

COMMUNITY NEEDS – PROBLEMS OF COMMUNITY

1/1/2021 – 3/31/2021

1. 1/6/21 Interviewed Nekita Crawford, GIA Foundation – Meetings resuming, fundraising and class plans for early 2021, new youth group meeting weekly
2. 1/6/21 Interviewed Hunter Bennett, Director of the Dumas Public Library – January take and make kits, adult craft kits and adjusted hours
3. 1/6/21 Interviewed Nikki Hawkins, Stuttgart Schools Director of Student Services – Adjusted plans, continuing with AB schedule
4. 1/6/21 Interviewed Jason Smith, Ulm Civic Club – Fish Fry to benefit student scholarships
5. 1/6/21 Interviewed Mark Burris, Director of Celebrate Recovery in Dewitt – First meeting of the year and new series on New Years Commitments
6. 1/13/21 Interviewed Shakeelah Rahmaan, Arts & Science Center for Southeast Arkansas – Upcoming events, take-home crafts, and new exhibits
7. 1/13/21 Interviewed Teresa Conner, Director of Baptist Health Community Outreach – virtual health and wellness classes in January
8. 1/13/21 Interviewed Dennis Ingle, Pastor of Unity Missionary Baptist Church – Tribute Quartet concert
9. 1/13/21 Interviewed Nikki Hawkins, Stuttgart Schools Director of Student Services – Principals urging students to turn in virtual classwork, AB schedule clarification, and Ricebird Basketball
10. 1/13/21 Interviewed Misti Coker, Personal Pep Rally – Endure the Dirt Adventure Race
11. 1/13/21 Interviewed Josh Egbert, American Red Cross – Home heating safety during cold weather and upcoming donation opportunities
12. 1/13/21 Interviewed Eddie Best, Arkansas County Judge – Quorum court overview, update on county roads
13. 1/13/21 Interviewed Grant Beckwith, Staff Chair for Arkansas County Extension Service – Virtual county crop production meetings, and pesticide applicator training
14. 1/20/21 Interviewed Carolyn Knowlton – Arkansas County CALL Coordinator – Resuming monthly informational meetings
15. 1/20/21 Interviewed Drew Ulrich – Curator for the Delta Cultural Center – Art in the Park Event
16. 1/20/21 Interviewed Tara Bennett, Arkansas Game & Fish Commission – Becoming an Outdoor Woman Duck Hunt
17. 1/20/21 Interviewed Chad Phillipp, Pastor of St. Luke's Lutheran Church – 60th Annual Spaghetti Supper
18. 1/20/21 Interviewed Alta Lockley, Arkansas County Extension Service – Day to Day with Diabetes classes

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19. 1/20/21 Interviewed Kacie Kindrex, Arkansas Blood Institute – Blood Drive at Baptist Health Stuttgart
20. 1/27/21 Interviewed Karen O’Connell, Arkansas Center for the Book – Virtual Poetry event with Jericho Brown
21. 1/27/21 Interviewed Christina Boyd, Dewitt Cemetery Association – Pork Butt sale to benefit cemetery
22. 1/27/21 Interviewed Kathy Lorince, Principal of Holy Rosary Catholic School – Open House for School
23. 1/27/21 Interviewed Blake Frizzell, Stuttgart Lion’s Club – Eyeglasses drive in February
24. 1/27/21 Interviewed Maribeth Floyd, Girl Scout Troop 6565 – Girl Scout cookies for pre-order
25. 1/27/21 Interviewed Kerri Jernigan, Stuttgart Parks & Rec – Baseball and Softball signups and guidelines for spectators
26. 2/3/21 Interviewed Chris Henry, U of A Cooperative Extension Service – Soil Moisture Sensor School Signup
27. 2/3/21 Interviewed Nick Hill, Superintendent of Dewitt Public Schools – Update on Dewitt schools vaccination status, discussing the closing of Gillett Elementary, and new football coach
28. 2/3/21 Interviewed Shakeelah Rahmaan, Arts & Science Center for Southeast Arkansas – Meet the Curator, Live @ 5 Concert, create Lab, and Second Saturday Family FunDay
29. 2/3/21 Interviewed Nikki Hawkins, Stuttgart Schools Director of Student Services – More hot spots and wifi available for students during virtual pivot, School Counselors Week, and basketball schedule
30. 2/3/21 Interviewed Regina Coleman, Chad Coleman Cancer Fund – Wristband and BBQ Pork Butt Fundraiser, update on Chad and support from the Grand Prairie
31. 2/3/21 Interviewed Susie Kagebein, Stuttgart Animal Shelter – Washing machine needed urgently, donations of towels and bleach needed monthly, and ways to help Rescue Road
32. 2/3/21 Interviewed Phil Horton, Arkansas County Master Gardeners – Online training for Master Gardeners will be virtual, Master Gardener’s offers a wide range of horticulture training
33. 2/10/21 Interviewed Rhonda Hampton, Bayou Meto United Methodist Church – Drive-thru Mardi Gras Chili Supper
34. 2/10/21 Interviewed John Henson, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts Pack 84 – Pancake Supper
35. 2/10/21 Interviewed Tommy Cody, Dewitt Head Football Coach – Coaching history, offensive and defensive philosophies, off-season expectations
36. 2/10/21 Interviewed Nikki Hawkins, Stuttgart Schools Director of Student Services – Schedule changes for Wednesday-Friday, basketball schedule
37. 2/10/21 Interviewed Cliff Dean, Delta Cultural Center – Civil War roundtable discussions and Delta Writer’s Series

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38. 2/10/21 Interviewed Greg Davis, Dewitt Baseball & Softball Association – Baseball and Softball Signups
39. 2/10/21 Interviewed Marianne Maynard, St. Alban's Episcopal Church – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
40. 2/17/21 Interviewed Jon Watson, Stuttgart High School – SHS Hacking Team Update
41. 2/17/21 Interviewed Kelvin Gragg, Superintendent of Dumas Schools – Winter weather, community response to Covid, athletic achievements
42. 2/17/21 Interviewed Misti Coker, Personal Pep Rally – Signups and donations for the Endure the Dirt Adventure Race
43. 2/17/21 Interviewed Bo Dottley, Blackmon Auctions – 72nd Annual Backgate Auction
44. 2/17/21 Interviewed Heath Mitchell – Hamburger Supper Fundraiser for the family of Dana Barnett
45. 2/17/21 Interviewed Cory Spruiell, Grand Prairie CASA – Pork Butt Fundraiser
46. 2/24/21 Interviewed Debra Burchfield & Kalen Prine, Hope of the Delta – Volunteers and donations needed for Stuttgart building
47. 2/24/21 Interviewed Barry Wilson, Acres of Help – Online auction being held to benefit philanthropy projects with CASA, The CALL, and other organizations
48. 2/24/21 Interviewed Jennifer Lowe, Gillett Fire Department – Fish Fry Fundraiser
49. 2/24/21 Interviewed Drew Ulrich, Delta Cultural Center – Small Works on Paper Exhibit
50. 2/24/21 Interviewed Kristian Dabbs, Principal of St. John's Lutheran School – Farm Auction being held online to benefit the school
51. 2/24/21 Interviewed Ken Griffey, Hot Springs Boat, Tackle, and RV Show
52. 2/24/21 Interviewed Blake Frizzell, ABCD Memorial Scholarship Fund – Donations and fundraising ideas are needed to continue scholarship efforts
53. 3/3/21 Interviewed Grant Beckwith, Arkansas County Extension Service – Pesticide Applicator Training
54. 3/3/21 Interviewed Melody Stackhouse, First United Methodist Church - World Day of Prayer Virtual Service
55. 3/3/21 Interviewed Nikki Hawkins, Stuttgart Schools Director of Student Services – Stuttgart School updates, high school registration
56. 3/3/21 Interviewed Greg Davis, Dewitt Baseball & Softball Association – Fish Fry Fundraiser
57. 3/3/21 Interviewed Jennifer White, First United Methodist Church – Youth group Easter Fundraiser

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58. 3/3/21 Interviewed Mike Snyder and Sammi Bisswanger – Benefit concert for Jamie McElroy
59. 3/10/21 Interviewed Ron Worbington, Director of Breaking Bonds Ministries – Ministry in need of donations and has beds open for those seeking recovery
60. 3/10/21 Interviewed Gina Chandler, Assistant Director for Veteran Services with Department of Veterans Affairs – In person veteran meeting
61. 3/10/21 Interviewed Charlotte Purdy, Organizer for Arkansas County Night of Hope Fundraiser – Drive thru
62. 3/10/21 Interviewed April Herring, Assistant to Superintendent of Dewitt School District – Kindergarten Registration
63. 3/10/21 Interviewed Gena Seidenschwartz, Director of Museum of the Arkansas Grand Prairie – Arkansas County Traveling Quilt Trail
64. 3/10/21 Interviewed Anna Brinker, Local Country Artist – Nominated for the 4th time for the Arkansas Country Music Awards
65. 3/10/21 Interviewed Bethany Hildebrand, Executive Director of the Stuttgart Chamber of Commerce – Mayoral Candidate Forum, Chamber needs questions from the community
66. 3/17/21 Interviewed Ben Adams, Locations Manager for Greenway Equipment – Arkansas Food Bank Backpack program giveaway with Jason Aldean
67. 3/17/21 Interviewed Nekita Crawford, Development Director for the GIA Foundation in Brinkley – Bike Ride Around Brinkley and plans for Taste of the Delta food festival
68. 3/17/21 Interviewed Stuttgart HIPPY Program Coordinator and Teachers: Latasha Rembert, KeTanya Conway, Cheryl McNeil, and Kanisha Caldwell – Services offered, who is eligible, and registration going on now
69. 3/17/21 Interviewed Chuck Law, Director of the Museum of the Arkansas Grand Prairie – Decorative Arts now being accepted for the Grand Prairie Festival of the Arts
70. 3/17/21 Interviewed Lisa Flake, Administrator for Monroe County Health Unit – Mass Covid-19 Vaccine Clinic being held in Brinkley
71. 3/17/21 Interviewed Judy Jacobs, Grand Avenue United Methodist Women – Drive thru Bake Sale fundraisers
72. 3/17/21 Interviewed Shakeelah Rahmaan, Public Programs Coordinator for Arts & Science Center for Southeast Arkansas – Community Art Project, Mirror Mirror on the Wall virtual fairy tail, current exhibits in March
73. 3/24/21 Interviewed Niki Bolton, The CALL in Lonoke & Prairie Counties – Easter Egg-stravaganza fundraiser
74. 3/24/21 Interviewed Paul Daily, Wild Horse Ministries – Gospel and horse training event

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75. 3/24/21 Interviewed Bethany Hildebrand, Executive Director of the Stuttgart Chamber of Commerce – Stuttgart Mayoral Candidate Forum questions and details
76. 3/24/21 Interviewed Mike Yates, Pastor of Pentecostals of Dewitt – Community Easter Egg Hunt at the Dewitt City Park
77. 3/24/21 Interviewed Sarah Rollins, Brinkley Athletic Association – Annual Auction
78. 3/24/21 Interviewed Kristen Siler, East Arkansas Broadcasters & Stuttgart Daily Leader – Best of the Grand Prairie
79. 3/24/21 Interviewed Charlotte Purdy, Friends of Arkansas Post National Memorial – Egg My Yard fundraiser for South Arkansas County
80. 3/31/21 Interviewed Brian Henson, Delta Regional Authority Chief of Staff – Applications now open for State Economic Development Assistance Program
81. 3/31/21 Interviewed Helen Jennings- Hood, Education Director at Dana's House – Volunteers and donations needed for summer trips
82. 3/31/21 Interviewed Hunter Bennett, Director of Dumas Public Library – April Take-N-Make kits available now, returning to regular hours
83. 3/31/21 Interviewed Nikki Hawkins, Stuttgart Schools Director of Student Services – Registration dates for schools and announcements from principals
84. 3/31/21 Interviewed Eddie Best, Arkansas County Judge – Tornado damage assessment, restoration efforts and preparedness
85. 3/31/21 Interviewed Carolyn Knowlton – Coordinator for The CALL in Arkansas County – Upcoming info meeting and resource meetings
86. 3/31/21 Interviewed Kalen Prine, Regional Coordinator for Hope of the Delta – Golf Fore Life Tournament, fundraiser for Hope of the Delta