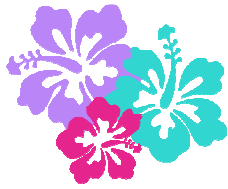


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MARCH 2016



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The City Clerk will be out of town March 1-3 attending the Missouri Rural Water Conference. City Hall will be closed for business during this time. Phone messages will be checked. If you have an emergency, please contact Mayor Charles Fields at 694-3579.



The annual statewide tornado drill will take place on Tuesday, March 15th at 1:30 p.m. Calhoun sirens are scheduled to go off at that time. If there is bad weather in the area, the drill will be rescheduled.

This is a good time to make sure your entire family knows where to go and what to do in the event of a real tornado. Have a family tornado plan in place, based on the kind of dwelling you live in. Know where you can take shelter in a matter of seconds, and practice a family tornado drill at least once a year. Have a pre-determined place to meet after a disaster. Flying debris is the greatest danger in tornadoes; so store protective coverings (e.g., mattress, sleeping bags, thick blankets, etc) in or next to your shelter space, ready to use on a few seconds' notice. When a tornado watch is issued, think about the drill and check to make sure all your safety supplies are handy. Turn on local TV, radio or NOAA Weather Radio and stay alert for warnings. Forget about the old notion of opening windows to equalize pressure; the tornado will blast open the windows for you! If you shop frequently at certain stores, learn where there are bathrooms, storage rooms or other interior shelter areas away from windows, and the shortest way to get there. If you are planning to build a house, consider an underground tornado shelter or an interior safe room.

If you need shelter during a storm warning, the Calhoun Baptist Church located at 307 S. College Street will be opened.



The Presidential Preference Primary will be held on Tuesday, March 15th. Calhoun City Hall is the polling place for Tebo and Springfield Townships. Polls open at 6 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. Handicap parking and accessibility is available at the rear of the building.

The General Municipal Election will take place on Tuesday, April 5th. Calhoun citizens will be voting on a proposition to continue to apply and collect the local sales tax on the titling of motor vehicles, trailers, boats and outboard motors that are purchased from a source other than a licensed Missouri dealer? Here is some general information concerning the tax that may answer your questions:

How does the tax affect me? The tax only applies to you if you purchase a motor vehicle, trailer, boat or outboard motor from out-of-state. Similar purchases made in-state will be subject to the local sales tax regardless of the vote on this ballot question.

What is the sales tax about? A Missouri Supreme Court Case (Street vs. the Director of Revenue) in 2012, followed by subsequent state legislation (HB 184/SB 182) in 2013, required that cities without a use tax (such as Calhoun) must receive voter approval by November 2016 to continue sales tax collections on purchases of out-of-state motor vehicles, trailers, boats and outboard motors.

Is this a new tax? No. The city has collected this tax for many years. The question is on the ballot only as a result of the Missouri Supreme Court decision and the state legislation that followed. If the question is not placed on the ballot, or if the tax is discontinued by voters, the tax would cease to be collected beginning January 2017.

Where do the collections from the tax go and what impact does the tax have on Calhoun revenues? 100% of the funds received from this tax are deposited into the street fund. This money is used for things such as gravel, street repair, street lighting, snow removal and street signs. It is estimated that the budget impact of discontinuing collection of the out-of-state vehicle sales tax will result in an annual loss of approximately 21% within the street fund. Services would have to be cut to account for this loss of funding.

What does a “Yes” or “No” vote mean?

- A “Yes” vote means the existing tax will continue; no new tax will be implemented.
- A “No” vote means that local sales taxes will only be collected on eligible in-state purchase. Local sales tax collections on eligible out-of-state purchase will end and the revenues the City is currently receiving will be lost.

For more information or questions concerning this proposition, please contact City Hall at 694-3634.



Daylight Savings Time Begins on Sunday, March 13th.
Remember to set your clocks **ahead** one hour.

CALHOUN COMMUNITY LEARNING CLASSES (CCLC)

SPRING & EASTER PAPER CUTTING DECORATIONS!

Thursday, March 10th @ 6:30 p.m. – CCLC Classroom

Nancy Fleming will provide patterns and give tips for creating eye catching Spring and Easter decorations using paper cutting techniques. No charge for students with a class fee of \$5 for adults.

CONTAINER GARDENING WITH SEEDS AND PANSIES!

Monday, March 21st @ 6:30 p.m. – CCLC Classroom

Sherri Himes of Green Street's Market will present Spring gardening information and will have planters, seeds and plants just right for container gardening. Adult class fee is \$5 with no charge for students.

READERS ROUNDTABLE

Thursday, March 24th @ 2:30 p.m. – Calhoun School Library

Martie will be hostess and will share a favorite book and also display the new award nominee books for school libraries and “STEM” Grant Books.

CALHOUN COLT SHOW

Colt Show Commemorative Book Ads are on sale now. Ads are being mailed out with order forms with hopes of saving our volunteers some gas money. We are striving to receive all ads by May 1st. This will allow us to have the book printed and ready for the public prior to the Colt Show. If you did not receive your ad work in the mail or haven't had an ad in the past, you can purchase one by contacting Tina Redding at the Calhoun City Hall 694-3634, by mailing your information to the Calhoun Colt Show, P.O. Box 141, Calhoun, MO 65323 or by e-mail to calhouncoltshow@hotmail.com. Ad prices have remained the same as last year with a full page ad costing \$50, ½ Page \$40, ¼ Page \$30 and a full page ad with a t-shirt ad \$90. There are also opportunities for sponsorship of an event, so contact a Colt Show member if interest.

The next Colt Show meeting will be held on Monday, March 28th. Help keep this hometown tradition going by getting involved! We are always in need of volunteers!!

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

March 1st – 3rd – MRWA Conference – City Hall Closed
Tuesday, March 8th – American Legion Post #566 Meeting – 7 p.m. – City Hall
Thursday, March 10th – Papercutting Decorations – 6:30 p.m. – CCLC Classroom
Sunday, March 13th – Daylight Savings Time Begins
Monday, March 14th – City Council Meeting – 2 p.m. – City Hall
Tuesday, March 15th – Presidential Preference Primary – 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. – City Hall
Sunday, March 20th – Spring Begins
Monday, March 21st – Garden Group – 6:30 p.m. – CCLC Classroom
Thursday, March 24th – Readers Roundtable – 2:30 p.m. – School Library
Sunday, March 27th – Easter
Monday, March 28th – Colt Show Meeting – 7 p.m. – City Hall

JOKE OF THE MONTH

A **liquor salesman** encountered his friend in a local bar at noon, while making a sales call.

“I’m surprised to see you with a drink in your hand in the middle of the day,” the salesman said. “I hope you’re celebrating.”

“In a way.” His friend replied. “I put all my money on a sure thing at the track. It was the seventh horse, in the seventh race, on today, the seventh day of the seventh month as well as my son’s seventh birthday, the horse’s name was Septus, and the odds were seven to one.”

“And the horse finished first!” the salesman exclaimed.

“No,” replied his friend. “He finished seventh.”

