

COMMUNITY NEEDS – PROBLEMS OF COMMUNITY

1/1/2024 – 3/31/24

1. 1/10/24 Interviewed Gabe Holstrom, Berry Pre-Coon Supper Reception, Gillett – Annual scholarship fundraiser held before Annual Coon Supper in Gillett.
2. 1/10/24 Interviewed Alta Lockley, Arkansas Co. Extension Service – The county's 4-H clubs are reorganizing and inviting new members.
3. 1/10/24 Interviewed Theodore "Teddy" Holt – Stuttgart's Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Prayer Breakfast is being held for the first time since the pandemic started.
4. 1/10/24 Interviewed Hunter Biram, University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture Assistant Professor and Economist – Fryar Risk Management Center workshops are being held throughout the area for farmers.
5. 1/10/24 Interviewed Perry Simpson, American Legion Post 158 – The post is hosting its annual Oyster Supper to raise funds for building maintenance.
6. 1/10/24 Interviewed Cara Curtis, Museum of the Arkansas Grand Prairie – The museum is holding a food drive leading up to its watch party for hometown Miss America contestant Miss Arkansas 2023 Cori Keller.
7. 1/10/24 Interviewed Jean Prange, Caring and Sharing Food Pantry – Information about the food pantry in DeWitt including who it serves, how to contact them, and how to donate.
8. 1/17/24 Interviewed Alta Lockley, Arkansas Co. Cooperative Extension Office – Information about the Arkansas County Extension Get Fit Group that meets weekly in several county locations.
9. 1/17/24 Interviewed Susan Phelps, Grand Prairie CASA – The organization is actively seeking volunteers for children in the court system in the four counties they serve, and a fundraiser is planned for March.
10. 1/17/24 Interviewed Jason Smith, Ulm Civic Club – The group is holding their annual January fish fry to raise funds for scholarship and activities in the Ulm community.
11. 1/17/24 Interviewed Shelby Mulloy, Express Employment Professionals – The company has partnered with Big Dawg Mentoring program in Stuttgart to hold a coat drive for children in the local schools.
12. 1/17/24 Interviewed Pastor Mitch Dulaney, Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church – The church in Humnoke is hosting its annual Hog Roast to benefit Mexico missions.
13. 1/17/24 Interviewed Sammie Chappell, DeWitt Schools PTO – The PTO group is holding an online auction for the next month to raise money for student activities in all DeWitt Public Schools.
14. 1/17/24 Interviewed Diana Graves, St. Luke's Lutheran Church – The church in DeWitt is holding its annual spaghetti supper fundraiser.
15. 1/24/24 Interviewed Marian Ruffin, Grief Share – The grief recovery support group is starting a new semester in Stuttgart and adding classes in DeWitt.
16. 1/24/24 Interviewed Dr. Bert Greenwalt, Arkansas State University – The 2024 A-State Agribusiness Conference is taking place in early February.

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17. 1/24/24 Interviewed Barry Jo Wilson, Acres of Help – The non-profit that provides food support to organizations and individuals in Arkansas County is hosting its annual banquet and online auction.
18. 1/24/24 Interviewed Jessie Walsh, Grand Prairie Historical Society – The Society’s winter quarterly meeting is open to the public and the special guest speaker is a physician and writer who focuses on rural Arkansas doctors.
19. 1/24/24 Interviewed Valerie Turner, Monroe County Cooperative Extension Service – A free Estate Planning Workshop is being held in Brinkley.
20. 1/24/24 Tyler Lewis, Arts and Science Center for Southeast Arkansas – The Delta Upcycle Challenge brings awareness to the impact humans have on the environment and is open to high school students and students enrolled in college or trade school in Southeast Arkansas counties.
21. 1/31/24 Interviewed Theodore “Teddy” Holt, Martin Luther King Jr. Commission – The Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Breakfast in Stuttgart has been rescheduled due to winter weather.
22. 1/31/24 Interviewed Bo Dottley, Blackmon Auctions –The annual Backgate Auction in Stuttgart is taking place for the 75th year.
23. 1/31/24 Interviewed Kathy Lorince, Holy Rosary Catholic School – A Mardi Gras dance and dinner fundraiser is being held to benefit the school.
24. 1/31/24 Interviewed John McGaha, McGehee Men’s Club – The club is hosting its annual Oyster Supper to raise funds for its community efforts.
25. 1/31/24 Interviewed Barry Rogers, Stuttgart High School Future Farmers of America advisor – The Stuttgart FFA is raising funds through a fried shrimp drive-through dinner.
26. 1/31/24 Interviewed Jason Smith, Ulm Civic Club – The club is hosting its annual quail dinner to raise funds for the Ulm community park, scholarships, and community center improvements.
27. 1/31/24 Interviewed Kacie Kindrex, Our Blood Institute – There is an emergency blood shortage and several blood drives are coming up in the listening area.
28. 2/7/24 Interviewed Henrietta Morris, Executive Director at the Brinkley Chamber of Commerce – The Chamber is accepting nominations for Citizen of the Year in advance of their annual membership banquet
29. 2/7/24 Interviewed Kristian Dabbs, St. John’s Lutheran School in Stuttgart – The school is holding its annual dinner and live auction fundraiser
30. 2/7/24 Interviewed Susan Luebke, Bayou Meto Community Women of Faith – The group is hosting its annual free chili supper and pie auction.
31. 2/7/24 Interviewed Marianne Maynard, St. Alban’s Episcopal Church in Stuttgart – The church is holding its annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper to raise funds for charity.

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32. 2/7/24 Interviewed Valerie Turner, Monroe County Cooperative Extension Service – The Monroe County 4H is hosting a session with NASA experts on the April solar eclipse in Arkansas, free to attend for all ages.
33. 2/7/24 Interviewed Logan Prince, Stuttgart Lady Ricebirds Softball Coach – The team is holding a youth camp and BBQ dinner fundraiser.
34. 2/14/24 Interviewed Erin Oliver, Phi Beta Kappa – The sorority is holding the annual Little Mister and Little Miss Stuttgart, and Miss Grand Prairie pageants to raise funds for scholarships.
35. 2/14/24 Interviewed Nikki Hawkins, Stuttgart Public Schools – An update for parents and the community about things happening in the Stuttgart School District.
35. 2/14/24 Interviewed Logan Molock, Stuttgart Chamber of Commerce – The Chamber’s annual membership meeting and awards banquet is taking place, with nominations being accepted for community awards.
36. 2/14/24 Interviewed Jennifer Lowe, Gillett City Hall – A fish fry fundraiser for the Gillett Fire Department is being held this weekend.
37. 2/14/24 Interviewed Misti Coker, Personal Pep Rally – The charitable cancer organization is holding its annual Endure the Dirt Adventure Race.
38. 2/14/24 Interviewed Hunter Bennett, Dumas Branch Library – A free business workshop for entrepreneurs is being held in Dumas.
39. 2/14/24 Interviewed Grant Beckwith, Arkansas County Cooperative Extension Chair – The extension is holding its annual crop production meeting in Stuttgart.
40. 2/21/24 Interviewed Nikki Hawkins, Director of Student Services for Stuttgart Public Schools – Important updates including safety notices regarding school buses for parents and the community.
36. 2/21/24 Interviewed Babe Free, Rescue Road – The Stuttgart Animal Shelter is in need of cleaning supplies and fencing donations along with foster homes.
37. 2/21/24 Interviewed Mary Ann Hill, Slovak Heritage Day – The community of Slovak is getting ready for its 9th Annual Slovak Heritage Day.
38. 2/21/24 Interviewed Bo Dottley, Blackmon Auctions – The 75th Annual World Famous Backgate Auction in Stuttgart opens on Wednesday.
39. 2/21/24 Interviewed Courtney Bisswanger, DeWitt Women’s Club – The club is holding a Daddy-Daughter dance as a fundraiser for community initiatives and scholarships.
40. 2/21/24 Interviewed Ken Griffey, Griffey Agency – The 38th Annual Hot Springs Boat, Tackle & RV Show is this weekend.

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41. 2/21/24 Interviewed Fara Foster, Museum of the Arkansas Grand Prairie – An Evening with the Curator program is being held and will focus on Slovaktown and its history.
42. 2/28/24 Interviewed Logan Molock, Stuttgart Chamber of Commerce – Tickets are still on sale for the Chamber’s annual membership banquet and awards ceremony.
43. 2/28/24 Interviewed Donald Lee Ruffin, Faith Baptist Church – The DeWitt Community Men’s Prayer Breakfast is being held next week and men from the community are invited to participate
44. 2/28/24 Interviewed Bobby Bradberry, ICCM Food Bank – Information about who the food bank serves and how to receive distributions as well as how to contribute.
45. 2/28/24 Interviewed Tyler Lewis, Arts and Science Center for Southeast Arkansas – The center is collecting oral histories on climate change in the Delta for a video project that will accompany and art installation.
46. 2/28/24 Interviewed Carol Smith, Zion Lutheran Church – The church is hosting a chicken strip dinner fundraiser for projects in the church and community of Ulm.
47. 2/28/24 Interviewed Susan Phelps, Grand Prairie CASA – The group is hosting a chili cook-off and cornhole tournament to raise funds to support the children in its program.
48. 2/28/24 Interviewed Hal Lovett, Grand Prairie Church and School – The school is hosting a fish fry and bake sale to benefit programs for its students.
49. 3/6/24 Interviewed Gus Hensiek, Emanuel Lutheran Church – The Brotherhood and Susanna Society is holding their annual pancake breakfast to support local missions.
50. 3/6/24 Interviewed Hunter Bennett, Dumas Public Library – The library is hosting a STEAM camp for teens during spring break.
51. 3/6/24 Interviewed Judy Jacobs, Grand Avenue United Methodist Church – The church’s women’s group is holding its annual bake sale to raise funds for community outreach and church projects.
52. 3/6/24 Interviewed Laura Essex, DeWitt Cemetery Board – A pork butt fundraiser and bake sale are being held to help with upkeep expenses for the cemetery.
53. 3/6/24 Interviewed Jennifer “Pooh” White, First Methodist Church – The church youth group is holding its annual Easter fundraiser to support missions and youth projects.
54. 3/13/24 Interviewed Emilee Baker, Plantation Agriculture Museum State Park – The park in Scott, Arkansas, is hosting a cherry blossom festival to celebrate the opening of a new exhibit celebrating Japanese and Japanese-American culture in honor of families from internment camps who settled in the area.
55. 3/13/24 Interviewed Ryan Smith, Delta Heritage Trail State Park – The park in W. Helena, Arkansas, is hosting a full slate of spring programming for kids and families.

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56. 3/13/24 Interviewed Estella Dudman, Stuttgart Public Library – The library is hosting two events for families in the next week – a presentation on the April 8 solar eclipse in Arkansas and a magic show.
57. 3/13/24 Interviewed Nikki Hawkins, Director of Student Services, Stuttgart Public Schools – An update for families and the community on activities in the school district.
58. 3/13/24 Interviewed JD Miller, DeWitt Baseball and Softball Association – The group is holding their annual fish fry and silent auction fundraiser.
59. 3/13/24 Interviewed Father Shaun Wesley, Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church, Slovak – The church is holding a bake sale fundraiser.
60. 3/13/24 Interviewed Kerry Seeman – Wild Horse Ministries is bringing a gospel presentation involving the breaking of colts to Cross B Arena in Stuttgart, free to the community.
61. 3/20/24 Interviewed Clay Shook, Stuttgart Knights of Columbus – The group is holding their annual crawfish boil to raise money for local scholarships and civic projects.
62. 3/20/24 Interviewed Kacie Kindrex, Our Blood Institute – Blood supplies are low due to spring break and OBI is holding a blood drive in Stuttgart at the end of the week.
63. 3/20/24 Interviewed Ryan Smith, Delta Heritage Trail State Park – Part two: The park in W. Helena, Arkansas, is hosting a full slate of spring programming for kids and families.
64. 3/20/24 Interviewed Dana McDonald, Zion Lutheran Church, Ulm – The church is hosting the Ulm community Easter egg hunt.
65. 3/20/24 Interviewed Courtney Bisswanger, DeWitt Jr. Women’s Club – The club is holding its annual golf tournament to raise money for scholarships.
66. 3/20/24 Interviewed Martha Pineda, Folsom Memorial Library, Brinkley – The library has received two new computers through grants that are available to residents; they are also distributing free eclipse glasses.
67. 3/20/24 Interviewed Mark Burris, Christ Connect Recovery, DeWitt – The recovery group meets weekly in DeWitt and is a support for anyone suffering from addiction or other problems.
68. 3/27/24 Interviewed Carolyn Knowlton, The CALL in Arkansas County – The group is holding an informational and support meeting for potential foster families.
69. 3/27/24 Interviewed Tricia Rogers, Clarendon City Hall – Clarendon’s Community Easter Egg Hunt is seeking volunteers and donations.
70. 3/27/24 Interviewed Kacie Kindrex, Our Blood Institute – A blood drive is taking place at Baptist Health Medical Center in Stuttgart.
71. 3/27/24 Interviewed Shelly Owens, Relerford Funeral Home – The funeral home is hosting the Stuttgart Community Easter Egg Hunt and adding a section for special accommodations.

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72. 3/27/24 Interviewed Stephanie Teer, Grand Prairie Farmers Market – The farmers market is accepting applications for new vendors and has announced Super Saturday dates.
73. 3/27/24 Interviewed Charlotte Purdy, DeWitt – The DeWitt Community Easter Egg hunt is being held on Saturday and volunteers are still needed.