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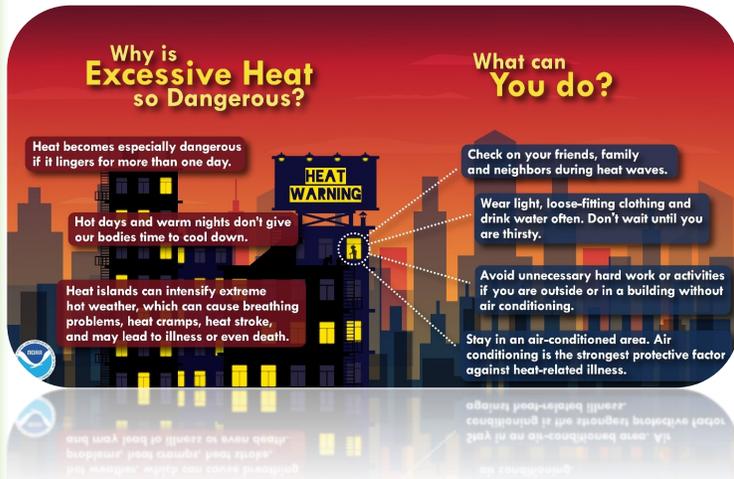
57th ANNUAL FREEDOM FEST CELEBRATION AT JACKSON STREET PARK

Festivities begin @ 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 29, 2019



A message from the Clerk....

Summer is here and the heat is on! Summer in Missouri can have some pretty hot and humid days, so it is very important that you drink a lot of water and take breaks from the heat. This includes your pets as well! Willard also has a wonderful aquatics center that can help you stay cool!



Are you curious what else the City has to offer? Check out our website at

www.cityofwillard.org where

you can find pool hours, available businesses, and get updates on what is happening.

If you have any questions, feel free to email me at clerk@cityofwillard.org

Thank you all for making our City the best place to be in Southwest Missouri!

Jennifer Rowe

City Clerk / Director of Emergency Management



Longtime Willard Reserve, JD Landon Participates in National Award Ceremony

OTC student Samantha Adams is a winner of the 2019 Scott Wright Student Essay Contest organized by The National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD). Adams was one of three winners selected from more than 160 contest entries nationwide.

Held each year, NISOD's student essay competition honors the memory of Scott Wright, past editor of "Community College Week" and winner of the 1998 Award for Excellence in Higher

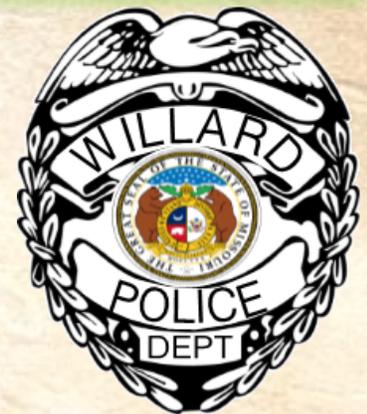
Education Journalism. Wright's reporting focused national attention on developmental education and the unique open access mission of community colleges.

To participate in the contest, students at NISOD-member colleges describe a faculty member, staff member, or administrator who encouraged him or her to complete a course, finish a semester, or graduate from college, and explain how that encouragement helped him or

her reach that goal. Adams, a Glendale High School graduate, wrote her essay about John Landon, an adjunct criminal justice instructor who also serves OTC as a safety and security officer. Adams enrolled at OTC in the fall of 2018 where she took Landon's Introduction to Criminal Justice course. She hopes to become a Missouri Highway Patrol officer someday.

"If it wasn't for Mr. Landon I would still be wandering through life not sure what path to take; too busy doubting my abilities and seeing my gender as a roadblock from opportunity," Adams wrote in her essay.

"I can now say with confidence that my gender makes no difference in my career choice. I am going to be a police officer. A female police officer at that. Thanks to one teacher who thought it was fantastic." As part of the award, Adams and Landon will each receive \$1,000 and a trip to Austin,



Texas to be recognized during NISOD's International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence, May 25 -28. Adams' essay will be published on the NISOD website and OTC will receive a complimentary 2019-2020 NISOD membership.

"Each year NISOD looks forward to awarding students who take the time to thank someone who helped them reach their goal," said Edward J. Leach, NISOD's executive director.

"Each student who entered the contest is to be congratulated, as are the individuals at our member colleges who continually make a positive difference in the lives of their students."

INSPIRATION... THE COMPASS FOR THE LOST

SAMANTHA ADAMS, A CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUDENT AT OTC WON A NATIONAL AWARD FOR THE LETTER SHE WROTE ABOUT HER INSTRUCTOR, LONGTIME WILLARD RESERVE, JD LANDON. HERE THEY ARE BOTH HONORED AS THEY STAND WITH THE PRESIDENT OF OZARK TECHNICAL COLLEGE, DR HAL HIGDON.

INSPIRE!





so many from our community enjoying everything to do at the pool! Here are some June events to look forward to: Registration is still open for Swim Lessons! Father's Day Movie Night: June 15th Swim Team Tryouts will be rescheduled for a date TBD FIT Season Passes are still available! Come get your WAC Pool Pass at The Rec!

Kid-Venture Camp at The REC

We are off to a fun start at Kid-Venture Camp at The REC! Here is the current field trip and special events schedule for June! Registration will remain open all summer, so get your kids signed up!

Inflatables at The REC:

June 5th

Springfield Cardinals: June 12th

(\$5 copay - includes lunch)

Fantastic Caverns: June 19th

Springfield Warrior Gym: 26th

Movie Day every Friday!

Orchard Hills Kid-Venture Camp opens July 1st

Contact Jesse, Day Camp Coordinator at: 417-742-5380

The REC

Due to Kid-Venture Camp and special events, please contact The Rec for Open Gym availability.

The WAC

Opening weekend for the Willard Aquatics Center was busy and refreshing! Splash Bash on Friday was a huge success and it was great to see

Contact Jasmine, Aquatics Director at: 417-742-5343

Willard's 57th Annual Freedom Fest

We are excited to be in the final stages of planning the biggest event in Willard! We extend huge thanks to our wonderful sponsors from all over our community! Please visit the Willard Parks Facebook page to learn more about the local businesses who help support your Parks events and activities! We are still looking for many kinds of vendors to share their products, services, and skills with the 7,000+ Freedom Fest attendees! We are still accepting applications from food and craft vendors, fundraisers, demonstrative booths, direct sales reps, informational booths, and most anything in between!

If you or your company are interested in becoming a proud sponsor or a vendor, please visit the Freedom Fest website at: www.WillardFreedomFest.com

Or contact Samantha, Marketing Specialist and Events at: 417-742-5385

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Community Brunch

8-11 a.m. in the Community Center

Sponsored by:

GINGER'S CAFÉ

Free event - Donations encouraged and benefit the Willard Parks Scholarship Fund

Willard Aquatic Center Freedom Fest

Pool Party

Noon - 8 p.m.

\$5 wrist band

Location - Jackson Street Park

Little Miss Firecracker Pageant

Check in at 12 & Pageant starts at 1 p.m.

Location - Entertainment Stage @ Jackson Street Park

Shuttle Service

Pick up locations - Middle School, North Elementary/ Intermediate &, The Rec

Vendor Booths

Noon - 8:30 p.m.

For more detailed Vendor information and for registration and rules and regulations forms please visit <http://www.willardfreedomfest.com/vendor-booths.html>

Car Show

Location - Jackson Street Park

Registration is 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Show is from 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Parade

5-6 p.m.

Line up: 4pm Pheasant Lane

Parade Winners will be announced around 6:15 p.m. at Event Stage in Jackson Street Park

Live Musical Performer

Approximately 6:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Location: Commerce Bank Entertainment Stage at Jackson Street Park

Fireworks

10 p.m.

All fireworks will be fired from Jackson Street Park. This will be the best location from which to view the display.

BBQ Sandwiches will be sold by the Willard Area Chamber of Commerce from 11am until sold out!

FREEDOM FEST 2019

Food Trucks
Craft Booths
Live Band
Inflatables and Games
Jackson Street Park
WILLARD Parks & Recreation
JUNE 29th
Parade
Pageant
WAC Swim Party
HUGE Fireworks Show

Over 7,000 attendees are expected to swarm Willard's 57th Annual Freedom Fest! Join us to expose them to the best foods, crafts, and entertainment the Ozarks has to offer!

417-742-5385
ParksMarketing@CityOfWillard.org

SAFE KIDS SPRINGFIELD



Car Seat Check Up Event

Technicians and parents working together for safety!

Saturday, July 13, 2019

10:00 am — 1:00 pm

Willard Fire Protection District

240 N. State Hwy Z, Willard, MO 65781

9 out of 10 car seats are
installed improperly!

Make sure your
car seat is not one of them.



Make it a rule
for all passengers:

Buckle up on EVERY ride!

Event Sponsors:



www.safekidsspringfield.org 417-820-6671

Get your car seat questions answered by a professional

Appointments are NOT needed for this event

Learn if your vehicle has LATCH

Free event for families to learn about vehicle safety!

Bring the grandparents & caregivers too!

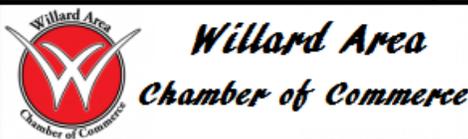
School News

Summer School Starts June 3rd

Schools out for the summer! What a fantastic year it was! We're busy getting ready for hundreds of students that will attend summer school **Monday, June 3- Friday, June 28** at Willard East, Willard South, and Willard High School. While the deadline for registration has already passed, it's important that our Willard community knows any child under 18 years old can eat breakfast and/or lunch at any summer school site for FREE, any day of summer school during their normal serving hours. **Breakfast is served from approximately 7:30-9AM and lunch from 11:00-Noon.** Please check in at the office.

Ribbon Cutting August 6th

Save the date for Tuesday, August 6th as we prepare to cut the ribbon on Willard Intermediate School-South! The ribbon cutting ceremony and community open house will be **August 6th from 5PM-7PM at WIS-S (630 S. Miller Road Springfield, MO 65802).** All are welcome to explore our second intermediate school to house more than 300 Willard Tigers this fall!



Summer time brings lots of excitement and city involvement from the Chamber of Commerce. We kicked off the summer with our City-Wide garage sale the first weekend in June! We are also gearing up to participate in the Freedom Festival! Many of our businesses will have booths set up during the festivities!

We are excited to partner with Willard Schools for the **Willard Business Expo on August 13th.** We have our next **Chamber meeting on Tuesday, June 11th at noon.** The meeting will be held at the Willard Community Building. We always welcome new members! To join the Chamber, email willardchamber@gmail.com for more information.

Meeting Dates

Board of Aldermen

June.....10th & 24th

Planning and Zoning

June.....25th

Park Board

June.....27th

Economic Development

June.....17th

Reminder all meetings start at 7:00 p.m.

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