



DECEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER



CCDDR SPOTLIGHT

CCDDR MOBILITY COORDINATION INITIATIVE

CCDDR will be launching a new Mobility Coordination Initiative and is in the process of setting up meetings to discuss this Initiative with clients the week of December 11th - 15th.

We invite you to join us that week to learn more about the Mobility Coordination Initiative and how it may benefit you or a family member.

Stay tuned for more information.



My name is Christina Mitchell. I am a lifelong resident of Macks Creek, Missouri. I attended and graduated from Macks Creek School. I have a Masters in Criminal Justice Administration and have also studied Special Education, Psychology, and Sociology. I have experience teaching Special Education grades Kindergarten through 12th and in the social services field. I have a vast interest in many things and love learning. I enjoy crafts, art, music, non-fiction movies, and books. I love traveling and experiencing new things, as well as spending time with my family. I love my fur babies (dogs) with all my heart. I am married, have five children, and nine grandchildren. I feel like my purpose in life is to help others to the best of my ability.



December 2023

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
			1 Family Christmas Movie & Craft Night Christmas on the Square - Tree Lighting	2 Breakfast with Santa Christmas Carnival Christmas on the Square School of the Osage Holiday Bazaar Eldon Christmas Parade & Celebration	3 Winter Wonderland Christmas in Eldon Holiday with the Horses	
4	5 Share the Harvest 1PM-7PM	6 Share the Harvest 10AM-4PM	7 Share the Harvest 10AM-4PM	8 Mobile Food Pantry @ The Church at Osage Hills 1PM-3PM Live Carolers	9 Welcome to Whoville Richland Holiday Bazaar Selfies with Santa Annual Christmas Workshop Jingle Bell 5K Lake of the Ozarks Christmas Parade	10
11	12 Share the Harvest	13 Share the Harvest	14 Share the Harvest Christmas at the HUB	15	16 Pictures with Santa Santa on the Farm The Nutcracker Christmas Cookie Contest with Santa Lowe's Kids DIY-U Old Tyme Christmas	17 The Nutcracker
18	19 Share the Harvest	20 Share the Harvest	21 Share the Harvest Christmas on the Lake	22	23	24
25 Christmas - CCDDR Office Closed	26 Share the Harvest	27 Share the Harvest	28 Share the Harvest	29	30	31

FAMILY FUN EVENTS

CHRISTMAS VILLAGE & ICE SKATING

Join Old Kinderhook from November 23rd - December 17th every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday with the family to participate in Christmas Village activities. Meet with Santa on Saturdays and Sundays and enjoy some ice skating afterward. View the schedule and more details [here](#).



PHOTOS WITH SANTA

Take the family to Bridal Cave and make memories that will last! Come visit with Santa and get photos from December 2nd - December 23rd from 10:00 AM - 2:30 PM on Saturdays and Sundays.



LOCAL HOLIDAY LIGHTS

OSAGE BEACH HOLIDAY LIGHT PARK

From December 1st - December 31st at the Osage Beach City Park (950 Hatchery Road Osage Beach, MO 65065) each night from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

ENCHANTED VILLAGE OF LIGHTS

The lights open November 17th and run until December 31st. Come see the lights from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM Sunday through Thursday at the Laurie Fairgrounds (269 North Fairgrounds Road Gravois Mills, MO 65037).

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Join The St. Patrick Catholic Church (176 Marian Drive Laurie, MO 65038) to see one of the longest running light displays at the lake. Open each night from 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM starting November 23rd until January 7th. Starting December 1st on Fridays there will be hot cocoa, candy canes, and more!

VERSAILLES UNITY CIRCLE

Located at the junction of Highway 5 and 52 from November 28th through January 1st join the city of Versailles from dark until midnight each night.

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK

Following a tree lighting ceremony on December 2nd, located at Rock Island Park (E 8th Street Eldon, MO 65026) each night until January 1st the park will be decorated with Christmas trees.

CHRISTMAS ON THE SQUARE

Join the City of Camdenton Friday December 1st at 5:00 PM to officially kick off the holiday season with their tree lighting ceremony. In addition there will be food trucks, a Christmas Market, caroling and more!

Following the tree lighting ceremony on Saturday December 2nd from 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM the holiday season continues with free activities, food, giveaways, and a visit from Santa!



Saturday, Dec. 2, 2023 - 10:30am-1pm

FREE ACTIVITIES INCLUDING:

Games & Prizes - Petting Zoo - Music - Crafts
Giveaways - Cookie Decorating - Hot Dogs & Hot Chocolate
Visit with Santa (arrives at 11:30am)

*Enter to win a Holiday Meal! (must be present to win)

Join us for our **CAN DO CHALLENGE** - (Not required but appreciated):
Bring can goods to help stock the Lamb House for those in need

FAMILY CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT

Doors open at 5:30 PM for a family fun filled night at Calvary Chapel Lake of the Ozarks (3271 Osage Acres Road Kaiser, MO 65047). Wear your pajamas and enjoy this night with family. Dinner will be provided as well as a craft for the family. Parents must be present as this is not a drop off event. Learn more about this event [here](#).

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



In collaboration with Parents as Teachers, Mid-County Fire Protection District present Breakfast with Santa. \$5.00 for adults, and \$3.00 for children on Saturday December 2nd from 8:00 AM - 10:30 AM at the Mid-County Headquarters Station (184 N Business Route 5 Camdenton, MO 65020). Bring the family and enjoys pancakes, cookie decorating, and letters to Santa.



CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL

As part of the Westside Christmas Walk of 2023, the Lake Christian Academy will be hosting a Christmas Carnival. There will be carnival games, vendors, bounce houses, concessions, a hot cocoa bar, crafts, door prizes, and more! Saturday December 2nd from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM at 17178 MO-5 Sunrise Beach, MO 65709. Learn more about the event [here](#).

SCHOOL OF THE OSAGE HOLIDAY BAZAAR

With over a 100 booths projected offering handmade crafts, decorations, jewelry, clothes, and more join the School of the Osage for their 43rd Annual Holiday Bazaar Fundraiser. From 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Saturday December 2nd at the School of the Osage High School (636 Hwy 42 Osage Beach, MO 65065). To learn more about the vendors visit their facebook page [here](#).

ELDON CHRISTMAS PARADE & CELEBRATION

On Saturday December 2nd, join the City of Eldon beginning at 10:00 AM at Rock Island Park (E 8th Street Eldon, MO 65026) for horse drawn carriage rides and a Christmas tree lot. Santa will be at the Eldon Community Center (309 E 2nd Street Eldon, MO 65026) at 11:00 AM with many other holiday activities. Following a fun filled day, there will be a parade starting at dark followed by a tree lighting ceremony.

WINTER WONDERLAND

Free to the community, join the Tri-County YMCA on Sunday December 3rd from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM. There will be soups, hot cocoa, cookie decorating, games, and more to continue the holiday cheer! Santa will be there to take photos with the family. More information can be found [here](#).



LIVE CAROLERS

Come to Country Crossroads (5831 Osage Beach Pkwy Osage Beach, MO 65065) and enjoys live Christmas carolers as you shop from 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM.



RICHLAND PARK BOARD PRESENTS

HOLIDAY BAZAAR



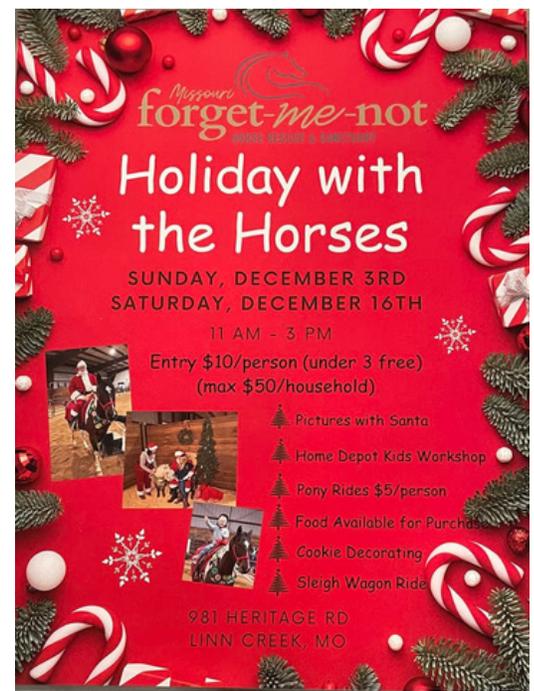
DECEMBER 9
10 AM - 2 PM
RICHLAND CITY GYM



RESERVE YOUR VENDOR SPACE FOR \$25 AT
RICHLAND CITY HALL OR CALL 573-765-3532

CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP

Join the West Lake Christian Church on December 9th from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM at the Loehr Center (936 Hwy O Gravois Mills, MO 65037). There will be a free breakfast available, a free gift store for children to shop for their parents/caregivers, crafts, and Santa! Learn more about this event [here](#).



Missouri **forget-me-not**
Event Series & Activities

Holiday with the Horses

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16TH
11 AM - 3 PM

Entry \$10/person (under 3 free)
(max \$50/household)

- 🌲 Pictures with Santa
- 🌲 Home Depot Kids Workshop
- 🌲 Pony Rides \$5/person
- 🌲 Food Available for Purchase
- 🌲 Cookie Decorating
- 🌲 Sleigh Wagon Ride

981 HERITAGE RD
LINN CREEK, MO



LAKE OF THE OZARKS
HARLEY-DAVIDSON

SELFIES WITH SANTA

09TH DEC | COME SEE SANTA
BRING YOUR LIST
TAKE A PIC

SANTA WILL BE HERE 11AM - 2PM

LAKE OF THE OZARKS CHRISTMAS PARADE



Presented by COMC join the City of Lake Ozark to kick off the holiday season. The 39th annual Christmas Parade - Christmas in Paradise will be Saturday, December 9th at 1:00 PM. The parade will begin at the stoplight of HH and Bagnell Dam Blvd and will run to the Bagnell Dam. More information about the parade can be found [here](#).

Enjoy Christmas with us!

Christmas Party

THURSDAY DEC 14TH
4pm-7pm

1371 C BAGNELL DAM BLVD.
LAKE OZARK, MO

COMC will be handing gifts out to every child that attends.
If you or someone you know would like to donate a gift,
please call Kelly Birdsong at 573-836-7061.





Join Us For Fort 54 Paintballs 4th Annual

FREE PICTURES WITH SANTA

SATURDAY, DEC 16TH
12pm - 3pm

Fort 54 Paintball
651 Hiland Cir
Osage Beach Mo 65065
573 692-2255

This is an Indoor / Outdoor Event with Hot chocolate & Cookies available! 🍪
Bring your furry Family member too! 🐾

Also Meet the Grinch



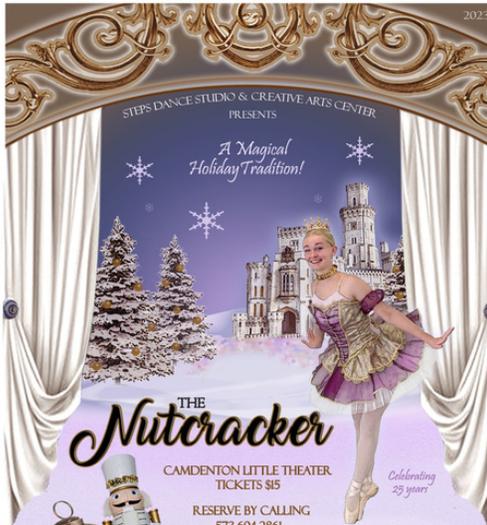

Santa on the Farm

Saturday December 16th
9-12
Swallowtail for lunch 11-?

2023

STEPS DANCE STUDIO & CREATIVE ARTS CENTER PRESENTS

A Magical Holiday Tradition!



THE Nutcracker

CAMDENTON LITTLE THEATER
TICKETS \$15

RESERVE BY CALLING
573-694-2861

SATURDAY DECEMBER 16TH 2PM
& SUNDAY DECEMBER 17TH 2PM

Celebrating 25 years!

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LOWE'S KIDS DIY

Calling all of the little elves! Join Lowe's to build a Holiday Delivery Truck that is also a gift card holder. The workshop will be held at Lowe's on December 16th from 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Reserve your own timeslot and kit [here](#).




Old Tyme Christmas

At Linn Creek

11am-1pm
Lunch with **SANTA**
Kids under 12 are Free
Crafts & Games
2pm Children's Play
"Emmalina Scrooge"
by Steph DeLorie
\$10 per Family Present

Camden County MUSEUM
206 S Locust Hwy 54 & V-Rd, Linn Creek ~ 573-873-2990
www.camdencountymuseum.org ~ FB Camden County Museum of Missouri

CHRISTMAS ON THE LAKE



Hosted by Wonderland Camp to raise money for the camp, join Celebration Cruises to celebrate the magic of the season on a boat cruise. There is a \$50.00 per person non-refundable cost. For more information, or to purchase tickets visit their event [here](#).



Governor's Council on Disability Legislative Education Project (LEP)

Empower yourself to champion public policies that affect individuals with disabilities in Missouri. A comprehensive understanding of the legislative process can equip you with the necessary tools to effect lasting change.



Join us for one of our free online webinars by signing up now!

- January 11, 2024, 9:00-10:30 AM
- February 8, 2024, 7:00-8:30 PM
- March 7, 2024, 9:00-10:30 AM
- March 21, 2024, 1:00-2:30 PM



REGISTER ONLINE

Get Ready for the Webinar!
Visit the [LEP website](#) to access educational videos about the legislative process in Missouri and gather more information.

If you have any questions, please contact us at 573.751.2600 or visit disability.mo.gov/gcd/LEP.htm

DIRECTOR'S CREATIVITY SHOWCASE

The Director's Creativity Showcase is an annual art contest that gives individuals receiving mental health services the opportunity to display their creative talents across the state. Each year, the Foundation curates artwork in the categories of mental illness, substance use disorder, developmental disability, crafts and photography. The featured pieces are then reviewed and awarded by a panel of judges. The Showcase serves as an inspiration to all who participate and experience these artistic creations.

Entries are now open and have a deadline of January 26th, 2024 online, and January 19th if dropping off at a location.

Find more information about the showcase [here](#).

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