

COMMUNITY NEEDS – PROBLEMS OF COMMUNITY

4/1/2023 – 6/30/2023

1. 4/5/23 Interviewed Jennifer White, RSVP Program Director – Baptist Health Stuttgart Hospital Auxiliary Easter Basket Fundraiser.
2. 4/5/23 Interviewed Logan Prince, Stuttgart Public Schools – The Lady Ricebirds Softball team and the FFA are collecting items for the community of Wynne after the devastating tornado.
3. 4/5/23 Interviewed Hunter Bennett, Dumas Public Library – Easter Scavenger Hunt at the library, kids are encourage to find all of the hidden bunnies throughout the library, solve the riddle, and win a prize.
4. 4/5/23 Interviewed Fara Foster, Museum of the Arkansas Grand Prairie – The museum hosts “Coffee with the Curator” the first Thursday of each month. This month the topic is the Cotton Belt Railroad and how it influenced the growth of the Grand Prairie.
5. 4/5/23 Interviewed Jeff McKinney, Superintendent of Stuttgart Public Schools – Millage vote on May 9, 6.9 mills are needed to fund a \$20 million sports facility addition along with other school improvements
6. 4/5/23 Interviewed Lee Ann Hoskyn, PCCUA Foundation – The PCCUA Foundation Fund is hosting “Boil and Boogie” with the Zac Dunlap Band and Cam Shelton. Proceeds benefit the PCCUA Foundation and the Grand Prairie Center.
7. 4/5/23 Interviewed Jاليا Wyatt, Stuttgart Gloves Not Guns Boxing Club – Chicken Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser. All proceeds benefit the Stuttgart Gloves Not Guns Boxing Club and Trevor Diaz MidSouth Golden Gloves competition expenses.
8. 4/12/23 Interviewed Eddie Best, Arkansas County Judge – Quorum Court Update
9. 4/12/23 Interviewed Richard Spillman, Delta Cultural Center – The 160th Anniversary Reenactment of the Battle for Helena and an educational program for regional schools about the military history of Helena.
10. 4/12/23 Interviewed Estella Dudman, Stuttgart Public Library – Family Craft Time, new after school program on Wednesdays for all ages
11. 4/12/23 Interviewed LaDuska Sells, Park Avenue Elementary PTO – Chicken Spaghetti Supper fundraiser. The PTO is working toward updating the playground equipment and putting in some seating for the playground.
12. 4/12/23 Interviewed Logan Molock, Stuttgart Chamber of Commerce – Free Tree Friday, the Arkansas Department of Agriculture’s Forestry Division is hosting bare-root seedling giveaways. The Chamber is also partnering with Keep Arkansas Beautiful’s Great American Cleanup and Keep Arkansas Beautiful. Volunteers are needed to help with their Rid Littler Day event.
13. 4/12/23 Interviewed Tamela Turbeville, Hope of the Delta Pregnancy Care Center – Arkansas County Golf Fore Life 4-man scramble. All proceeds benefit the new Arkansas County permanent location opening soon.
14. 4/12/23 Interviewed Blake Frizzell, Stuttgart Lions Club – Annual Cajun Boiled Shrimp Dinner fundraiser. Proceeds go toward local projects and scholarships for seniors.

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15. 4/19/23 Interviewed Brian Miller, DeWitt Hospital and Nursing Home – 12th Annual Spring Fling, Health Fair and Blood Drive
16. 4/19/23 Interviewed Shae Heath, Cub Scout Pack 84 and Boy Scout Troop 84 – Indoor Rummage sale, all proceeds go back to the Stuttgart Cub Scout and Boy Scouts
17. 4/19/23 Interviewed Kristian Dabbs, St. John’s Lutheran School – Eagle Golf Classic three-man scramble, all proceeds benefit the school
18. 4/19/23 Interviewed Chuck Law, Arts Center of the Grand Prairie – Summer Art Camp dates announced
19. 4/19/23 Interviewed Lee Ann Hoskyn, PCCUA Foundation – The PCCUA Foundation Fund is hosting “Boil and Boogie” with the Zac Dunlap Band and Cam Shelton. Proceeds benefit the PCCUA Foundation and the Grand Prairie Center.
20. 4/19/23 Interviewed Dr. Faye Wilson, Family Council – The Family Council in cooperation with Crestpark Nursing Home meets the fourth Tuesday of each month. The group’s goal is to work together to provide support for Crestpark and its patients.
21. 4/19/23 Interviewed Cole Sherman and Meekins Middle School students, MMS PTO – Community Wide 5K Color Fun Run/Walk
22. 4/19/23 Interviewed Babe Free, Rescue Road – Last Hope K9 from Massachusetts bringing a group of volunteers to do some cleaning and improvements at the Stuttgart Animal Shelter and the smaller shelters in the surrounding area. Volunteers are needed to help with the projects.
23. 4/26/23 Interviewed Ryan Smith, Delta Heritage Trail State Park – May programs/events
24. 4/26/23 Interviewed Ron Worbington, Arkansas Recovery Ministries (ARM 180) – Annual Crawfish Fundraiser, all proceeds benefit ARM 180.
25. 4/26/23 Interviewed Stephanie Teer, Grand Prairie Farmers Market – The market will open in June and the deadline for vendor applications has been extended to May 12.
26. 4/26/23 Interviewed Jim Branson, Casscoe Community Center – Annual Casscoe Community Center BBQ fundraiser. All proceeds benefit the Community Center.
27. 4/26/23 Interviewed Shakeelah Rahmaan, Arts & Science Center for Southeast Arkansas – May events/programs
28. 4/26/23 Interviewed Steve Smith, Grand Prairie CASA – Crawfish and Cornhole fundraiser, all proceeds benefit Grand Prairie CASA
29. 4/26/23 Interviewed Pat Kizzire, Arkansas County Master Gardeners – Plant sale at the Arkansas County Fairgrounds
30. 5/3/23 Interviewed Amanda Stark, Prairie County Master Gardeners – Plant sales in Hazen and Des Arc, all proceeds go to scholarships for area students.

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31. 5/3/23 Interviewed Nancy Briggs, Unity Missionary Baptist Church – Unity MBC in DeWitt’s Vacation Bible School will be held on the five Wednesday nights in May. A meal will be served, and there will be a music, crafts, and a lesson.
32. 5/3/23 Interviewed Kirby McCallie, Arkansas Post National Memorial – Pollinator Program and the importance of pollinators
33. 5/3/23 Interviewed Hal Lovett, Grand Prairie Church and School – Fish Fry fundraiser, all proceeds benefit the church and school.
34. 5/3/23 Interviewed Alta Lockley, U of A Cooperative Extension Service – Arkansas County 4H Family Night. Those interested in joining 4H are invited to attend.
35. 5/3/23 Interviewed Jeff McKinney, Superintendent of Stuttgart Public Schools – Millage vote, 6.9 mills are needed to fund a \$20 million sports facility addition along with other school improvements.
36. 5/3/23 Interviewed Ken Dempsey, American Legion Brown-Wright Post #158 – Pork Butt fundraiser, all proceeds go back to the legion for local projects and the building fund.
37. 5/3/23 Interviewed Fara Foster, Museum of the Arkansas Grand Prairie – “Coffee with the Curator” held the first Thursday of each month. This month the topic is “A Tale of Two Parks”.
38. 5/10/23 Interviewed Eddie Best, Arkansas County Judge – Quorum Court update
39. 5/10/23 Interviewed Pam Dean, Principal of Stuttgart High School – Stuttgart graduation plan
40. 5/10/23 Interviewed Cody Snider, Stuttgart Kiwanis Club – Classic Car Show
41. 5/10/23 Interviewed DuShun Scarbrough, Arkansas Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission – A Nonviolence Youth Summit will be held at the Stuttgart Junior High Gym. The keynote session is open to the public with speaker actor Lamman Rucker. Guests are encourage to bring canned goods and personal hygiene items for the communities affected by the March 31 tornado.
42. 5/10/23 Interviewed David Brown, DeWitt School District – Dragon and Dragonette Basketball Camp for Kindergarten through 6th grade. The camp is for students of any school in the area.
43. 5/10/23 Interviewed Melissa Furnell, The CALL in Lonoke & Prairie Counties – Foster Care Awareness Month and ways to help foster families.
44. 5/10/23 Interviewed Melody Riley, Grand Prairie JOB Center – The Center will host “A Night to Remember” at the Grand Prairie Center in Stuttgart. Current and former clients of the Job Center are invited to participate in a night of music, dancing, and celebration.
45. 5/17/23 Interviewed Annette Bufford, Wofford Chapel Church – Community Heritage Memorial Day weekend celebration
46. 5/17/23 Interviewed Kacie Kindrix, Our Blood Institute – Blood drives in the area Stuttgart, Hazen, Des Arc, England and Lonoke

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47. 5/17/23 Interviewed Hunter Bennett, Dumas Public Library – The library and the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission are holding a Water Safety and Survival program for families. Signups are going on now for the free 6-week summer reading program.
48. 5/17/23 Interviewed Nikki Hawkins, Stuttgart Public Schools – End of year award ceremonies, semester exams, early dismissal, and safety precautions for graduation.
49. 5/17/23 Interviewed Carolyn Knowlton, Arkansas County CALL – An informational meeting for anyone who has ever considered being a foster or adoptive parent.
50. 5/17/23 Interviewed Estella Dudman, Stuttgart Public Library – Summer Reading program kicks off on June 1 with a Magic Show with Scott Davis. Activities are held each week during the month of June – Game Days on Mondays, Family StoryTime and Crafts on Wednesdays, and Movie Days on Fridays.
51. 5/17/23 Interviewed Jean Prange, Caring and Sharing Pantry – Food Pantry in DeWitt, serves South Arkansas County four times a month
52. 5/24/23 Interviewed Tim Edwards, Stuttgart Fire Prevention Officer – Grilling/Outdoor cooking safety
53. 5/24/23 Interviewed Carol Roberson, Bayou Meto United Methodist Church – Homecoming service to celebrate the church, current members, and previous members
54. 5/24/23 Interviewed Cade Bethea, American Cancer Society – Fundraiser at Stuttgart Twin Cinema, \$1 of every ticket sold will go to the American Cancer Society
55. 5/24/23 Interviewed Logan Molock, Stuttgart Chamber of Commerce – The 16th Annual Mallard Classic Golf Tournament
56. 5/24/23 Interviewed Ron Worbington, Arkansas Recovery Ministries (ARM 180) – ARM 180 is holding it's 2nd Annual Arkansas County Recovery Rally. The event is free to attend. There will be fish plates, a live band, speakers, worship, games, a dunk tank, and more. Before the rally, a Narcan training will be held and free Narcan kits will be provided after the training.
57. 5/24/23 Interviewed Cori Keller, Miss Metro – Miss Arkansas pageant, Cori is participating for the 4th year
58. 5/24/23 Interviewed Cole Sherman, Stuttgart Parks & Recreation – John Cain Aquatic Center opening and sign-ups going on now for Adult Softball and Youth Tackle Football
59. 5/24/23 Interviewed Linda Knoll, Grand Prairie Methodist Church – Vacation Bible School for 4 year olds through 6th grade. There will be lessons, music, crafts and a snack each day.
60. 5/30/23 Interviewed Wendy Young, DeWitt Lions Club – Drive Thru Hamburger Supper fundraiser at the Arkansas County Fairgrounds.
61. 5/30/23 Interviewed Stephanie Teer, Grand Prairie Farmers Market – Farmers Market opening this weekend with Super Saturday. There will be a food truck and merchant's downtown will have specials and sidewalk sales.

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62. 5/30/23 Interviewed Julie Landrum, Stuttgart Public Schools – 2023 Stuttgart Teacher of the Year
63. 5/30/23 Interviewed Tracie Vail, City of Hazen – 20th Annual Mammoth Pond Fishing Derby for children 15 years old and younger
64. 5/30/23 Interviewed Kyle Stovesand, Stuttgart Rotary Club – Annual Donald Oliver Memorial BBQ. All proceeds benefit local scholarships and projects.
65. 5/30/23 Interviewed Tia Brickey & Tawnya Herring, Summer Bookmobile – The bookmobile will travel around Stuttgart again this summer. They will make 10-minute stops at 13 different locations.
66. 5/30/23 Interviewed Eric Mahfouz, City of Stuttgart – Stuttgart City Council will host a town hall style meeting seeking the public’s input on reducing violence.
67. 6/7/23 Interviewed Ryan Smith, Delta Heritage Trail State Park – June events/programs
68. 6/7/23 Interviewed Samantha Stadter, Baptist Health – Grocery Store Tour series to help parents learn how to navigate the grocery store to make healthier choices for their families and save money. Tours will be given at Walmart in Stuttgart.
69. 6/7/23 Interviewed Jennifer “Pooh” White, Merritt Scherm, and Hollyn Watkins, First Methodist Church in Stuttgart – Indoor rummage sale, all proceeds go to youth missions.
70. 6/7/23 Interviewed Tricia Rogers, Monroe County Library – Summer Reading program
71. 6/7/23 Interviewed Teddy Holt, Community Prayer Rally – Stuttgart and surrounding areas invited to a Community Prayer Rally at the downtown Stuttgart Stage on South Main
72. 6/7/23 Interviewed Kirby McCallie, Arkansas Post National Memorial – Youth Fishing Derby
73. 6/7/23 Interviewed Fara Foster and Jesse Walsh, Museum of the Arkansas Grand Prairie – Summer programs: Coffee with the Curator, Projects on the Prairie, and a Summer Ladies Luncheon.
74. 6/7/23 Interviewed Rebecca Seyller, Stuttgart Kiwanis Club – Annual Radiothon, all proceeds go to the Arkansas County Community for youth projects like Dana’s House, Easter Seals, the ICCM Food Bank, Parks & Rec, and more.
75. 6/7/23 Interviewed Renee Robison, Grand Prairie Center – Artrageous 1st Annual Artreach summer arts camp in Stuttgart. Students will learn to express themselves through a variety of art forms, learn from professional artists and musicians, and perform on a stage.
76. 6/14/23 Interviewed Eddie Best, Arkansas County Judge – Quorum Court update
77. 6/14/23 Interviewed Jessica Millerd, Stuttgart Public Schools – Stuttgart Schools summer lunch program
78. 6/14/23 Interviewed Kylia Neasley, Juneteenth Community Committee – Juneteenth Celebrations on Saturday, June 17th at the Stuttgart Stage downtown.

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79. 6/14/23 Interviewed Amanda Stark Prairie County Extension Service – Prairie County 4H is holding three camps-STEM Camp, Green Thumb Camp, and Cooking Camp for 5-18 year olds.
80. 6/14/23 Interviewed Cori Keller, Miss Arkansas – Stuttgart native crowned Miss Arkansas
81. 6/14/23 Interviewed Jeremy Prine, Southside Baptist Church – Vacation Bible School for 4 year olds through 6th grade. There will be lessons, music, crafts and a snack each day.
82. 6/14/23 Interviewed Gus Hensiek and Waylon Wiggins, Yoder Ruritan – Fish Fry fundraiser at the Grand Prairie Center. All proceeds go to the Yoder Ruritan Scholarship Fund.
83. 6/21/23 Interviewed Sanders Brooks, St. Charles First Baptist Church – Vacation Bible School for Kindergarten through 6th grade. There will be lessons, music, crafts and a snack each day.
84. 6/21/23 Interviewed Tricia Barnard, Stuttgart Ricebird Band – Band parents are having a bake sale at the Grand Prairie Farmers Market in Stuttgart. Volunteers are needed to provide baked goods.
85. 6/21/23 Interviewed Joanne Loudermilk, Fish & Loaves Food Pantry – Changes to schedule for fruits and vegetables and USDA Commodity Distributions for Arkansas County Residents.
86. 6/21/23 Interviewed Connie Dooley, Bookmarks Adult Book Club – They meet each Monday at the Stuttgart Public Library and are looking for new members.
87. 6/21/23 Interviewed Cole Sherman, Stuttgart Harvest Church – Vacation Bible School for Kindergarten through 6th grade. There will be lessons, music, crafts and a snack each night.
88. 6/21/23 Interviewed Logan Molock, Stuttgart Chamber of Commerce – The 2023 Education Appreciation Luncheon presented by the Kiwanis Club of Stuttgart and hosted by the Stuttgart Chamber of Commerce and the Chamber Education Committee will be held Thursday, August 10th. Nominations for various awards will be open to staff from all schools in Stuttgart and forms are due June 30. Tickets will be on sale soon.
89. 6/21/23 Interviewed Tori Raab, Celebrate Recovery – A faith based support group for any kind of recovery, meets every Thursday with a meal, fellowship, and small groups. Meetings take place at First Baptist Church’s Stuttgart North Hills Campus.
90. 6/28/23 Interviewed Janae Thompson, Hazen Public Library – Summer programs at the Hazen and DeValls Bluff public libraries
91. 6/28/23 Interviewed Austin Hayes, Grand Avenue United Methodist Church – A free Swim Camp at the John Cain Aquatic Center is sponsored by GAUMC.
92. 6/28/23 Interviewed Evan Jacobs, City of Lonoke – Lonoke’s Annual 4th of July Pops on the Prairie Festival. There will be food trucks, family fun, a flag ceremony, live music, and a fireworks show.
93. 6/28/23 Interviewed Ariyan Randolph, Delta Memorial Hospital – Dumas Community Health Fair, there will be free health screenings, health and wellness education, games, refreshments and more.

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94. 6/28/23 Interviewed Erin Taylor, Prairie County Sheriff's Department – Popsicles with Police even will be held at the Hazen Public Library. All Prairie County police agencies are participating. They will have popsicles and goody bags for children. This is their first event to help build a positive relationship with police.
95. 6/28/23 Interviewed Blake Frizzell, Stuttgart Lions Club – The Stuttgart Lions Club Firework Show sponsored by RightFiber will be held at Ned Mosley Stadium.
96. 6/28/23 Interviewed Shakeelah Rahman, Arts & Science Center for Southeast Arkansas – July events/programs