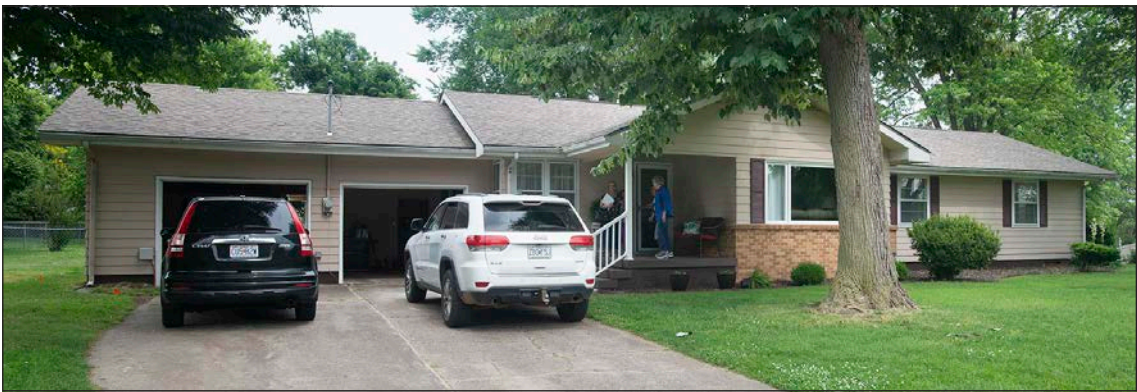


Solace House of the Ozarks intentionally provides the opposite of an institutional feel for “guests” within their last 30 days of life.



Sandy Kennedy Hughes gives a tour of one of two rooms for guests in Solace House of the Ozarks. The vacant area is for the guest’s hospital bed, while the bed at right is for the guest’s family to be there 24/7.

A home for solace at the end of life

BY BOB FOOS

SENTINEL EDITOR

The first home specifically for short-term end-of-life care in the Joplin area is officially open and ready to serve guests.

Solace House of the Ozarks is really just a house in a residential area in the southwest corner of Joplin. Its founders purposely want it to be a homelike environment – nothing like a hospital. In that vein, those living at the home



A prospective trained volunteer, Carey Prater (right), is interviewed by Solace House trustees Sandy Kennedy Hughes and Susan Lincoln.

during their last days are called guests instead of patients.

Solace House follows a unique model, one of the best examples of which is the Clarehouse in Tulsa, Okla.

Sandy Kennedy Hughes, a Solace House trustee, learned about the Clarehouse two weeks after her husband, Roger Hughes, died of cancer in 2018.

“I knew that this (a home similar

to Clarehouse) is what we should do,” says Hughes.

Since she moved back to southwest Missouri, she has been involved in the effort to offer a similar home in the Joplin area to care for cancer patients and their families.

Clarehouse and Solace House are among approximately 50 members in the Omega Home

► SOLACE HOUSE PAGE 11

COVID-19 KINDNESSES

ACTS OF KINDNESS

YOUR SUBMISSIONS TO CAROLYN FOAT

From the thousands of daily media reports, we know that millions of people all over the world are stepping up to help their fellow men. While abiding with social distancing, people are finding creative ways to help others. Knowing what a caring community this is, I’m asking you to share what kindnesses you’ve given, received or observed during this crisis! Just a sentence will do. I want to collect these good deeds for special editions of the Acts of Kindness column in the Webb City Sentinel. Please send emails to news@webbcity.net. Thank you! Stories from all over the world are welcome!

Thank you, Carolyn Foat

The kindness of respect

All week, I have observed Joplin as I’ve never seen it before! Young and old, men and women, boys and girls, rich and poor, LGBTQ and straight, and black and brown and white together expressing their shared beliefs that all people deserve the same rights.

Debbie Frye

Special kindnesses for seniors

I want to thank people in Webb City who help the elderly to stay in their homes. Thanks to Prater Pharmacy for home deliveries and calls to check on prescriptions. The Webb City Senior Center and Meals

on Wheels provide not only meals but welcome visits as well.

Thanks to the fire department staff who offer help when seniors fall or need assistance.

Thanks also to neighbors who check on elderly and other neighbors who may need help, especially now.

It is because of the kindness of the Webb City community that many of its citizens are able to stay in their homes and the town they love! I’ve observed this across the many years my mom has lived here and we both are so thankful.

S. Hildebrand

Lunchtime kindness

While at the mall one day buying lunch, I was in line behind a young soldier. Being a military brat of sorts myself, I knew the military pay is not great. So, after the soldier ordered, I reached out with my credit card and told the cashier/owner I would be paying for both lunches.

The soldier began thanking me and the owner started wiping her eyes! The thank you was expected but the tears were not. She was very moved by my gesture, and she said I restored her faith in people being kind to others.

It was a very small effort on my part to be kind, but it had other unexpected consequences.

Donna Krudwig

Carolyn Foat feels certain there are many acts of kindness in relation to the epidemic crisis. We’re waiting to hear about them – even one-liners. Send them to news@webbcity.net.

Thanks for renewing



Jim and Shirley Maples

65th ANNIVERSARY THE MAPLESES

Jim and Shirley Maples will be celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary on Friday, June 12.

They were married on June 12, 1955, at the Alba Christian Church.

Friends and family are welcome to wish them a happy anniversary by sending cards to: 3828 College View Drive, Apt. 104, Joplin, MO 64801.



Janis and Paul Jackson

50th ANNIVERSARY THE JACKSONS

Paul and Janis (Halfin) Jackson will be celebrating their 50th anniversary on June 20. They were married in Albuquerque, N.M., on June 20, 1970, after which they moved to Webb City. Paul retired in 1998 from the Social Security Administration as an operations supervisor after 38 years. Janis retired in 2005 after working in the Webb City School System for 26 years as a teacher and a Title I teaching assistant.

They have one daughter, Darlene Schmitt and her husband Tony, of Neosho, and two grandchildren Lola and Charlie.



Vicki and David Earhart

50th ANNIVERSARY THE EARHARTS

David and Vicki (King) Earhart are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

They were married at Park Plaza Christian Church in Joplin on Friday, June 12th, 1970.

David and Vicki were high school sweet hearts while attending Joplin High School. After high school, Vicki received her nursing degree while David was earning degrees in computer science and mathematics at Missouri Southern State University. Later, he earned his MBA from Missouri State University in Springfield. He worked for Allgeier and Martin before going to Leggett & Platt in 1974

in the computer department. He retired from Leggett and Platt in 2016 after 42 years.

Vicki was a stay-at-home mom while their sons were small. She returned to nursing at Freeman Hospital for 32 years. Vicki enjoyed being a wedding coordinator and making wedding cakes. She began the Welcome Ministry at Christ Church of Oronogo and served on staff until retiring in 2016.

David and Vicki have two sons, Shon and Chris; and six grandchildren, Sheldon, Larkin, Ava, Silas, Sawyer, Cora.

Shon and his wife Michelle live in North Carolina, where he is a children’s minister. Chris and his wife Amy live in Houston, Texas, where he

is director of operations for McAlister’s Deli in Texas.

David and Vicki enjoy being with their grandchildren, world traveling, BSF Bible study, pickleball, bowling, Broadway plays, theater, family genealogy, and mowing. David is an elder at CCO and is on the board for Koinonia Christian Campus Ministry at MSSU. Both David and Vicki serve on the board for Freeman Advantage.

David and Vicki celebrated with a trip earlier this year to Australia, New Zealand and Fiji.

A family celebration this month in Gulf Shores has been postponed due to the coronavirus. They live at 333 Hawthorne Road in Webb City.

Calendar

WED 10	Webb City Park Board 6 p.m. at the Mining Days Community Building.	fundraiser will held to benefit Police Sgt. Brian Ward and his family.
THU 11		
FRI 12		
SAT 13	Pancake fundraiser for Police Sgt. Brian Ward 8 – 11 a.m. at Webb City Fire Department. Cruise Night 5 – 8 p.m. on Webb City’s Main Street at Old Route 66 (Broadway). A	
SUN 14		
MON 15	Carl Junction Planning Commission 6 p.m. at City Hall. Diabetes Support Group 4 – 5 p.m. at Freeman Wellness Center (417-347-6621).	
TUE 16	Eat Street at the Market 4 – 8 p.m. at the King Jack Park pavilion.	
WED 17		

April & Friends

BY CURTIS SMITH



UPCOMING

Flag Day Saturday, June 14.
WCHS Commencement Friday, June 19.
CJHS Commencement Friday, June 19.
Father’s Day Sunday, June 21.

SENIOR CENTER

Webb City Senior Citizens Center
201 N. Pennsylvania St.
(417) 673-1876

REGULAR FREE ACTIVITIES

Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.
— Treadmill, Wii, stationary bike, cards, dominos, computers.
Tuesday & Thursday
— Exercise class, 10 – 11 a.m.
Cards and dominos at 12:30 p.m.
Wednesday
— Bingo, 10:15 a.m.

REGULAR TIMES

OATS Transit Call (800) 770-6287 to schedule a ride.
Webb City Farmers Market 4 – 7 p.m. Tuesdays and 9 a.m. – noon Saturdays at King Jack Park Pavilion.
Webb City Public Library 101 S. Liberty St. Open 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday; 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Closed Sunday. (673-4326).
Genealogy Room
third floor of the Webb City Public Library. Noon to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday (673-0398).
Pre-school Story Time
10:30 a.m. Thursdays, led by Vicki Bibb, children’s librarian, at Webb City Public Library.
TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) 5 – 7 p.m. Mondays at Central United Methodist Church. Brenda Hulderman (417) 529-4345.
Adult Education and Literacy
5 – 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Webb City Public Library. Call (417) 625-5263 to find out when to enroll for the next eight-week session.
Joplin Public Library 1901 E. 20th St., 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Tues., Wed., Fri., Sat.; 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. Mon., Thurs.; 1 – 5 p.m. Sun. (623-7953).
Joplin History and Mineral Museum
10 a.m. – 7 p.m. Tuesday; 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Wednesday – Saturday, in Schifferdecker Park. \$3 admission for ages 6 and above.
Spiva Library (on MSSU campus)
7:30 a.m.-11 p.m. Mon. – Fri., 9 a.m.-11 p.m. Sat., 2-10 p.m. Sun. (625-9386).
Joplin Blood Donor Center at Northpark Mall main entrance, 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. Mon. – Fri. and first Saturday of the month.
Jasper County Health Department
105 Lincoln St., Carthage, (877) 879-9131.
Spiva Center for the Arts 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Tues., Wed., Fri. and Sat.; 10 a.m. – 8:30 p.m. Thurs.; 1 – 5 p.m. Sun. Closed Mon. Located at 222 W. Third St., Joplin.

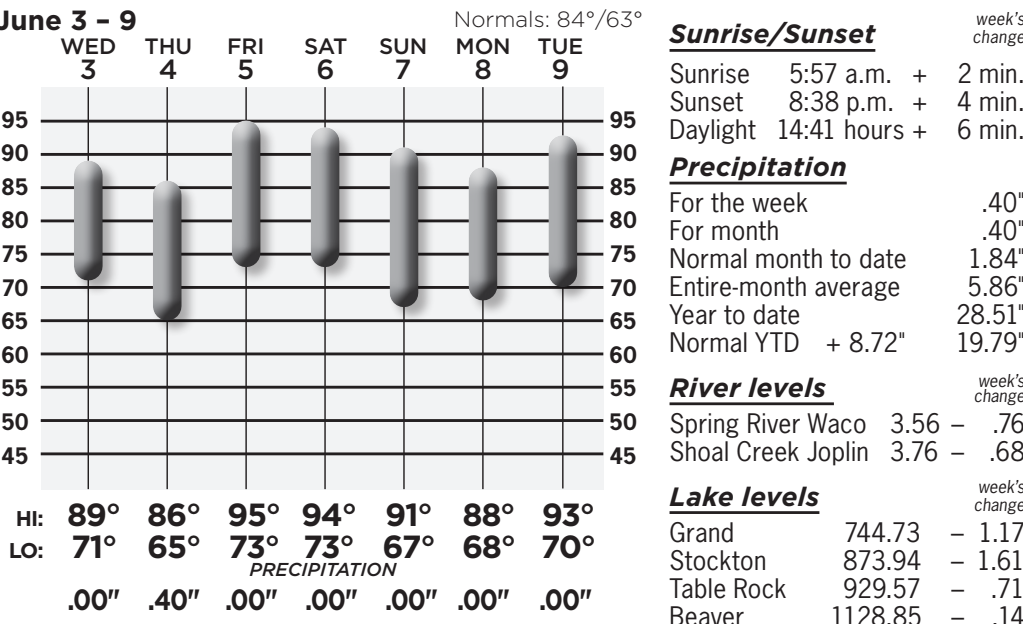
Joplin Humane Society 1 – 5 p.m. Mon. – Thurs.; 1 – 6 p.m. Fri.; 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Sat., and 1 – 4 p.m. Sun. Located off Joplin’s Main Street Road at 140 E. Emperor Lane (623-3642).
Joplin Recycling Center Noon – 6 p.m. Tues. and Thurs.; 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Wed., Fri. and Sat. 1310 W. A St., three blocks east of Maiden Lane (417-624-0280 ext. 501).
American Legion & Auxiliary Post 322 second Tuesday at the Legion Hall, 1000 N. Webb St. Dinner at 6 p.m., meeting at 6:30 p.m.
VFW Post 7630, third Monday at 1000 N. Webb St., 6:30 p.m., preceded by a covered dish dinner at 6 p.m., (673-3181).
Masonic Lodge No. 512 fourth Tuesday at the Masonic Temple, 401 W. Broadway. Dinner at 6 p.m. at Culver’s restaurant. Lodge meeting at 7 p.m. at temple.
Order of Eastern Star No. 204 first and third Thursdays at the Masonic Temple, 401 W. Broadway. Dinner at 6 p.m., chapter at 7 p.m.
Order of Amaranth Praying Hands Court No. 15 first and third Fridays at 7 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, 401 W. Broadway.
Rotary Webb City/Carl Junction, noon Wednesdays at Granny Shaffer’s Restaurant.
Elks Lodge 861 7 p.m., second and fourth Mondays at 1010 N. Madison St.
Cub Scout Pack 25 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at First Presbyterian Church of Webb City (417-439-7432).
Boy Scout Troop 25
6:45 p.m. Mondays at First Presbyterian Church of Webb City (417-317-4329).
Boy Scout Troop 70
7 p.m. Mondays at First Christian Church of Carl Junction.
Wildcat Glades Conservation Center
9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and noon – 4 p.m. Sunday. Closed Monday and Tuesday. Wildcat Park and nature trails open dawn to dusk each day. (782-NATR).
Show-Me-State MS Support Group
7 p.m. on the second Thursday at Southwest Missouri Bank, Zora & Range Line.
John Birch Society 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday at the SMB Community Room at Range Line and Zora (417) 475-3841, (417) 389-7394.
Show Me Harmony ladies a cappella chorus, 7 – 9 p.m. each Thursday at Joplin Family Worship (east entrance), 5290 E. Seventh St. (1/4 mile west of 249). (417) 434-7550.
Spring River 4-H Club second Sunday at Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church. Club leader Ela Winder (417) 317-2990.
Friendship Doll Club 2 – 4 p.m. on the third Sunday at Joplin Public Library. Lots of fun projects and sharing of doll collections. (417) 623-3932.

Weather

Weather Forecast

WEDNESDAY 20% & breezy Hi: 76 Lo: 56	THURSDAY Sunny Hi: 85 Lo: 62	FRIDAY Sunny Hi: 88 Lo: 64
---	---	---

Weather History



Menu

WEBB CITY R-7 SCHOOLS

Free Grab-n-Go breakfast and lunch are served each day of summer school at Madge T. James Kindergarten Center, Webster Primary Center, Webb City Middle School and Webb City High School.

WEBB CITY SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

Area Agency on Aging Region X has closed all senior citizens centers, including those in Webb City, Joplin and Carl Junction until at least July.

WEBB CITY

FROM PAGE 1

tal projects that are underway and go slow on those that have not started yet.

SWEARING IN

City Clerk Kim DeMoss swore in four council members who were re-elected Tuesday, June 2: Ray Edwards (1st Ward), Alisa Barroeta (2nd Ward), Jerry Fisher (3rd Ward), and Jim Dawson (4th Ward).
Fisher, the veteran on the council, was elected by the council as mayor pro tem again.
Sara Oliver, who lost 36-31 to Barroeta, was appointed to the board of adjustments by Ragsdale.

SOLACE HOUSE

FROM PAGE 12

Network. Hughes and Susan Lincoln, another Solace House trustee, have attended an Omega Home Network conference.
Lincoln emphasizes, “We’re not a hospice house.”
The main distinction is that a hospice house is owned by a company and operated by its employees.
Solace House received its designation as a charitable non-profit organization on March 13. All services are free to the guests, and Medicare is not billed.
Family members are encouraged to spend as much time as they like with the guests at Solace House. There is a bed in each room for the guest’s family member to be nearby at all hours. Families have access to the kitchen, dining room and other living areas, including an outdoor patio. Pets aren’t allowed in the home, but there is a fenced back yard.
Guests are cared for 24 hours a day by trained volunteers (dressed in normal attire – not clinical uniforms) who take directions from the guest’s hospice nurses. A contract between the guest and hospice company is required prior to admission.

Guests are accepted only after they reach their last 30 days of life.
The Solace House organization consists of a four-member board of directors and 13 trustees. Solace was selected as the home’s name by the trustees because it means comfort, support, relief and consolation.
The grand opening, postponed from the original date in March because of the coronavirus, was held June 1.
“Within 24 hour we had our first guest,” says Hughes. “The need is great.”
She points out that churches and friends can help families during the

Police Chief Don Melton updated the council on Sgt. Brian Ward’s recovery from injuries he received when hit by a vehicle in Florida while he was parked along side the road placing his son in a car seat.
Melton said Ward is expected to come home Thursday and that it will take time for his extensive injuries to heal but a full recovery is expected.
There will be two fundraising activities Saturday for Ward and his family. A pancake feed will be held at the fire department from 8 to 11 a.m. And then there will be the monthly Cruise Night on Main Street.

end-of-life period, “but they’re not there 24/7.”
“We have a national shortage of caregivers in America,” Hughes adds.
In fact, until more of the “right people” are trained as volunteers, Hughes says she is taking the night shift.
In addition to volunteer nurses, Solace House is accepting volunteers for a variety of roles, including cleaning, cooking, laundry, gardening and maintenance. All volunteers undergo background checks.
A garage sale to raise funds will be held June 26-27. And an online art auction will be held.
Hughes, who is also the board secretary and co-treasurer, says she’s noticed that so far the greatest financial support has come from the Carl Junction and Webb City area.
Solace House of the Ozarks is at 2425 Mina Avenue, Joplin. There’s a virtual tour on its website, www.solace-houseoftheozarks.com, as well as more information about the mission, policies, volunteering and donating.

sentinel WEBB CITY•WEBB CITY•WEBB CITY•	
New Subscriber	Rates
All subscriptions end Dec. 31, 2020	
REGULAR Inside Jasper County	\$20.04*
SENIOR CITIZEN Inside Jasper County	\$18.47*
MISSOURI Outside Jasper County	\$25.05*
OUT-STATE Outside Missouri	\$23.20
*SALES TAX INCLUDED	