

COMMUNITY NEEDS – PROBLEMS OF COMMUNITY

7/1/2023 – 9/30/2023

1. 7/5/23 Interviewed Brenda Norman, Desha County Compassionate Friends – Compassionate Friends, a support group for anyone who has lost a child, is holding a “Walk to Remember” at the Dumas Community Center. Family members are encouraged to walk in memory of all children gone too soon.
2. 7/5/23 Interviewed Sheryl Yelvington, First Methodist Church – Vacation Bible School for 4 year olds through 6th grade.
3. 7/5/23 Interviewed Babe Free, Stuttgart Animal Shelter – The shelter is urgently seeking foster and adoptive homes. The shelter is full and they are having to double up some of the kennels.
4. 7/5/23 Interviewed Rick Helton, Dumas Chamber of Commerce – The 9th Annual Corn Supper with Esau’s “famous” sweet corn.
5. 7/5/23 Interviewed Stephanie Teer, Grand Prairie Farmers Market – The farmers market is open every Saturday through September in downtown Stuttgart. This week is Super Saturday. There will be a food truck and merchant’s downtown will have special sales.
6. 7/5/23 Interviewed Carolyn Knowlton, Arkansas County CALL – An informational and support meeting will be held at FUMC in DeWitt. This meeting is for anyone who has ever considered being a foster or adoptive parent or would like to volunteer with the CALL to help support foster/adoptive families.
7. 7/12/23 Interviewed Patricia Green, Baptist Health PACE – The PACE Program is holding a Senior Resource Fair, the event is free to attend and for anyone looking for programs and resources for senior adults.
8. 7/12/23 Interviewed Andrew Skinner, First Baptist Church – Vacation Bible School for 4 year olds through 6th graders. There will be lessons, music, crafts, and a snack each day.
9. 7/12/23 Interviewed Ethan Dunbar, Arkansas Black Mayors Association – Community meeting in Dumas to gain feedback from residents regarding needed Watershed Improvements.
10. 7/12/23 Interviewed Kacie Kindrix, Our Blood Institute – Blood Drives coming up in DeWitt, McGehee and Stuttgart.
11. 7/12/23 Interviewed Kimberly Schimmel, Stuttgart High School – SHS Archery Team fundraiser, orders are being taken for Ricebird license plates. All proceeds go toward archery team expenses and t-shirts for the team.
12. 7/12/23 Interviewed Eddie Best, Arkansas County Judge – Quorum Court update
13. 7/19/23 Interviewed Ryan Smith, Delta Heritage Trail State Park – July events and programs
14. 7/19/23 Interviewed Steve Shepherd, Greenway Equipment – Backpack program
15. 7/19/23 Interviewed Janet Bushey, Lighthouse Church – Vacation Bible School for Kindergarten through 5th graders. There will be lessons, music, crafts, and a snack each day.

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16. 7/19/23 Interviewed Stephanie Teer, Grand Prairie Soccer Association – Soccer sign-ups for the fall season for 3 – 17 year olds.
17. 7/19/23 Interviewed Nikki Hawkins, Stuttgart Public Schools – Back to School info for the district: signing days, open houses, sports physicals, and more.
18. 7/19/23 Interviewed Teddy Holt, Community Prayer Rally – Stuttgart and surrounding areas invited to a Community Prayer Rally at the downtown Stuttgart Stage on South Main
19. 7/19/23 Interviewed Kalyn Tenison, Hazen School District – Hazen Hornet Cheer Clinic for Prek through 6th graders
20. 7/19/23 Interviewed Renee Robison, Grand Prairie Center – New Mexico performing arts troupe Artrageous will hold a public performance this Saturday. The performance is the conclusion to the group’s weeklong summer arts camp for children taking place at the center.
21. 7/19/23 Interviewed Josh Zarlingo, Stuttgart High School – Ricebirds Basketball Academy for 2nd through 6th graders. Students will learn the fundamentals of passing, dribbling, shooting, and defensive principals.
22. 7/26/23 Interviewed Ray Butler, DeWitt Back to School Fun Day – The 17th Annual Back to School Fun Day for K – 12th Graders. Backpacks will be available for pick up at the DeWitt Community Center.
23. 7/26/23 Interviewed Josh Hayes, Stuttgart Ricebird Booster Club – Season passes, reserved seat renewals, and new reserved seating are for sale.
24. 7/26/23 Interviewed Susan Adamson-Ray, Brooklyn Project Foundation – 4th Annual Golf, Baggo, and Tennis Tournament to support childhood cancer research. Sponsorship opportunities are available.
25. 7/26/23 Interviewed LaTaaka Harvey, Community Organization Programs for Our Youth – Annual Back to School Backpack and Supply Giveaway
26. 7/26/23 Interviewed Eddie Best, Arkansas County Judge – Arkansas County residents are encouraged to participate in the “Arkansas Digital Skills and Access Survey” to help the State make fast, reliable, affordable internet available for all Arkansans.
27. 7/26/23 Interviewed Logan Molock, Stuttgart Chamber of Commerce – Education Appreciation Luncheon tickets are available now. The Chamber is also seeking door prize donations.
28. 8/2/23 Interviewed Austin Hayes, Grand Avenue United Methodist Church – Free Back to School Party, food and activities for the whole family
29. 8/2/23 Interviewed Logan Prince, Stuttgart Public Schools – The Lady Ricebird Softball Team BBQ Dinner fundraiser. Proceeds will be used to purchase practice equipment for the team.
30. 8/2/23 Interviewed Fara Foster, Museum of the Arkansas Grand Prairie – “Coffee with the Curator” program, the topic this month is “Gum Pond” focusing on the Swamp Land Act of 1850 to the Buerkle Family’s arrival in Stuttgart.

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31. 8/2/23 Interviewed Haley Ligon, Mid-Delta Health Systems – Mid-Delta and Arkansas Rural Health Partnership are hosting a Farm Safety and Trauma Day with Community Narcan Training. Local farmers, agriculture industry employees and local community leaders are encouraged to attend.
32. 8/2/23 Interviewed Dushun Scarbrough, Arkansas Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission – School Supply giveaway at the Stuttgart Police Department
33. 8/2/23 Interviewed Father Shaun Wesley, Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church – Annual Pasta & Meatball Supper and Bake Sale
34. 8/9/23 Interviewed Eddie Best, Arkansas County Judge – Quorum Court updated
35. 8/9/23 Interviewed Nikki Hawkins, Stuttgart Public Schools – District back to school info: Open Houses, paperwork for the upcoming year, and the district Apptegy app.
36. 8/9/23 Interviewed Teresa Conner, Baptist Health – Baptist Health Community Outreach is offering free back to school shots. Free backpacks filled with school supplies will be given to the first 50 children who receive immunizations.
37. 8/9/23 Interviewed Carolyn Knowlton, Arkansas County CALL – An informational and support meeting will be held at Park Avenue Baptist Church in Stuttgart. This meeting is for anyone who has considered being a foster or adoptive parent or would like to volunteer with the CALL to help support foster and adoptive families.
38. 8/9/23 Interviewed Josh Price, Stuttgart Public Schools – Athletic program is holding its annual Ricebird Kickoff. Fans will meet the senior high and junior high football teams. Every plater will be introduced and there will be a short scrimmage game for each team. The entry fee is a case of bottled water or a container of powdered Gatorade for the teams.
39. 8/16/23 Interviewed Shakeelah Rahman, Arts & Science Center for Southeast Arkansas – Auditions for “Three Murders and it’s only Monday” play, Yoga in the Loft, Painting in the Digital World, and more upcoming events/programs
40. 8/16/23 Interviewed Brian Reynolds, Ulm Civic Club – Fish fry fundraiser at the Ulm Community Center. All proceeds benefit scholarships and the Ulm Community Center.
41. 8/16/23 Interviewed Cori Keller, Miss Arkansas – Homecoming reception celebrating Stuttgart native Miss Arkansas Cori Keller. Those attending are asked to bring a non-perishable food item to support Cori’s community service initiative. All items will be donated to Stuttgart area food pantries.
42. 8/16/23 Interviewed Susan Adamson Ray, Brooklyn Project Foundation – The 4th Annual Brooklyn Project Foundation’s Golf, Baggo, and Tennis Tournament to support childhood cancer research.
43. 8/23/23 Interviewed Julie Crum, ESS – Free Substitute Teacher Training for the Dumas School District
44. 8/23/23 Interviewed Jاليا Wyatt and Paul Colvin, Stuttgart Gloves Not Guns – Bingo Not Boxing fundraiser and Fight for a Cure Boxing event being held in October. Boxers can sign up now. There will be an honoree wall for those who have fought cancer or are currently fighting.

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45. 8/23/23 Interviewed Elaine Hornbeck, DeWitt School District – The DeWitt Dragon Cheerleader fundraiser “Salad Supper and Fashion Show”. Proceeds go towards purchasing items to promote school spirit.
46. 8/23/23 Interviewed Pat Kizzire, Arkansas County Master Gardeners – “Hibernating Your Flower Garden” program at PCCUA in DeWitt. Learn how to get your plants ready for winter with guest speaker Randy Forst, Horticulture and State Coordinator for the Arkansas Master Gardener Program.
47. 8/23/23 Interviewed Cody Snider, Hazen Hornet Booster Club – Hornet Tailgate before the Hazen Senior High Football Game. There will be bouncy houses, a dunking booth, food, and more for the whole family to enjoy before kickoff.
48. 8/30/23 Interviewed Bob Paxton, President of the Arkansas County Fair Association – The Arkansas County Fair
49. 8/30/23 Interviewed Nikki Hawkins, Stuttgart Public Schools – District info regarding interim reports and sports
50. 8/30/23 Interviewed Marian Ruffin, Grief Share Ministry – Classes starting at Southside Baptist Church in Stuttgart. This is for people needing support and help with grieving the loss of a family member or friend. The group will meet each Tuesday for 13 weeks.
51. 8/30/23 Interviewed Estella Dudman, Stuttgart Public Library – After School Family Craft Time for students and families starting back up. The library also offers Family Story Time with playtime and snacks for toddlers, preschoolers and their families on Wednesdays.
52. 9/6/23 Interviewed Ryan Smith, Delta Heritage Trail State Park – September events and programs
53. 9/6/23 Interviewed Hunter Bennett, Dumas Public Library – New reading programs launching in September
54. 9/6/23 Interviewed Kimberly Morgan, Operation Christmas Child – Three Rivers Area Operation Christmas Child Team is hosting OCC Project Leader Workshops in Star City and Helena. The workshops are intended for anyone who would like to learn more about packing shoebox gifts to be sent to children around the world. Resources, materials, and shoeboxes will be distributed to all attendees.
55. 9/6/23 Interviewed Susan Adamson-Ray, Brooklyn Project Foundation – 4th Annual Brooklyn Project Foundation Golf, Baggo and Tennis Tournament to support childhood cancer research. They have also added a softball tournament with all proceeds benefiting the Brooklyn Project Foundation.
56. 9/6/23 Interviewed Emilee Baker, Plantation Agriculture Museum – 31st Annual Antique Tractor and Engine Show
57. 9/13/23 Interviewed Eddie Best, Arkansas County Judge – Quorum Court Update
58. 9/13/23 Interviewed Sydney Crawford and Jessie Campbell, Stuttgart Future Farmers of America – Annual Mum Sale

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60. 9/13/23 Interviewed Chuck Law, Arts Center of the Grand Prairie – After School Programs, Adult Ceramics Classes, and Visual Arts Program
61. 9/13/23 Interviewed Courtney Bisswanger, DeWitt Women’s Club – Diaper Drive, all donations will be given to the Caring and Sharing Food Pantry in DeWitt
62. 9/13/23 Interviewed Jacob Sullivan, Arkansas County Fair – Demolition Derby
63. 9/13/23 Interviewed Barbara Holt Bryant, Keaton Township Project – Annual Gala Luncheon celebrating and honoring five community leaders.
64. 9/20/23 Interviewed Bethany Hildebrand, Stuttgart Chamber of Commerce – Legacy Brick orders are being taken
65. 9/20/23 Interviewed Greg Price, Prairie County Fair – Demolition Derby
66. 9/20/23 Interviewed Logan Prince, Fellowship of Christian Ricebirds – Kickoff for students. Churches in the Stuttgart Community provide their facilities for students to gather together and worship.
67. 9/20/23 Interviewed Jennifer Allbritton, Arkansas Baptist State Convention – Free Medical and Dental Clinic, including Mammograms at FBC Stuttgart’s North Hills Campus
68. 9/27/23 Interviewed Stephanie Cook, Alzheimer’s Arkansas – Walk in Helena supporting Arkansas families affected by Alzheimer’s
69. 9/27/23 Interviewed Lindsey Phillips, American Legion Post 48 – Monthly meeting, anyone interested in joining the American Legion is invited to come and learn more about who they are and what they do.
70. 9/27/23 Interviewed Jacie Houghton, Stuttgart Ricebird Senior Varsity Cheer Squad – Pee Wee Cheer Clinic for Kindergarten through 6th graders.
71. 9/27/23 Interviewed Heather Reed, Desha County Extension Service – 4-H Mum Sale
72. 9/27/23 Interviewed Fara Foster, Museum of the Arkansas Grand Prairie – “Coffee with the Curator” program is hosting a Historical Walking Tour in Downtown Stuttgart
73. 9/27/23 Interviewed Josh Zarlingo, Stuttgart High School – Senior Boys Basketball BBQ Dinner Fundraiser
74. 9/27/23 Interviewed Stephanie Teer, Grand Prairie Farmers Market – The Market is open for the last week of the season and having Super Saturday. There will be vendors at the Farmers Market. The Grand Prairie Arts Center is holding an Art Walk, there will be Children’s Activities, and Downtown Merchants will have Brunch and Refreshments.