and when the Moon is set. Also trace the complete outline of Scorpius and look for the Milky Way.

The first day of summer will occur on June 21.

Here are the planets and the Moon this month: Jupiter, Venus, and Mercury will be playing tag during the first half of the month. Jupiter was above Venus and Mercury through June 7, but after June 8, Venus was higher in the sky. On June 16, the thin crescent Moon will be below Jupiter and above Mercury. On June 17, the Moon will be above Venus. In the morning skies, Saturn will be below the Moon after sunrise on June 10. On June 12, the Moon will be above Mars on the western horizon.

Hatfield named Ozark Transportation Director

The Board of Education, at the May 21 meeting, approved the hire of Tony Hatfield as the Director of Transportation. Hatfield comes to Ozark with 34 years of experience in school transportation.

“I am incredibly honored to join the Ozark School District family and lead our exceptional transportation team,” Hatfield said. “My career has been built on a ‘safety-first’ foundation, and after 30 years in the shop and in administration, my goal remains the same: Ensuring every student has the safest, most reliable ride possible every single day. I am eager to get to work and look forward to the great things we will accomplish together.”

Hatfield has worked as a director of transportation at three school districts since 2001, currently working in the Camdenton School District since 2021. In Camdenton, he manages 58 routes,

daily shuttle buses, as well as buses for after-school programs, early childhood, special education and trips for athletics and activities. In contrast, Ozark has 47 routes and runs daily shuttles between the OIC and OHS.

Hatfield has also been active, including serving two years as president, on the Missouri Association of Pupil Transportation.

Executive Director of Operations Richie Fretwell said Hatfield will be a welcome addition to the Ozark team.

“Tony brings a wealth of knowledge and a fresh perspective to this role, making him an incredible asset to our district,” Fretwell said. “We are eager to watch the Transportation Department grow and improve under his leadership as we continue to provide the best possible service for our students and community.”

Hatfield will start his position July 1. Austin Mitchum has also been



Hatfield



Mitchum

promoted to Transportation Supervisor effective immediately.

TEMPLE

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Another speaker at the event was Taianna Yandall, of the church’s Monett, Mo. Stake (A stake in the church is an administrative unit of the church composed of several congregations). She said that when she began her first year of high school in the 2025-26 School Year, she chose to play basketball, volleyball, and soccer while pursuing her studies and attending early morning seminary. She also stated that while she had to sacrifice to remain close to God, the sacrifices were worthwhile.

“Every effort I made to make time to pray, read my scriptures, listen to conference talks, and attend church strengthened my relationship with my Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ,” she said. “I felt more confident in my

abilities and in the talents that He blessed me with. All the time that I sacrificed to attend the temple returned to me blessings upon blessings. I receive personal revelation, peace in my struggles, relief from my pains, strength in my weaknesses, forgiveness for offenses, and calm from my anxieties. In the temple, the noise of the world feels quiet, and I’m able to feel my Savior’s peace.”

Another speaker was Deanna Hinnen, of the Branson, Mo. Stake. She recounted a time when she and her husband faced the closure of their branch of the church in Branson as the branch had not paid its yearly assessments. To prevent this from happening, she said, her husband, the branch president, said that they would mortgage their house, which they had recently paid off, to raise the funds needed to pay the

assessments, stating God had directed him to do so.

“No sacrifice is too great, and no price too heavy in order to receive the blessings of the Temple,” she said.

When the speakers had finished their remarks, a formal soil turning was held. Afterwards, individual members of the church were invited to come and also turn soil.

According to information provided by the Church, the temple will be 29,000 square feet in size, built on a 38-acre site. It will serve 20,000 congregants across six stakes in the Ozarks, and will include two instruction rooms, two sealing rooms, and a baptistry. Cavalcante said that the temple is expected to be completed in about two-and-a-half years.

This is the Church’s third temple in Missouri (the other two are in St. Louis and Kansas City).



This artist’s rendering shows what the Springfield, Missouri Temple is projected to look like when construction is completed. PICTURE COURTESY OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

RETREAT

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The Retreat features thoughtfully-designed apartment homes, resort-inspired amenities and flexible floor plans, making it easy for residents to work, relax, and entertain in one place. Each apartment home includes a fully equipped kitchen, open-concept living area, and in-unit washer/dryer. Each building is two stories.

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Notice is hereby given that a primary election will be held at the regular polling places in each precinct of said Christian County and that the polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in August 2026, being the 4th day of August 2026, for the purpose of nominating candidates for state, district and county offices, to be voted for at the general election to be held on Tuesday, the 3rd day of November, 2026. That the hereinafter mentioned list contains the name and address of each candidate for nomination together with a designation of the office for which he/she is a candidate and the party or principle that they represent.

Also included are the party emblems for the Republican, Democratic, Libertarian and Constitution parties.

REPUBLICAN PARTY EMBLEM



REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

For State Auditor
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For U.S. Representative 7th District
District 7, John Casey, 1215 E. PRICE ST, REPUBLIC, MO 65738
District 7, Grayson Hunt, 817 BARWICK PLACE, WILLARD, MO 65781
District 7, Eric W. Burlison, 2600 E. SOUTHERNVIEW RD, OZARK, MO 65721

For State Representatives
District 138, Tom Franiak, 755 BURK RD, HIGHLANDVILLE, MO 65669
District 138, Burt Whaley, 582 RICHWOOD SCHOOL HOUSE, CLEVER, MO 65631
District 139, Sandy Karnes, 622 N. MAPLEWOOD HILLS RD, NIXA, MO 65714
District 139, Bob Titus, 2175 TERRELL RD, BILLINGS, MO 65610
District 140, Jamie Ray Gragg, 1000 BECKY LANE, OZARK, MO 65721
District 140, Angela Romine, 3304 E. COVEY LN, OZARK, MO 65721

For Associate Circuit Judge Division 3
Division 3, Steven Ward, 110 W. ELM ST. RM 202, OZARK, MO 65721

For Associate Circuit Judge Division 4
Division 4, Doug Bacon, 110 W. ELM ST. RM 105, OZARK, MO 65721

For Presiding Commissioner
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For Clerk of the Circuit Court
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For Recorder of Deeds
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For Collector of Revenue
Chris Snyder, 315 TROUT ROAD, OZARK, MO 65721

For Prosecuting Attorney
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For County Auditor
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Linden
Don Carriker, 2211 PARCH CORN ROAD, ROGERSVILLE, MO 65742
Debbie Sullivan, 380 CYPRESS ROAD, ROGERSVILLE, MO 65742

McCracken
WM. Frank Downey, 118 HARMONY LANE, SPARTA, MO 65753
Monica P. Stone, 132 OAK VIEW DRIVE, SPARTA, MO 65753
Ruth Downey, 118 HARMONY LANE, SPARTA, MO 65753

North Galloway
Steven Perry, 418 MILLS ROAD, OZARK, MO 65721
Brent Young, 388 GARGES BLVD, HIGHLANDVILLE, MO 65669
Lynn M. Kempen, 604 ASPEN ROAD, HIGHLANDVILLE, MO 65669
Leslie Gault Young, 388 GARGES BLVD, HIGHLANDVILLE, MO 65669

North Linn
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Wanda Martens, 502 CASH SPRING ROAD, OZARK, MO 65721

Northview A
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Judy Altom, 1360 N. SANDY CREEK CIRCLE UNIT 3, NIXA, MO 65714

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Northview C
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Noah Prahlow, 403 E. MT. VERNON STREET, NIXA, MO 65714
Beth Morse, 316 N. BECKY CIRCLE, NIXA, MO 65714

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Gina Pennewell, 102 ISLAND GREEN DRIVE, REPUBLIC, MO 65738

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Lana Rea, 5505 N. 13TH AVENUE, OZARK, MO 65721

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Kay Brown, 1271 AMBER RIDGE DRIVE, NIXA, MO 65714

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South Linn
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District 7, Missi Hesketh, 421 SANTA FE DR, FORSYTH, MO 65653

For State Representatives
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DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE COMMITTEEMAN/COMMITTEEWOMAN

Cassidy 2
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Marjorie Bramer, 8208 INTERLOCHEN DRIVE, NIXA, MO. 65714

East Finley
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Robin Rader, 164 BAYBERRY DRIVE, OZARK, MO 65721

Lincoln 2
David Stokely, 1141 DAVIS BRIDGE ROAD, REPUBLIC, MO 65738

Northview A
Joanne Philips, 562 E. KATELLA CIRCLE, NIXA, MO 65714

Riverside
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Susan Billedo, 224 HEDGEROW DRIVE, OZARK, MO 65721

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Jeanne Coburn, 1371 W. STONEHOUSE ROAD, NIXA, MO. 65714

South Galloway
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David M. Lee, 1491 W. CRAIG HOLLOW ROAD, NIXA, MO 65714

Christine Guise, 240 MARK TWAIN DRIVE, SADDLEBROOKE, MO 65630
Polly C. Dross, 1491 W. CRAIG HOLLOW ROAD, NIXA, MO 65714

Sparta
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Union Chapel 2
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Susan Rubino, 2051 N. CARRIAGE DRIVE, NIXA, MO 65714

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LIBERTARIAN CANDIDATES

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For U.S. Representative
District 7, Kevin Craig, 21411 US HWY 160, KISSEE MILLS, MO 65680

CERTIFICATION

State of Missouri }ss.
Secretary of State

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct list, containing the name and address of each person who has filed in the office of Denny Hoskins, Secretary of State, a written declaration of candidates for nomination, and are entitled to be voted for at such primary as required by law.

I further certify the foregoing party emblems of the Republican, Democratic and Libertarian parties, respectively, in accordance with Section 115.385, *RSMo*.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affix the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, done at the City of Jefferson, this 26th day of May, 2026.



Denny Hoskins
Secretary of State



COUNTY CLERK/ELECTION AUTHORITY CERTIFICATION

I, Paula Brumfield, County Clerk/Election Authority within and for the County of Christian do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct list as certified to me by Denny Hoskins, Secretary of State of the State of Missouri, of the offices for which candidates are entitled to be voted for at the PRIMARY ELECTION to be held August 4, 2026. I further certify the foregoing is a true and correct list of candidates for county offices that have filed in my office entitled to be voted for at the PRIMARY ELECTION to be held August 4, 2026.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal. Done at my office this 1st day of June, 2026.



Paula Brumfield
Christian County Clerk/Election Authority

The following is a list of all the Christian County polling locations for this election:		
Townships	Location	Address
E.Benton/Bruner	Bruner Comm./Senior Ctr	Hwy. 14 & Marshfield Rd., Bruner, MO
W.Benton/Linden	Elm Grove Church (Rogersville)	Cnr of U Hwy & Elm Grove Rd.
Chadwick/S. Linn	Chadwick Community Bldg.	122 Oriole Dr. Chadwick, MO
Riverside	James River Church (Youth Building).	6100 N 19th St., Ozark, MO
Cassidy #1	Ozark School Career Ctr.	802 W. Jackson, Ozark, MO
West Finley 1	Ozark South Elementary School	1250 W. South St, Ozark, MO
East Finley	First Baptist Church (Commons)	1400 W. Jackson Ozark, MO
North Galloway	Highlandville Elementary FEMA	223 Kentling Ave., Highlandville, MO
South Galloway	Spokane High School Gym	1123 Spokane Rd, Spokane, MO
Garrison/S. Linn	Chadwick Community Bldg.	122 Oriole Dr. Chadwick, MO
Lead Hill/Oldfield	Chadwick Community Bldg.	122 Oriole Dr., Chadwick, MO
Lincoln #1	Clever First Baptist Church	105 Kennedy Ave., Clever, MO
North Linn	Victory Baptist Church	5058 State Hwy W, Ozark, MO
McCracken	Ozark East Elementary School	2449 E. Hartley, Ozark, MO
Union Chapel 1B	Nixa Community Library	208 N. McCroskey St., Nixa, MO
Polk	St. Joseph Church (Cafeteria)	320 NW Washington, Billings, MO
Union Chapel 1A	Nixa Fire Training Center	711 N. Main St., Nixa, MO
Rosedale 1	Nixa School APEX Center	701 S. Gregg Rd., Nixa, MO
Garden Grove	John Thomas Sch. Disc. FEMA Gym	312 N. Market St., Nixa, MO
Northview A	Nixa Junior High School FEMA	205 North St., Nixa, MO
Sparta	Sparta Early Child Development	113 Division St., Sparta, MO
Rosedale #2	Nixa High School (Theater Lobby)	510 S. Nicholas Rd, Nixa, MO
Northview B	Summit Intermediate School (Gym)	890 N. Cheyenne Rd. Nixa, MO
Union Chapel 2	Union Hill Church	865 N. Nicholas Rd. Nixa, MO
Cassidy #2	Ozark West Elementary School (Gym)	3105 W. State Hwy. CC, Ozark, MO
Lincoln #2	Clever High School (FEMA)	6800 W. Veterans Blvd. Clever, MO
West Finley 2	Lifepoint Church	51 Riverdale Road, Ozark MO
Northview C	Nixa X Center (Community Center)	701 N. Taylor Way, Nixa, MO

PUBLIC NOTICE

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The full Request for Qualifications can be obtained by contacting the City of Ozark Owner's Representative, NAVIGATE Building Solutions at Lori@navigatebuildingsolutions.com or 636-614-8531.

Submissions will be accepted until **10:00 AM CST on Wednesday, June 17, 2026.**

All questions and clarifications should be addressed in writing to NAVIGATE Building Solutions, by 5:00 PM CST on Friday, June 12, 2026, attention Lori Badalamenti at Lori@navigatebuildingsolutions.com.

Statements of Qualifications will be accepted via email:

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CC: Lori@navigatebuildingsolutions.com

SUBJECT LINE: Ozark Police Department - Professional Design Services Qualifications

ATTENTION: Cameron Smith

PUBLIC NOTICE

Ozark School District is Requesting Bids for specific tires. Please view our website for bid requirements, https://www.ozarkktigers.org_public-info/bids-rfp. Direct questions to Richie Fretwell, richardfretwell@ozarkktigers.org. Date and Time of Bid Opening: Thursday, June 26, 2026 - 10:00 a.m. Bids will be awarded at the July 13, 2026, Board of Education Meeting.

NOTICE OF BIDDERS

Chadwick R-1 School District

Campus Security Upgrades 2026 - Access Control System

The Chadwick R-1 School District ("District") is accepting sealed proposals for the furnishing, installation, configuration, training, and support of a cloud-based access control system for District facilities.

The work generally consists of providing all labor, materials, equipment, software, hardware, wiring, programming, training, and related services necessary for a complete and operational access control system as specified in the Request for Proposals ("RFP") documents.

Proposal documents and specifications may be obtained from:

Mr. Chris Gold
Superintendent
Chadwick R-1 School District
7090 St Hwy 125 S., Chadwick, Mo 65629
417-634-3588
goldc@chadwick.k12.mo.us

Sealed proposals will be received no later than 1:00 pm on June 24, 2026 at:

Chadwick R-1 School District
7090 St Hwy 125 S. Chadwick, Missouri 65629

Proposals received after the stated time will not be accepted.

The District reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive technicalities or informalities, negotiate with qualified vendors, and accept the proposal deemed to be in the best interest of the District.

The successful bidder shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances.

By order of the Board of Education of the Chadwick R-1 School District.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Nixa Mini Storage, 1770 N Deffer Dr #6, Nixa, MO 65714, pursuant to RSMo 415.415, will sell at public sale the personal property stored by Kimberly Melton in unit 37 to satisfy the owner's lien. Sale will be conducted online at StorageAuctions.com beginning June 10, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. Central Time, or thereafter. Property will be sold to the highest bidder under the terms posted on StorageAuctions.com. Contents are sold as is. Tenant may redeem before

sale by paying the amount due and lawful charges. Nixa Mini Storage reserves the right to reject any bid or withdraw the property from sale.

Notice of Public Hearing

In accordance with the requirements of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, the City of Billings will hold a public hearing to obtain public feedback regarding the proposed modification of water/sewer user rates, advise water/sewer system users of anticipated costs, and answer any questions from the public concerning the proposed new water/sewer user charge system.

The public hearing for water/sewer user rate impacts will start at 6:00 p.m. on July 16, 2026 at Billings City Hall, 202 NE US Hwy 60. All interested citizens and groups are encouraged to attend the scheduled hearing. Written comments may be submitted to the City Clerk at City Hall and will be entered into the hearing record, if received within seven (7) days after the date of the hearing.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Billings at 6:30 p.m. on June 18, 2026 at Billings City Hall concerning the proposed voluntary annexation into the City of Billings of the following described real estate in Christian County, Missouri to-wit:

THAT CERTAIN AREA OR TRACT OF LAND BEING LOCATED IN THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 27 NORTH, RANGE 24 WEST, BEING DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4;

THENCE, S02°05'18"W, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4, A DISTANCE OF 470.94 FEET;

THENCE, S87°45'17"E, A DISTANCE OF 15.00 FEET TO A POINT ON THE APPARENT EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF MAPLE STREET, AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING;

THENCE, S87°42'58"E, A DISTANCE OF 224.36 FEET;

THENCE, S02°16'56"W, A DISTANCE OF 383.48 FEET;

THENCE, N88°56'54"W, A DISTANCE OF 224.41 FEET;

THENCE, N02°16'56"E, A DISTANCE OF 388.30 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

CONTAINING 2.0 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AND BEING SUBJECT TO ALL EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, IF ANY.

Done by Order of the Board of Aldermen
Cindy Hogshooter, City Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sealed bids for the N. 22nd Street Improvements STBG-9900(905 (hereinafter "Project") will be received by the City of Ozark, 205 N. 1st Street, Ozark, MO 65721, until 3:00 pm CST, on July 9th, 2026. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 3:00 pm CST, on July 9th, 2026, at Ozark City Hall, 205 N. 1st Street, Ozark, MO 65721.

The Scope of Work includes the construction of approximately 8,059 lineal-feet of pavement work including mill and overlay, road widening, curb and gutter, new sidewalk, and other incidental items and work described in the Project Manual, or reasonably inferable therefrom. A Prebid meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 25th, 2026 at 3:00 P.M. in Ozark City Hall.

Bid packages will be available after 12:00 pm on June 11th, 2026, and may be obtained from the office of Cochran located at 2804 N Biagio Street, Ozark, MO 65721, upon payment of a non-refundable fee of \$50.00 per hard copy set or \$25.00 for a digital copy. For directions, please call 417-595-4108. To obtain a bid package, the bidder must provide all contact information requested on the Plan Holders List.

A bid security in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid amount must accompany each bid, in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

For a contractor to be awarded this project the contractor must have a fully responsive contractor questionnaire on file with the Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission at least 7 days prior to the bid opening date. All bidders must be on MoDOT's Qualified Contractor List per Section 102.2 of the 2025 Missouri Standard Specifications for Highway Construction.

The wage rates applicable to this project have been predetermined as required by law and are set forth in this specification. When Federal wage rates are applicable and included, this contract is subject to the "Work Hours Act of 1962" (P.L. 87-581: 76 Stat. 357) and implementing regulations. When state and federal wage rates are both required the higher of the two for each job classification shall be used.

Effective January 1, 2009 and pursuant to RSMo 285.530 (1), No business entity or employer shall knowingly employ, hire for employment, or continue to employ an unauthorized alien to perform work within the state of Missouri. The successful bidder must submit a sworn affidavit and documentation affirming the business entity's enrollment and participation in the federal work authorization program and that all of its employees working for the contracted services are not illegal immigrants.

Upon signing the contract, the successful contractor and any subcontractor performing the work shall provide a

ten-hour Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) construction safety program for their on-site employees within sixty (60) days of beginning work on the construction project.

The City of Ozark, Missouri hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, businesses owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, creed, sex, age, ancestry, or national origin in consideration for an award.

The DBE Contract Goal for this project is 0%, and DBE firms must be certified by MoDOT to attain credit towards this contract goal. The On the Job Trainee goal is 0.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Ozark Public Works Department is requesting sealed bids from qualified contractors to provide inspection, interior cleaning, and exterior cleaning services for the potable water storage tanks. The Contractor shall furnish all labor, equipment, materials, supervision, and incidentals necessary to perform interior inspection and cleaning services for the above-listed potable water storage facilities. Sealed bids will be accepted until June 25, 2026 at 10:00 am. A Public Bid opening shall be held at that date and time at the Ozark City Hall, 205 N. 1st St., in Ozark, Missouri. The City retains the right to reject any and all bids. If a bid is selected, the awarded party shall be required to enter into a contract with the City; said contract in substantially in that form as the draft contract available along with the entire specification on the City of Ozark website at: www.ozarkmissouri.com. More information can be obtained by contacting the Public Works Department, Drake Holland, dholland@ozarkmissouri.org or 417-581-1702 at the Ozark City Hall, 205 N. 1st. St. in Ozark, Missouri 65721. Please mail or drop off your sealed bids to Ozark City Hall, Attn: City Clerk, 205 N. 1st Street, Ozark, MO 65721

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to call all interested persons that an application was submitted by Saddlebrooke Zoning Administrator to the Planning and Zoning Commission of the Village of Saddlebrooke, Missouri, Christian County, Missouri for a Special Use Permit to operate UTV's on the land owned by Legacy Farm Road LLC.

Property Description: PT NW, PT NE SW.
Property Numbers:
21-0-8-33-000-000-001.000 (12 acres)
21-0-8-33-000-000-001.013 (32 acres)
21-0-8-34-000-000-003.000 (162 acres)

Notice is further given that the Planning and Zoning Commission for the Village of Saddlebrooke will hold a Public Hearing on said application on Thursday, June 25, 2026 at 6:30pm in the Saddlebrooke Community Center, 776 Saddlebrooke Drive, Saddlebrooke, Missouri.

Public Notice

Selmore Special Road District
Regular Meeting
2nd Thursday - 5:30pm
Selmore Baptist Church
4768 Selmore Rd

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

For default in the payment of debt secured by a deed of trust executed by Belinda D. Bouma, dated November 4, 2020, and recorded on November 5, 2020, Document No. 2020L18647, in Book No. 2020, at Page 18470 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Christian County, Missouri, the undersigned Successor Trustee will on July 8, 2026, at 12:15 PM, at the South Front Door of the Christian County Courthouse, Ozark, Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash:

ALL OF LOT ELEVEN (11), FINAL PLAT WESTVIEW FIELDS, PHASE 1, IN THE CITY OF CLEVER, CHRISTIAN COUNTY, MISSOURI, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, commonly known as 405 Sugar Ln, Clever, MO, 65631

subject to all prior easements, restrictions, reservations, covenants and encumbrances now of record, if any, to satisfy the debt and costs.

SouthLaw, P.C. Successor Trustee

First Publication: June 10, 2026. For more information, visit www.southlaw.com

NOTICE

Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. §1692c(b), no information concerning the collection of this debt may be given without the prior consent of the consumer given directly to the debt collector or the express permission of a court of competent jurisdiction. The debt collector is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose (Casefile No. 259086-1091821).

TRUSTEE'S SALE

IN RE: April Ippolito and Craig Ippolito, wife and husband Trustee's Sale:

For default in payment of debt and performance of obligation secured by Deed of Trust executed by April Ippolito and Craig Ippolito, wife and husband dated February 16, 2024 and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Christian County, Missouri in Book 2024, Page 1721 the undersigned Successor Trustee, at the request of the legal holder of said Note will on Tuesday, June 23, 2026 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., (at the specific time of 1:45 PM), at the South Front Door of the Court House, City of Ozark, County of Christian, State of Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate, described in said Deed of Trust, and situated in Christian County, State of Missouri, to wit:

ALL OF LOT ONE (1), FINAL PLAT SUMMIT MEADOW, A SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY OF NIXA, CHRISTIAN COUNTY, MISSOURI, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF.

to satisfy said debt and cost.

MILLSAP & SINGER, P.C.,
Successor Trustee
612 Spirit Drive
St. Louis, MO 63005
(636) 537-0110
File No:
232816.062326.468294 FC

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PUBLISH ON: May 27, 2026
06/03/2026, 06/10/2026, 06/17/2026

TRUSTEES SALE

In Re: Loren Marcum, single man

TRUSTEE'S SALE - Under the terms of the Deed of Trust executed by Loren Marcum, single man dated 01/09/2018, and recorded on 01/17/2018 Book 2018 Page 625 Document 2018L00635 in the office of the Recorder of Deeds for Christian County, MISSOURI, the undersigned Successor Trustee, will on 06/26/2026 at 11:00 AM at the South Front Door of the Christian County Courthouse, 100 W Church St. Ozark, MO 65721, sell at public venue to the highest bidder for cash subject to the terms announced at the sale, the realty described in said deed of trust, to wit:

ALL OF LOT SIX (6) WESTGATE, A SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY OF CLEVER, CHRISTIAN COUNTY, MISSOURI, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF.

Eastplains Corporation
SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE

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06/03/2026

TRUSTEE'S SALE

IN RE: Evan Pilkington, a single person Trustee's Sale:

For default in payment of debt and performance of obligation secured by Deed of Trust executed by Evan Pilkington, a single person dated September 18, 2025 and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Christian County, Missouri in Book 2025, Page 11136 the undersigned Successor Trustee, at the request of the legal holder of said Note will on Tuesday, June 30, 2026 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., (at the specific time of 1:45 PM), at the South Front Door of the Court House, City of Ozark, County of Christian, State of Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate, described in said Deed of Trust, and situated in Christian County, State of Missouri, to wit:

ALL OF LOT THIRTY-FIVE (35), FINAL PLAT OF LANTERN HILL PHASE 2, A SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY OF OZARK, CHRISTIAN COUNTY, MISSOURI, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF.

to satisfy said debt and cost.

MILLSAP & SINGER, P.C.,
Successor Trustee
612 Spirit Drive
St. Louis, MO 63005
(636) 537-0110

F i l e N o :
234295.063026.470241 FC

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06/10/2026, 06/17/2026, 06/24/2026

LEADERS

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Colby Argo, Clever 16;
Stanley Brice, Ozark 15;
Zane Stewart, Nixa 15;
Trey Burton, Ozark 13;
Ben Miller, Sparta 13;
Rowan Johnson, Nixa 12;
Gunner Lile, Clever 11;
Dyllan Martin, Clever 11;
Reagan Huson, Clever 11;
Brecken Vestal, Clever 11;
Miller McCoy, Nixa 10.

STOLEN BASES
Owen Graaf, Clever 30
Grady Eoff, Nixa 20;
Logan Vaught-Green, Clever 21;
Brody Julian, Ozark 17;
Logan Rollings, Spokane 17;
Ben Miller, Sparta 16;
Gunner Lile, Clever 16;
Evan Lerch, Clever 11;
Rylan Sutton, Ozark 10;
Brendan Brewer, Sparta 10;
Tristan Gold, Spokane 9;
Zane Stewart, Nixa 9;
Luke Baer, Ozark 8;
Coy Cutbirth, Spokane 7;
Gavin Kildea, Spokane 7;
Adam McKnight, Nixa 7;
Miller McCoy, Nixa 7.

PITCHING
WINS
Luke Baer, Ozark 8-1
Evan Verch, Clever 6-0;
Cam Miller, Nixa 6-1;
Brecken Vestal, Clever 6-2;
Caden O'Donnell 6-4;
Wyatt Francis, Nixa 5-1;
Rylan Sutton, Ozark 4-2;
Brayden Koerber, Nixa 4-2;
Kade Burk, Spokane 4-4;
Andrew Larson, Nixa 4-2;
Logan



SPOKANE'S LOGAN ROLLINGS fires a pitch home.

Rollings, Spokane 3-2;
Tim Rantz, Spokane 3-3

INNINGS PITCHED
Cam Miller, Nixa 55
Luke Baer, Ozark 54;
Caden O'Donnell 50;
Tim Rantz, Spokane 49;
Wyatt Francis, Nixa 42.2;
Brecken Vestal, Clever 38.2;
Kade Burk, Spokane 38.1;
Logan Kirkland Ozark 37;
Evan Verch, Clever 35.2;
Dyllan Martin, Clever 33;
Rylan Sutton, Ozark 31.1;
Logan Rollings, Spokane 29.2;
Gunner Lile, Clever 26;
Brendan Brewer, Sparta 25.2;
Andrew Larsen, Nixa 25.1;
Ben Miller, Sparta 24.2;
Rowan Johnson, Nixa 23.2;
Brayden Koerber, Nixa 23.1.

WHIP
Brayden Koerber, Nixa 1.06
Andrew Larson, Nixa 1.07;
Cam Miller, Nixa 1.18;
Rylan Sutton, Ozark 1.18;
Evan Verch, Clever 1.21;
Wyatt Francis, Nixa 1.21;
Luke Baer, Ozark



NIXA'S CAM MILLER eyes a delivery home.

1.24;
Logan Kirkland, Ozark 1.27;
Caden O'Donnell, Ozark 1.34;
Dyllan Martin, Clever 1.61;
Brody Julian, Ozark 1.63;
Brecken Vestal, Clever 1.68;
Reagan Huson, Clever 1.70;
Gunner Lile, Clever 1.73

STRIKEOUTS
Cam Miller, Nixa 78
Evan Verch, Clever 62;
Caden O'Donnell, Ozark 61;
Kade Burk, Spokane 53;
Luke Baer, Ozark 53;
Brecken Vestal, Clever 47;
Gunner Lile, Clever 41;
Tim Rantz, Spokane 40;
Rowan Johnson, Nixa 36;
Wyatt Francis, Nixa 33;
Logan Rollings, Spokane 28;
Rylan Sutton, Ozark 26;
Andrew Larson, Nixa 22;
Brayden Koerber, Nixa 22.

BATTING AVG. AGAINST
Kade Burk, Spokane .145
Brody Julian, Ozark .186;
Rowan Johnsn, Nixa 1.86;
Cam Miller, Nixa .198;
Rylan Sutton, Ozark .200;
Luke Baer, Ozark .209;
Logan Kirkland, Ozark .221;

Brayden Koerber, Nixa .221;
Logan Rollings, Spokane .228;
Wyatt Francis, Nixa .241;
Andrew Larson, Nixa .241;
Caden O'Donnell, Ozark .243.

ERA
Kade Burk, Spokane 1.28
Brayden Koerber, Nixa 1.38;
Tim Rantz, Spokane 1.43;
Luke Baer, Ozark 1.55;
Evan Verch, Clever 1.77;
Cam Miller, Nixa 1.90;
Rylan Sutton, Ozark 2.01;
Caden O'Donnell, Ozark 2.52;
Wyatt Francis, Nixa 2.78;
Logan Rollings, Spokane 2.83;
Logan Kirland, Ozark 2.83;
Andrew Larson, Nixa 3.00;
Brody Julian Ozark, 3.19;
Gunner Lile, Clever 3.23;
Brecken Vestal, Clever 3.26;
Dyllan Martin Clever 3.82;
Reagan Huson, Clever 3.96;
Brendan Brewer, Sparta 4.09.

SAVES
Logan Kirkland, Ozark 5
Brody Julian, Ozark 4;
Brayden Koerber, Nixa 2;
Colton Mitchell Ozark 2.



OZARK'S LUKE BAER makes a throw from third base.



OZARK'S TREY BURTON holds onto the ball while colliding with teammate Rylan Sutton.

Sutton, Miller and McKnight top area hitting, pitching leaders

PAT DAILEY
Sports Editor
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Christian County's top performers on the ball diamond this spring:

BATTING AVERAGE

Owen Graaf, Clever .448
Adam McKnight, Nixa .440
Rylan Sutton, Ozark .433
Wyatt Mabe, Nixa .391
Miller McCoy, Nixa .384
Cam Miller, Nixa .370
Logan Vaught-Green, Clever .363
Ben Miller, Sparta .360
Gunner Lile, Clever .344
Coy Cutbirth, Spokane .329
Wyatt Francis, Nixa .328
Dyllan Martin, Clever .322
Reagan Huson, Clever .317
Jared Dalton, Ozark .316
Kash Burk, Spokane .315
Trey Burton, Ozark .314
Grady Eoff, Nixa .313
Luke Baer, Ozark .304
Colby Argo, Clever .297
Gavin Kildea, Spokane .293
Cooper Wood, Ozark .292
Brendan Brewer, Sparta .289
Stanley Brice, Ozark .286

Zane Stewart, Nixa .284
Brecken Vestal,
Clever .282
Layne Rains, Sparta .275
Brody Julian, Ozark .273
Tim Rantz, Spokane .269
Caden O'Donnell,
Ozark .265
James Dirnberger,
Nixa .264
Evan Verch, Clever .253
Austin Humble,
Sparta .250

AT-BATS

Wyatt Francis, Nixa and Adam McKnight, Nixa 116
Wyatt Mabe, Nixa 115;
Miller McCoy, Nixa 112;
Cam Miller, Nixa 108;
Brody Julian, Ozark 99;
Grady Eoff, Nixa 99; Stanley Brice, Ozark 98; Rylan Sutton, Ozark 97; Caden O'Donnell, Ozark 98;
Owen Graaf, Clever 96;
Luke Baer, Ozark 92; Logan Vaught-Green, Clever 91; Colby Argo, Clever 91;
Dyllan Martin, Clever 87;
Brecken Vestal, Clever 85; Rowan Johnson, Nixa 83; Jeremiah Oaks, Ozark 81; Evan Verch, Clever 79.

HITS

Adam McKnight, Nixa 51
Wyatt Mabe, Nixa 45;
Miller McCoy, Nixa 43;
Owen Graaf, Clever 43;
Rylan Sutton, Ozark 42;

Cam Miller, Nixa 40; Wyatt Francis, Nixa 38; Logan Vaught-Green, Clever 33; Grady Eoff, Nixa 31; Stanley Brice, Ozark 28; Dyllan Martin, Clever 28; Luke Baer, Ozark 28; Colby Argo, Clever 27; Brody Julian, Ozark 27; Caden O'Donnell, Ozark 26; Jared Dalton, Ozark 24; Brecken Vestal, Clever 24; Coy Cutbirth, Spokane 24; Kash Burk, Spokane 23; Gavin Kildea, Spokane 22; Trey Burton, Ozark 22; Gunner Lile, Clever 22; Cooper Wood, Ozark 21; Zane Stewart, Nixa 21; Evan Verch, Clever 20; Tim Rantz, Spokane 19; Reagan Huson, Clever 19; James Dirnberger, Nixa 19; Ben Miller, Sparta 18; Jeremiah Oaks, Ozark 18; Wyatt Sportsman, Spokane 16

RUNS

Wyatt Mabe, Nixa 46
 Rylan Sutton, Ozark 45;
 Adam McKnight, Nixa
 45; Brody Julian, Ozark
 39; Wyatt Francis, Nixa
 35; Owen Graaf, Clever
 33; Logan Vaught-Green,
 Clever 30; Stanley Brice,
 Ozark 29; Gunner Lile,
 Clever 26; Evan Verch,
 Clever 24; Luke Baer,
 Ozark 24; Cam Miller,
 Nixa 24; Grady Eoff,
 Nixa 22; Zane Stewart,
 Nixa 21; Jared Dalton,
 Ozark 20; Gavin Kildea,
 Spokane 18; James Dirn-
 berger, Nixa 18; Ben
 Miller, Sparta 18; Logan
 Rollings, Spokane 18;
 Miller McCoy, Nixa 18;
 Cooper Wood, Ozark 16;
 Kash Burk, Spokane 14;
 Anthony Cordell, Ozark
 14; Tim Rantz, Spokane
 14; Reagan Huson, Clever
 13; Wyatt Sportsman,
 Spokane 13; Colby Argo,
 Clever 12; Brecken Vestal,
 Clever 12; Coy Cut-
 birth, Spokane 12; Dyllan
 Martin, Clever 11; Kade
 Burk, Spokane 10.

RBIS

Cam Miller, Nixa 45
Rylan Sutton, Ozark



NIXA'S ADAM MCKNIGHT
tracks down a fly ball.

35; Stanley Brice, Ozark 29; Wyatt Mabe, Nixa 29; Adam McKnight, Nixa 28; Miller McCoy, Nixa 28; Logan Vaught-Green, Clever 26; Caden O'Donnell, Ozark 26; Luke Baer, Ozark 23; Owen Graaf, Clever 23; Grady Eoff, Nixa 23; Colby Argo, Clever 20; Wyatt Francis, Nixa 19; Gunner Lile, Clever 18; Jared Dalton, Ozark 17; Kash Burk, Spokane 16; Dyllan Martin, Clever 16; Zane Stewart, Nixa 16; Ben Miller, Sparta 15; James Dirnberger, Nixa 15; Brecken Vestal, Clever 14; Jeremiah Oaks, Ozark 14; Brody Julian, Ozark 13; Reagan Huson, Clever 13; Coy Cutbirth, Spokane 13; Tim Rantz, Spokane 11; Tristan Gold, Spokane 11; Cooper Wood, Ozark 10.

DOUBLES

Adam McKnight, Nixa 15
Wyatt Mabe, Nixa 12;
Stanley Brice, Ozark 11;
Cam Miller, Nixa 10; Tim
Rantz, Spokane 9; Brody
Julian, Ozark 9; Miller Mc-
Coy, Nixa 9; Colby Argo,
Clever 7; Rylan Sutton,
Ozark 7; Logan Vaught-
Green, Clever 7; Cooper
Wood, Ozark 6; Owen
Graaf, Clever 5; Caden
O'Donnell, Ozark 5; Wyatt
Sportsman, Spokane 5;
Ben Miller, Sparta 5; Wy-
att Francis, Nixa 5.



OZARK'S RYLAN SUTTON belts one of his 11 home runs.
PHOTOS BY PAT DAILEY/HEADLINER NEWS

TRIPLES

Rylan Sutton, Ozark 10
Owen Graaf, Clever 5;
Cam Miller, Nixa 4; Trey
Burton, Ozark 3; Wyatt
Mabe, Nixa 2; Wyatt
Francis, Nixa 2.

HOME RUNS

Rylan Sutton, Ozark 11
Adam McKnight, Nixa 8; Cam Miller, Nixa 6; Stanley Brice, Ozark 4; Jared Dalton, Ozark 4; Luke Baer, Ozark 4; Ben Miller, Sparta 3; Kash Burk, Spokane 2; Owen Graaf, Clever 2; Colby

Argo, Clever 2; Caden O'Donnell, Ozark 2; Wyatt Mabe, Nixa 2.

WALKS

Logan Vaught-Green, Clever 29
Brody Julian, Ozark 27;
Luke Baer, Ozark 25; Wyatt Francis, Nixa 25; Rylan Sutton, Ozark 22; Wyatt Mabe, Nixa 21; Owen Graaf, Clever 20; Adam McKnight, Nixa 20; Cam Miller, Nixa 19; Grady Eoff, Nixa 19; James Dirnberger, Nixa 18;

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NIXA'S BRAYDEN KOERBER receives congrats from teammate Wyatt Mabe.



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Cordell transferring from Ozark to Rogersville for senior season

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Rogersville will have a connection to both Nixa and Ozark this coming football season. The Wildcats hired former Eagles coaches Joel Wells, Richard Rehagen and Aaron Wells a year ago and now will have former Tigers running back/wide receiver Anthony Cordell as part of their offense. Cordell confirmed he is transferring to Rogersville for his senior season by changing his profile on his Twitter account, @ACordell10, from Class

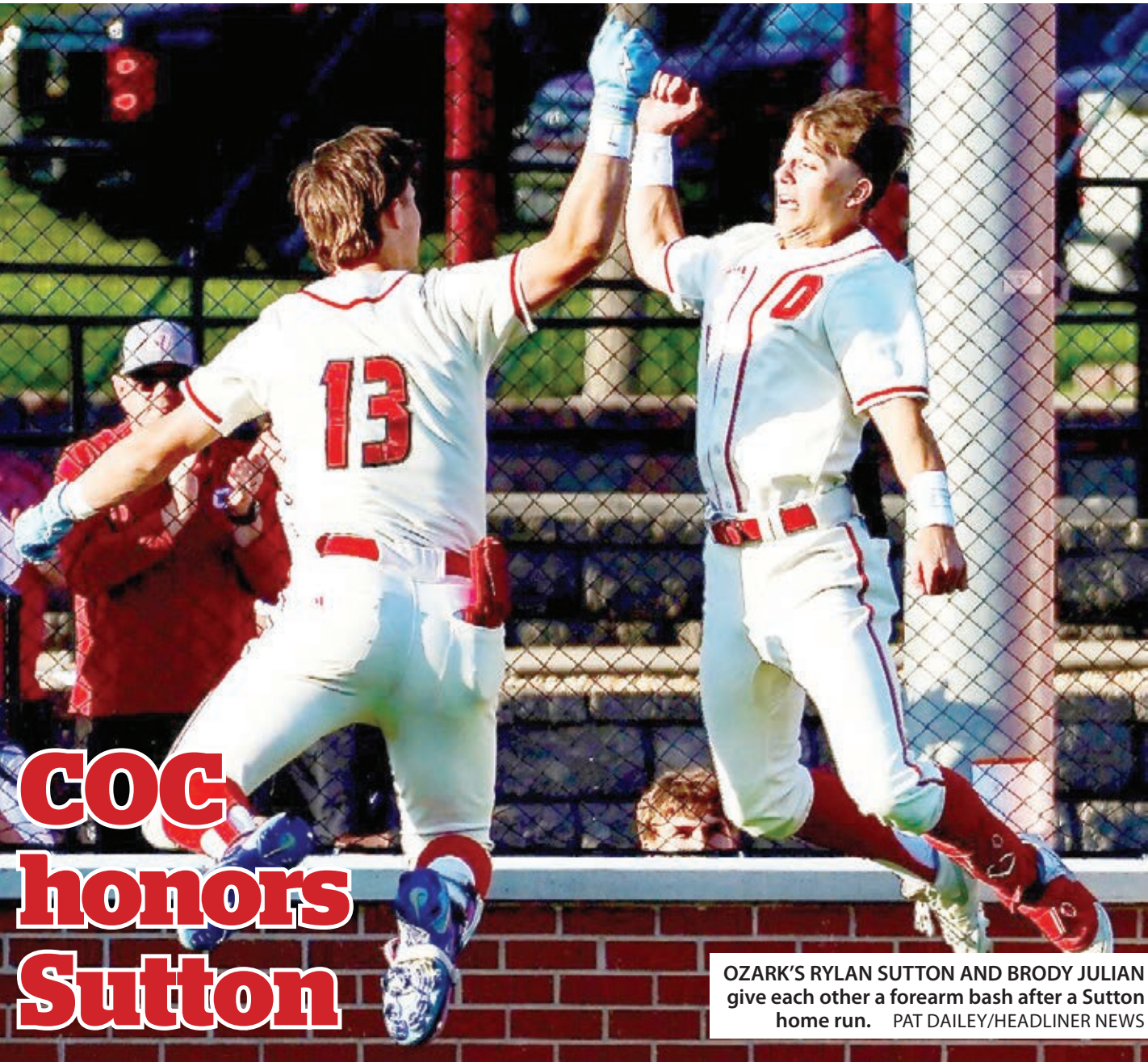
of 2027 Ozark to Class of 2027 Rogersville. Rogersville has not made an announcement regarding the possible addition of Cordell's father, former Ozark coach Jeremy Cordell, to the Wildcats' coaching staff. Jeremy Cordell resigned as the Tigers' coach last month, after three years at Ozark. The Cordells helped Ozark average 31.3 points a game last season, with Jeremy calling plays offensively and Anthony being a key cog in the backfield and receiving corps. As a junior last season, Anthony Cordell rushed for 834

yards and caught 24 passes for 283 yards. He was named to the All-COC East Second Team. He ran 25 times for a career-high 243 yards against Kickapoo. Rogersville enjoyed its first winning season in four years by going 8-3 last year. The Wildcats averaged 37 points a game, led by junior running back Joe Roche and sophomore wide receiver Gage Hale. Ozark and interim coach Ray Godfrey have a slew of experienced players back from last season, a list that includes running back Jett Easley, linebackers Braxton Bell, Lucas Kronebusch and Stanley Brice, defensive



OZARK'S ANTHONY CORDELL makes a diving catch last season. PAT DAILEY/HEADLINER NEWS

end/tight end Hendrix Haymes, wide receivers Mereck Putt and Westin Samson, defensive backs Cade Morrison and Lucas Hanks and linemen Isaiah Collins, Preston Essary and Jacob Beasley.



COC honors Sutton

OZARK'S RYLAN SUTTON AND BRODY JULIAN give each other a forearm bash after a Sutton home run. PAT DAILEY/HEADLINER NEWS

Tigers outfielder named east Player Of the Year

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COC East coaches gave Ozark's Rylan Sutton about as good a compliment as he'll ever receive by naming him the COC East Player Of the Year over Glendale's Toby Yates. Sutton arguably put together the best season any Ozark hitter has ever enjoyed. His stats were staggering, led by his 11 home runs and 10 triples. His 28 extra-base hits rank among the top 10 statewide all-time. The junior outfielder topped the Tigers in nearly every offensive category. He batted .433 with a 1.052 slugging percentage. He accounted for an incredible 80 runs in 34 games, with 45 runs scored and 35 RBIs. With 43 hits and 22 walks, he had a .553 on-base percentage. Yates also put together one of the best offensive seasons any Class 6 SWMO hitter has ever had by posting 14 home runs and 56 RBIs. Ozark is also represented on the First

Team by pitchers Luke Baer and Caden O'Donnell, first baseman Stanley Brice and shortstop Brody Julian. Brice delivered some of Ozark's biggest hits of the season, while batting .286 with four home runs and 29 RBIs. He had 16 extra-base hits. Baer compiled an 8-1 W-L record with a 1.56 ERA. He had 53 strikeouts and 26 walks over 54.1 innings pitched. O'Donnell was 6-4 with a 2.52 ERA. He had 61 strikeouts and 16 walks over 50 innings pitched. Julian batted .273 with 39 runs scored. He had 29 walks to boost his on-base percentage to .435. Nixa's First Team selections are pitcher Cam Miller, third baseman Wyatt Mabe and outfielder Adam McKnight. McKnight became an All-COC East First-Team selection in three sports, after being a First-Team quarterback in football and First-Team center in basketball. He batted .440 with eight home runs, 45 runs scored and 28 RBIs. Mabe hit .391 with two homers, 29 RBIs and 46 runs scored. Miller was 6-1 with a 1.91 ERA. He

had 78 strikeouts and 24 walks over 55 innings pitched. The rest of the First Team includes Yates and Glendale's Reed Jackson, Kyle Julian and Walker Ransdell; Kickapoo's Brody Wilson, Conner Smith, Nick Long, Jaymin Meador and Brooks Easton, and Lebanon's Harrison Cramer, Cole Milliken and Beckett York. Ozark and Nixa players chosen to the Second Team include the Tigers' Trey Burton, Jared Dalton and Jeremiah Oaks, and the Eagles' Miller McCoy and Zane Stewart. Dalton batted .316 with four home runs and 17 RBIs. Burton's .314 senior season was highlighted by a game-winning RBI double against Nixa. Oaks hit .222 with 14 RBIs. McCoy batted .384 with nine doubles and 28 RBIs. Stewart hit .284 and had a .485 on-base percentage. He drew 15 walks and was hit by a pitch 14 times. Wilson was chosen the Pitcher Of the Year. Ozark's Justin Sundlie was tabbed the Coach Of the Year.



CLEVER'S OWEN GRAAF hit .448 as a senior this year. PAT DAILEY/HEADLINER NEWS

Graaf and Lile on Mid-Lakes First Team

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Clever's Owen Graaf and Gunner Lile have both been tabbed Mid-Lakes First-Team selections. Graaf's senior season saw him lead the Jays with a .448 batting average, .551 on-base percentage, .667 slugging percentage, 43 hits, 30 stolen bases and 33 runs scored. He had a dozen extra-base hits. Lile is the lone freshman on the 20-player First Team. He was chosen as a utility man, after batting .344 with a .449 on-base percentage, 26 runs scored and 16 stolen bases. The rest of the First Team includes Hollister's Cooper Kauffman, Ceagan Riewski and Sam Hebert; Springfield Catholic's Rhett Layne, Nate Lask, Jack Smith, Conner Fenske, and Nic Ruter; Fair Grove's Harrison Martin, Jakoeby McDannald, Wyatt Hallan, Macklen Johnson and Gavin Thomason; Buffalo's Isaiah Young, Strafford's Eli Clark, Forsyth's Bryce Nolan and Thomas Strahan, and Reeds Spring's Landon Makinster. Clever's Second-Team selections include pitcher Evan Verch and outfielder Logan Vaught-Green. Verch compiled a 6-0 W-L record with a 1.77 ERA over 35.2 innings pitched. He had 61 strikeouts and 15 walks. Vaught-Green batted .363 with a .520 on-base percentage. He topped the Jays with 26 RBIs and 29 walks. Receiving honorable mention recognition for Clever were pitcher Brecken Vestal, catcher Colby Argo, infielder Dyllan Martin and designated hitter Reagan Huson. Vestal was 6-2 with a 3.26 ERA and 47 strikeouts over 38.2 innings. Argo batted .297 with two home runs and 20 RBIs, while Martin hit .322 with 16 RBIs and Huston hit .317.



CLEVER'S BRYANT WARD and the Jays were 17-14 this year. PAT DAILEY/HEADLINER NEWS

Jays may drop a class for baseball and football

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Clever's flip-flop between being one of the biggest Class 3 schools or one of the smallest Class 4 schools is expected to continue, Jays baseball coach Brandon Cobb predicts. This spring, Clever's grades 9-12 enrollment of 333 put the Jays in Class 4 for baseball for the second time in three years. The enrollment breakdowns were 166-314 for Class 3 and 315-627 for Class 4. Clever's enrollment jumped by 30 from the 2024-25 school year to the 2025-26 school year. But that isn't expected to be a trend. From the numbers Cobb has seen, the Jays' enrollment the next two school years will be on the downswing. "Next year, we'll be on the (border) line. I think it's 50/50," Cobb said of being Class 3 or Class 4. "After next year, I think we'll

drop to Class 3 again. Our eighth-grade class is small and our ninth-grade class isn't huge, either. For two years, at least, I think we'll be Class 3 again." On the ball diamond, Clever discovered being part of Class 4 District 11 this year was much more difficult than Class 3 District 11 a year ago. The Jays were District champs a year ago and made it to the Class 3 Quarterfinal round. This year, their post-season was over shortly after it began, as they fell 14-2 to Hollister in a semifinal. Clever (17-14) was 3-8 against Class 4 teams, with its wins coming against St. James, East Newton and Buffalo. The Jays lost to fellow Mid-Lakes Conference members Hollister twice, Strafford, Springfield Catholic and Reeds Spring, as well as Cassville, Nevada and Monett. "It was a really big jump," pitcher Brecken Vestal said of Class 3 to Class 4. "Obviously, Class 3 is going to be easier. But it's not like we can't compete with

the Class 4 teams. I know we can compete with them when we're on our game." "Don't get me wrong, there were some good Class 3 schools," Cobb said. "But playing Rogersville and Hollister is a different beast. There was a pretty big jump." Cobb won't back away from including Class 4 teams on Clever's schedule in the future. "We're always going to compete like we're going to be in Class 4," he said. "We've got to make sure we're ready for that. That is the standard and the athletes we hope to compete against." If Cobb's estimates of Clever's enrollment are correct, the Jays will also be on the borderline for classification in football and basketball. In boys basketball last winter, the breakdowns were 153-289 for Class 3 and 290-660 for Class 4. In football last fall, the breakdowns were 178-314 for Class 2 and 315-502 for Class 3.