

A newcomers guide for Phelps County including Rolla, St. James, Newburg and Edgar Springs.





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'Get To Know US!' is a guide to your new home, and what a home it is

Peruse this year's "Get to Know Us!" and you will find that there's a lot more to Rolla and Phelps County than you might think. To say our community is growing is an understatement.

It's booming.

Growth in retail is just part of the story. Along with more jobs comes more demand for services, dining, entertainment, health care, educational opportunities and more. All that translates into steady improvement in the quality of life for residents.



We, as a community, want to show off a

little bit. "Get to Know Us!" is a guide for newcomers that will be distributed through the Rolla Area Chamber of Commerce and local businesses and organizations beginning in February.

It is full of everything you need to know to make your relocation here easier, or in some instances, help persuade you to relocate here.

Phelps County is truly a rare gem of the Ozarks, perhaps in some ways a hidden gem, offering not only the basics such as jobs, good transportation (right on Interstate 44), health care and education, but lots of entertainment and cultural activities. If you need a little persuasion, just take a look through these pages. This is the Phelps County Focus' sixth newcomers guide. We started our newspaper and website (phelpscountyfocus.com) in August of 2017 and quickly saw the need for an updated, professional newcomers guide to complement all of the guides and work that the Rolla Area Chamber of Commerce and city and county governments are doing to highlight what is going on here.

We hope to attract business growth and visitors, as well as remind residents of what a great place they live in. Speaking of the chamber, city and county, we are blessed to have those folks, as well as local businesses and organizations, work so hard to make this community what it is. They deserve a lot of the credit for what's going on and what you see on all the pages of "Get to Know Us!"

We hope this guide – which will also appear online at phelpscountyfocus.com and rollachamber.org – is a big help to you as you make a move to Phelps County. We truly have a lot going for us and are glad to have you become a part of our growing, welcoming community.

And that community now includes you!

Donald D. Dodd

Donald Dodd, Publisher of Phelps County Focus

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Rolla Fire and Rescue, the Rolla Fire Department, continues to provide rigorous and vigorous fire prevention and suppression programs while also maintaining up-to-date equipment.

Jeff Breen has officially succeeded Ron Smith as fire chief. John Marti has been promoted to assistant chief.

To carry out its mission statement "to protect the lives, property and environment of the citizens and visitors to the City of Rolla," the department also conducts public education in various venues including the schools. Firefighters undergo regular training exercises. And thanks to the taxpayers, the department has ample and effective equipment.

A continued Class 2 rating from the Insurance Services Office puts Rolla Fire and Rescue among the top two percent of fire departments in Missouri.

There are more than two dozen firefighters employed with the department. Chief is Jeff Breen.

Two fire stations are manned 24/7/365: Station No. 1 at 1490 E. 10th St. and Station No. 2 at 400 W Fourth St.

The administrative office is at Station No. 1. Administrative assistant is Lynette Manley. The business phone number is 573-364-3989. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; the office is closed for lunch from noon to 1 pm.

For more information, check the website at www.rollacity.org /fire.

If you have an emergency, call 911.

Phelps County rural residents also have highly qualified, taxsupported fire protection districts with good equipment serving them. They, too, respond to 911 calls when you have an emergency.

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St. James Fire Protection District

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LAW ENFORCEMENT

Phelps County Sheriff's Department

The Phelps County Sheriff's Department website declares, "The department is resolved to make Phelps County a superior spot to live and an awkward spot for individuals who violate the law."

Long-time lawman Mike Kirn is the sheriff. He was sworn into office in January 2021.

Department headquarters are located in the Phelps County Jail next to the Phelps County Courthouse.

The old jail has been renovated and houses federal prisoners, and an addition to the new jail is to be completed this year. Round-the-clock service and response are offered by the Phelps County Sheriff's Department. For an emergency, call 911 anytime. For non-emergency service, the business number during regular business hours is **573-426-3860**.

Law enforcement agencies today use websites and social media to reach out to residents of their jurisdictions, and a good place to start is at the Phelps County Sheriff's Department's website, https://www.phelpscountysd.org.

You can also find the department on Facebook.

Rolla Police Department

The 60-member Rolla Police Department is directed by Chief Sean Fagan.

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Missouri S&T Miners dig deeper, and build Rolla higher

By Hannah Martinez

Staff Writer

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The roots of the Missouri University of Science and Technology have been figuratively and literally drilled into the bedrock of Rolla, as the school was first established here as the Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy (MSM) in 1870. There have been a series of reinvention periods at 20- to 50-year intervals, shaping its current reputation as one of the best technological research universities in the country.

"Rolla is as much a part of Missouri S&T's story as Missouri S&T is a part of Rolla's story," said Fred Stone, associate vice chancellor of facility planning and operations.

In recent years the university has published goals and renderings to show what they're building and why at

masterplan.mst.edu. The most recent "Campus Master Plan" was released in 2020 with construction plans designed to attract and support Chancellor Mo Dehghani's "North Star Goals": increasing student enrollment from 8,000 to 12,000. Stone discussed with the Phelps County Focus the projects on the horizon for the next three to four years.

At the beginning of 2024, \$300 million worth of the planned construction projects were in progress. Stone shared that many of the projects were preparing the campus arrival district, connecting campus to Interstate 44 and providing a more visible access point for visitors.

"This kind of grand, formal entry will really help define people's first impression of the university," said Stone.

The arrival district has already seen the completion of projects like the realignment of Tim Bradley Way, the bright green pedestrian bridge across I-44 and an underground parking garage for the Havener Center and the future Welcome Center. However, this year the Innovation Lab is scheduled to be completed by the end of January 2024 and this spring construction will begin on the Welcome Center as well as a pedestrian underpass for crossing Highway 63.

The Innovation Lab is a 48,000-square-foot building, connected to the Havener Center. The building is ideal for students to study, access tools to create prototypes and visit student resources like the Writing Center and Student Success Center.

The planned 32,000-square-foot, three-level Welcome Center is designed to warmly attract prospective students from all over the world.

Stone explained that the Welcome Center will be a space for the admissions team to meet with prospective students and their families to learn "what the Missouri S&T experience is, who we are and share why a Missouri S&T education is important."

Before this year, crossing Highway 63 has brought up concerns to ensure convenience and safety. A pedestrian tunnel was provided for students to cross, but the pathway was dark and relatively narrow—only 8 feet wide. The inconvenient crossing point caused many students to take their chances dodging cars above ground, so the university is providing a more spacious 30feet-wide, high-ceilinged pedestrian underpass at a more intuitive crossing point.

"We have notified businesses that own property along Highway 63 early this year that there will be a closure of Highway 63 in March to complete that project, and that keeps us on track for an August completion of that underpass," said Stone.

This month the university will release a request for qualifications for a private developer to lease a part of campus's arrival district and build a hotel and conference center along the south side of Tim Bradley Way. Stone said the project is expected to serve university visitors, travelling athletic teams, visitors to Rolla, and Phelps Health visitors. Having a hotel, conference center, and restaurant in this area of Rolla and within walking distance to the Missouri S&T campus will be attractive for visitors.



Photos courtesy of Michael Pierce, Missouri S&T Construction of Innovation Lab, taken January 11, 2024.

Significant construction projects are planned and in progress at the heart of campus as well. Later this year a \$50 million renovation of the engineering research laboratory will break ground. Schrenk Hall's east wing will be updated to maintain the facility's state of the art laboratories and mechanical systems across campus are being replaced.



North of I-44, work began last year on the Missouri

Protoplex, a 117,000-square-foot building scheduled to be completed in late 2025. Early this year the footings and foundations will be laid for the impressive structure.

Within the Protoplex, research labs and large-scale manufacturing equipment will enable research partners to collaborate with university representatives and organizations, including the university's Center for Advanced Manufacturing.

Dr. Joseph Haslag, a professor of economics at the University of Missouri-Columbia, conducted an economic impact study anticipating that the Protoplex will generate \$3.5 billion for the state in 35 years.

"The Missouri Protoplex is the first building in our manufacturing technology and innovation campus," said Stone. "It is focused on helping Missouri manufacturers do research and development."

Stone said that all of the university's construction projects are meant to support the university's goals for growth, but that it will strengthen the symbiotic relationship between the school and the city as well.

"Community engagement was a pretty important part of our "Master Plan" back in 2020. We had several forums where community members were invited to participate and share their opinions, and all of that was taken into account as we formed a plan," said Stone. "The growth of the university is important to the city in the same way that the growth of the city is important to the university, and a lot of our "Master Plan" is focused on elevating Rolla just as much as it is elevating S&T."

Stone empathized with the patience and forbearance of local drivers navigating road disruptions, assuring that the finished product will be something worth closing a highway for.

"We have to do these things to improve and this is just the nature of progress," said Stone. "These things are temporary and when we finish, we'll have a lot to show for the construction activity that's happened and the growth that we'll see."

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In addition to providing law enforcement, the department also offers programs such as Volunteers in Police Service, Operation F.R.I.E.N.D, Neighborhood Watch and National Night Out.

The business phone number for the RPD is 573-308-1213.

An extensive website is located at https://www.rollacity.org/pd-home.shtml.

St. James Police Department

The police department works a 24-hour seven day a week shift and consists of nine full-time employees which includes an administrative assistant, police sergeant, lieutenant, and chief. The department also has reserve officers.

For all non-emergency inquiries or information, call **573-265-7012** or Central Dispatch at **573-265-3777**.

Newburg Police Department

In an arrangement with the Phelps County Sheriff's Department, Newburg has a department under the direction of chief who is also a county deputy.

The department is headquartered at Newburg City Hall. The business phone number is **573-762-2135**.

Edgar Springs Police Department

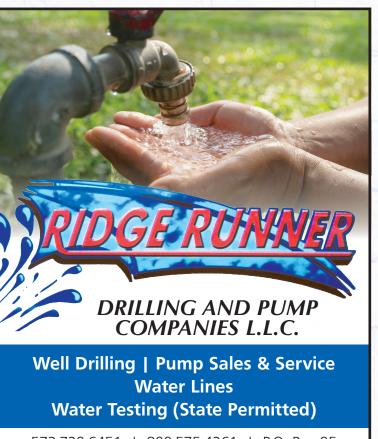
The Edgar Springs Police Department is headquartered at 555 Broadway. The business number is 573-435-6334.

Doolittle Police Department

The police station is located at 380 Eisenhower St. Phone number is **573-456-2701**.

Missouri S&T Police Department

Missouri S&T's University Police Department has an authorized strength of 25 full-time employees, including 12 state-



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The business telephone number is 341-4300.

Missouri State Highway Patrol

Rolla is headquarters to Troop I of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. That building is located at 185 exit on Interstate 44.

Troop I is the patrol's youngest troop; it was organized in 1950 and serves six counties: Phelps, Dent, Pulaski, Maries, Crawford and Laclede. Working out of the Troop I headquarters are 67 uniformed officers, 23 uniformed civilians, seven civilian and three temporary employees.

Troop I officers patrol the roadways, and they also are responsible for 584 miles of waterways, including: Gasconade, Meramec, Big Piney, Little Piney, Huzzah, Courtois, Bourbeuse, Missouri, Roubidoux and upper Current rivers.

Capt. Eddie A. Blaylock is the Troop I commanding officer. The business telephone number is **573-368-2345**.

Federal Bureau of Investigation

The FBI has a Rolla field office is at 901 N. Pine St. Phone number is **573-364-1100**.

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• Phelps Health Walk-In Clinic: 603 S. Bishop Ave. 573-426-4411

• Phelps Health Medical Office Building: 1050 W. 10th Street, 573-364-9000

• Phelps Health Medical Group/St. James: 1000 N. Jefferson St., 573-265-8840

• Phelps Health Medical Group-Bass/Rolla: 1201 Hauck Drive, 573-364-8818

• Phelps Health Bond Building/Rolla: 600 Blues Lake Parkway, 573-364-8822

• Phelps Health Home Health and Hospice: 1500 East State Highway 72, 573-364-2425 phelpshealth.org

• Phelps Health Delbert Day Cancer Institute (DDCI): Nationally accredited by the Commission on Cancer of the American College of Surgeons. 1060 W. 10th St., 855-406-3324 phelpshealth.org

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601 A Kingshighway 573-368-0999

St. James Veterans Clinic

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Planned Parenthood

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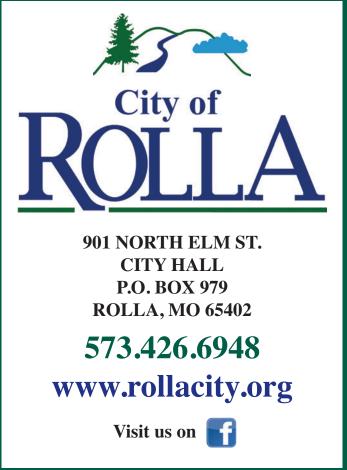
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UTILITIES

Rolla Municipal Utilities in the fall of 2023 won a customer satisfaction award from the American Public Power Association, and also received its 21st straight honor from MIRMA





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for its 100% loss prevention score.

RMU was one of only nine utilities in the country to receive a customer service award.

The award was the result of a customer service survey conducted in the spring of 2023. RMU received high marks from customers in these areas: customer service, field personnel, communication, reliability, value, outage response, innovation and overall satisfaction.

That was good news. There was a little bit of negative news last year, owing to the increased cost of power. RMU buys electrical power from the MoPEP power pool, and the Board of Public Works, which governs the city-owned utility, had to raise rates slightly to meet the rising costs of purchased power.

It could have been worse. One way power pool costs are set is by figuring in peak demand. New peaks in demand for power will result in increased wholesale costs of power.

To try to keep demand down and avoid a new peak, RMU has a peak alert program, and all residents are encouraged to join that program.

Some people balk at the idea of weathering a little heat for a short time in the summer or a little cold for a short time in the winter. Their instinct is to crank the heat up in the winter and the air conditioner in the summer.

If everyone does that, they can set a new peak demand on the electric usage, and that peak demand is used by the power pool in setting rates for the or wholesale power, which Rolla Municipal Utilities buys and then sells to local residents.

And RMU General Manager Rodney Bourne has explained numerous times that RMU, though it is a municipally owned nonprofit power and water provider, so those increased costs will have to be passed on to the customers.

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So, when you crank up the furnace or the air conditioner, you might feel comfortable now, but you might wind up paying for it later.

You can sign up by texting EZRMUALERT to 573-341-1344.

When you get a peak alert on your smartphone, you'll be asked to adjust your thermostat (depending on the time of year) for a few hours per day for a day or two or three, depending on what weather is expected. The whole idea is to avoid setting a new peak load demand.

Bourne said the peak-shaving program will likely be necessary only during a few days for a couple of seasons, the coldest times in winter and the hottest days of summer.

There is an informative website at www.rmurolla.org that will tell newcomers or potential residents of Rolla everything they need to know about becoming a customer of the municipal utility. RMU also has a Facebook presence.

Other managers are Chad Davis, engineering manager; Gwen Cresswell, finance manager, and Jason Grunloh, business manager. Eric Lonning is the electric department superintendent. Jason Bell is the water department superintendent.

RMU is governed by the Board of Public Works; members are appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the city council. The office is a 120 W. Ninth St. Telephone number is **573-364-1572**.

Other utilities that newcomers might need to use are as follows:

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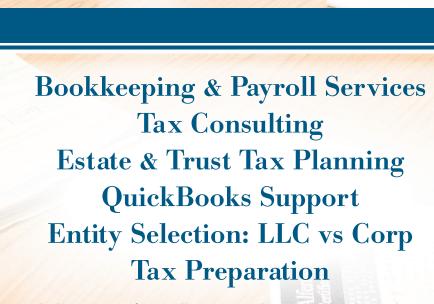
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The James Memorial Public Library

300 W. Scioto St., St. James 573-265-7211

Services offered at this library include a variety of literary collections to choose from, as well as free Wi-Fi, interlibrary loans, e-books, microfilm, book club, fibers group, computer and internet access and more. Library cards are free for those inside the city limits. Non-district membership fees are \$40 for twelve months, \$20 for six months and \$10 for three months.

The Curtis Laws Wilson Library (Missouri S&T)

400 W. 14th St., Rolla 573-341-4008

The library is open to the community and is a popular location to study among students. It features many resources for students, faculty and staff, including books, articles, public computers, printers, catalogs, research papers and databases.

Newburg Public Library

191 Main St., Newburg 573-762-2315 Books are available to the public at the Newburg Public Library located within Newburg City Hall.

AIRPORTS Polla National Ai

Rolla National Airport has been important to the Rolla, Phelps County and the region since its construction in 1942.

Since then—and since the airport became property of the city of Rolla in 1958—the city government has worked to maintain the airport and keep it up-to-date.

That attention continued with a presentation from municipal Public Works Director Darin Pryor to the Rolla City Council just this past November for approval of a contract with a company to design improvements to the taxiway at the airport.

That contract was for \$45,558, and it will be reimbursed by the Federal Aviation Administration, with the Missouri Department of Transportation administering the grant.

What the contracted company Woolpert Inc., will do is design a reconstruction project for what is called Taxiway A, along with rehabilitating the taxiway connector and rehabilitating

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the taxiway edge lighting. It is expected that the project, after it is designed, will be in two bid packages. The council approved the ordinance to authorize the contract.

That's just one example of the support for the airport by the city leadership, both appointed and elected, support that is sometimes misunderstood by local residents who have no connection with the airport and do not understand its importance in the local economy.

But if you are new to the Rolla area—or looking for a place to relocate—and you are a pilot, be assured that city leadership, so far, understands that importance.

Rolla National Airport, built in 1942 for the U.S. Army and owned by the Rolla city government since 1958, is a modern, efficient, facility. It offers T-hangars, a large hangar and tiedown spaces for rent or lease.

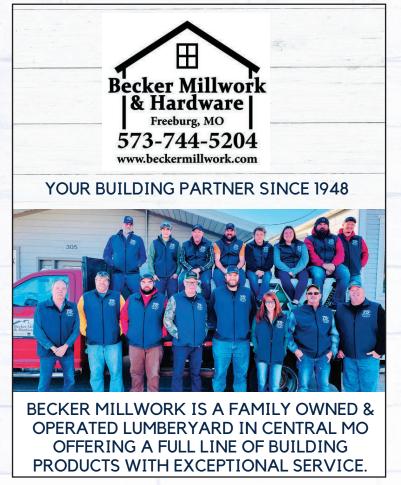
The airport is 12 miles north on Rolla on Highway 63 in Maries County near Vichy.

Build as a U.S. Army airfield, it has two lighted 5500' x 100' asphalt runways. The airport is served by both non-precision VOR/DME and GPS approaches. In addition to the hangar and tie-down spaces, available services include fuel sales and flight instruction services provided by private businesses at the site.

The airport sits on 1,200 acres, most of it under an agricultural lease. Debate on a new use for the property—as a solar farm—was begun at the first meeting of the council in 2024.

Among the businesses at the airport are Baron Aviation, in operation since 1973 and a feeder carrier for FedEx since 1975. Baron has 30-plus aircraft flying through the Midwest.

In business at the airport since 2014 is Brewer Science with its 22,000 square-foot advanced manufacturing facility. Brewer is



the first occupant of the RNA Technology and Industrial Park, which has a new water and sewer system, including a 300,000-gallon elevated water tank for fire suppression.

Nearly 50 aircraft are based at the airport, which stays busy every day with travelers making stops for fuel or business flights coming and going with executives coming to meet with other business people in Rolla or nearby. In fact, many of those execs prefer to fly into Rolla National Airport and drive to Columbia or Jefferson City or other Missouri cities for business meetings.

Major users include Missouri University of Science and Technology, Phelps Health, governmental agencies, local and regional businesses, and private pilots.

The airport is managed by Darrin Bacon, and the facility is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year to pilots.

The phone number at the airport is **573-299-4498**. Email address is airport@rollacity.gov.

For more information, visit the city website at www.rollacity.gov/airport.

PRIVATE AIRPORTS

There are a couple of private airports in the Rolla area, too, according to www.airport-data.com: Rolla Downtown Airport, 13720 County Road 7040, and Harrison Private Airport, County Road 154.



PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Rolla 31 School District

It's been a tough year, thanks to supply-chain difficulties and other unexpected contingencies, for the construction project at Rolla High School.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Kyle Dare was hoping the new field house portion of the multi-million-dollar project would be near enough to completion that the gym could be used. In addition, that has to be done to get fully in the performing arts center portion of the project.

In late December of 2023 and early January of this year, it appeared that enough pieces were falling together to get projects done.

This all part of a \$25 million bond issue approved in the 2020 June election by school district voters.

- The financing from that was for these projects:
- Improve safety and security throughout all the buildings.
- Turn the high school gymnasium into a performing arts center for music and theatrical events while also adding a new field house.



• Add space for Rolla Junior High band and music classes.

• Put a new entrance on Truman Elementary School and adding a real library.

• Renovate shop space and restrooms at Rolla Technical Institute. Those other projects are complete, and the high school project is nearly complete, full attention can be turned to the improvements covered by the 2023 bond issue, which includes much upgrading of heating/cooling and ventilation equipment throughout the district's buildings.

There have been some changes in leadership at the district. Dare succeeded Craig Hounsom, the former teacher, coach and assistant superintendent who took the lead position in the months when something called a coronavirus was hitting the Far East and Europe and there were only a few cases of it in the U.S.

Hounsom guided the district through the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic, which included school closing, remote learning, lunches served in the parking lots.

Rolla students and staff made it through the worldwide viral pestilence, and Hounsom retired as planned in the summer of 2023.

Dare's assistant superintendents are Dr. Mandy Welch, whose responsibilities include the curriculum and instruction, and Dr. Monica Fulton, who handles the building and grounds and human resources.

The central office is in the D. Kent King Administration Building next to the Rolla Technical Center. Telephone number is **573-458-0100**.

The schools in the district are:

• Colonel John B. Wyman Elementary School (preK-3): 402 Lanning Lane, 573-458-0190.

• Harry S. Truman Elementary School (preK-3): 1001 E. 18th St., 573-458-0180.

• Mark Twain Elementary School (preK-3): 1100 Mark Twain Drive, 573-458-0170.

• Rolla Middle School (4-6): 1111 Soest Road, 573-458-0120.

• Rolla Junior High School (7-8): 1360 Soest Road, 573-458-0130.

• Rolla High School (9-12): 900 Bulldog Run, 573-458-0140.

• Rolla Technical Institute/Center (vocational schools): Institute at 1304 E. 10th St., 573-458-0150. Center at 500 Forum Drive, 573-458-0160.

St. James R-I School District

The St. James R-I School District exists to create a passion for teaching and learning through relationship building and a commitment to excellence.

Tim Webster is the superintendent of schools. April Williams



is assistant superintendent.

The schools in the district are:

• Lucy Wortham James Elementary School (K-5): 314 S. Jefferson, 573-265-2300. Dr. Kim Williams is the principal.

• St. James Middle School (6-8): 1 Tiger Drive, 573-265-2300, Karen Lepper is the principal.

• John F. Hodge High School (9-12): 101 E. Scioto, 573-265-2300. Devin Johnson is the principal.

• Alternative School, 228 E. Scioto: 573-261-3930.

Newburg R-II School District

Newburg R-II School District has an enrollment of around 400 students. The office is located at 701 Wolf Pride Drive. The telephone number is **762-9653**.

The schools in the district are:

- Newburg Elementary/Middle School (K-6)
- Newburg High School (7-12)

Phelps County R-III School District

Phelps County Elementary School (K-8) is located at 17790 State Route M, Edgar Springs, which is south of Rolla on U.S. 63. The telephone number is 573-435-6293. Bob Cottengim is the superintendent of schools.

STATE SCHOOLS

B.W. Robinson State School

B.W. Robinson State School for the Developmentally Disabled (K-12) is located at 300 Lanning Lane, Rolla. The telephone number is 573-368-2393. Bridget Jones is the principal.

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

• Rolla Seventh Day Adventist School (K-8): 814 Highway O, 573-364-3782.

Park Meadows



• St. Patrick Elementary School (K-8): 19 St. Patrick Lane, Rolla, 573-364-1162.

• Discovery Schools: 1530 Bridge School Road, Rolla, **573-426-6624**, is a school with a program that is designed specifically to meet the academic and therapeutic needs of students with significant social, emotional, and behavioral challenges. The program provides individualized instruction and therapeutic interventions in a trauma informed environment. Discovery Schools is a Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) Approved Private Agency. Discovery Schools is approved to serve students ages 5-21 diagnosed with the educational disabilities of Autism and Emotional Disturbance as well as other diagnoses.

PRESCHOOLS

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All God's Children Day Care

400 N. Olive St. 573-368-3158

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CLC Child Development Center

305 W. First St. 573-426-4494

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First United Methodist Church Preschool

803 N Main St. 573-364-2777

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Greentree Child Care and Learning Center 800 Greentree Rd. 573-364-2649

Greentree Learning and Childcare Center is an outreach of Greentree Christian Church to families with young children. It is a non-profit, religious educational facility that is primarily funded through childcare/tuition receipts.

Head Start

1811 E 10th St. 573-364-8252

Offered by Missouri Ozarks Community Action Inc., this is a federally funded child and family development program.

Presbyterian Preschool

919 E 10th St. **573-364-0992** First Presbyterian Preschool is a Christian preschool that

offers a high quality, safe and nurturing environment for young children.

Rolla Outdoor Collaborative School

550 Meriweather Court

admin@rollaoutdoorschool.org

Outdoor, nature-based classes are offered for toddlers up to kids age five.

Salem Avenue Baptist Church Daycare

1501 MO-72 573-364-8230

This is a license-exempt program with a maximum capacity of 80 children, birth to 12 years.

Stepping Stones Child Care Center

814 Hwy O 573-364-1790

This is a license-exempt program with a maximum capacity of 130 children birth to 12 years. The provider does not participate in a subsidized childcare program.



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St. Patrick Catholic Early Childhood Center 1601 N. Bishop Ave. 573-263-9775

The center cares for children from six weeks to three years old, with capacity for 20 kids.

ST. JAMES

Hand in Hand Preschool and St. John Lutheran Early Childhood Center

221 W James Blvd. 573-265-4673

This is a license-exempt program with a minimum capacity of 23 children, 12 months-12 years of age.

Head Start

Child care and daycare at 1520 Lola Lane in St. James 573-265-3257

MOCA Head Start is a comprehensive child development program for 3-5 year-old children from low-income families.

HIGHER EDUCATION

Missouri University of Science and Technology

1201 N. State St., Rolla

573-341-4111 web@mst.edu www.mst.edu

Founded in 1870 as one of the first technological institutions, Missouri University of Science and Technology (Missouri S&T), is one of four campuses in the University of Missouri system, with a student population of 7,000. Named the number one public university in Missouri for return on investment (Georgetown's Center on Education and Workforce, 2023) and number three among public universities for career placement (The

Princeton Review, 2022), Missouri S&T offers both undergraduate and graduate programs. Their College of Engineering and Computing features 18 engineering and computing undergraduate degree programs, and the College of Arts, Sciences, and Education offers a liberal arts and humanities, biological and physical sciences, education, behavioral sciences, and military science disciplines. Missouri S&T's newest college, the Kummer College of Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Economic Development, focuses on innovation in the fields of business, economics, engineering management, and information science and technology. Located in the community of Rolla, Missouri, S&T is a campus offering a spectrum of opportunities in learning with over 90 degree programs and a robust campus community, featuring dormitories, Greek or off-campus student housing, food courts, gymnasiums, performing arts theatre, a student life center, and student design teams.

Columbia College

550 Blues Lake Parkway, Rolla 573-341-3350 Rolla@CCIS.edu

Columbia College-Rolla was established in 1992 and moved to its current location in July 2012. The campus offers nine high-tech classrooms, two computer labs, a science lab and quiet study space, along with wireless access. They offer convenient courses to civilians and military learners, utilizing its national network and robust online program. Additionally, Columbia College now offers a special military-affiliated tuition for currently serving military members, and their spouses and dependents. Plus, books are provided at no cost!

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East Central College

500 Forum Drive, Rolla

573-466-4100 whd@eastcentral.edu

East Central College (ECC) provides degree programs and coursework to prepare students for transfer to baccalaureate institutions or advance in the workforce, with campuses in Union, Rolla, and online. ECC-Rolla offers a variety of college courses and degrees, including Associate of Arts transfer degrees, Associate of Arts in Teaching, and Associate of Applied Science programs. East Central College has 100% radiologic technology licensure pass rate, \$2.4 million in scholarships, and a 3.26 GPA transfer rate. ECC also has a partnership with Missouri S&T that allows qualifying students to enroll simultaneously in both institutions, as well as the ECC Phelps Law Enforcement Training Center (LETC), which offers a one-year certificate program combining theory, experiential learning, and practical applications to prepare students for a career as a peace officer. Students who successfully complete this Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) approved program are eligible to take the Missouri Peace Officer License Exam (MPOLE) to become a licensed peace officer.

Rolla Technical Institute/Rolla Technical Center

1304 E. 10th St. / 500 Forum Drive, Rolla 573-458-0150

RTI/C offers opportunities for students who wish to acquire technical skills for immediate employment out of high school, advanced placement into post-secondary (college) technical associate degree programs, or a foundation for a baccalaureate degree program. We offer hands-on training in simulated workplace environments and opportunities for students to apply acquired skills and knowledge through internships and apprenticeships. Many of our programs offer dual credit opportunities for high school students who would like to begin earning college credit.

Salem College of Hairstyling

1051 Kingshighway #1, Rolla 573-368-3136

The primary purpose of the cosmetology purse are to train students in both theory and practical experience, which will prepare them for immediate employment opportunities. Central and Salem Colleges have locations in Rolla, St. Robert and Camdenton. The Rolla Location, Salem College of Hairstyling, was originally located in Salem, Missouri and was opened in 1972.

Southwest Baptist—Salem Campus

501 S. Grand St., Salem 573-729-7071 Southwest Baptist University's campus in Salem provides quality higher education. Classes are taught in the afternoon and evening, making a degree at SBU-Salem attainable for people who are in the workforce but pursuing higher education to open new employment opportunities. With more than 100 college degree programs, SBU helps you achieve your academic passion. Dedicated to providing a superior education, SBU focuses on graduating student leaders who are well prepared for pursuing careers in a global society.

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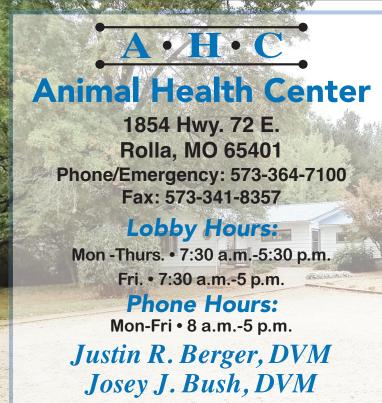
Webster University is located in Rolla and was founded in 1915. Webster University Rolla offers graduate education for those pursing a degree in business, counseling, human services, and health administration and continues to be highly ranked on the U.S. News & World Report's Best Colleges report, now listed as 22nd in Midwest Regional Universities. Webster was also recognized as a "Best Value" school and "Top Performer" for social mobility. Webster University Fort Leonard Wood has been consistently recognized as a militaryfriendly institution that helps veterans and active-duty service members pursue, pay for and complete their degrees. With online and military base or nearby in-person options, you can balance school with work and military and life commitments — even if deployed. Military credits also transfer easily.



Community and Civic Organizations

Alzheimer's Association

11433 Olde Cabin Rd., Ste 100, St. Louis 800-272-3900 www.alz.org/greatermissouri



WEBSITE: www.ahcofrolla.com FACEBOOK: https://www.facebook.com/AHCofRolla EMAIL: ahc@fidmail.com The Alzheimer's Association Greater Missouri Chapter works tirelessly to support over 110,000 people in the region currently living with Alzheimer's and their caretakers. They work to provide education, support, and connection to all those facing Alzheimer's and other dementias throughout the community, whether you are living with the disease, a family member, a caregiver or a healthcare professional.

American Legion

- Rolla Memorial Post 270 P.O. Box 1681, Rolla
- 573-578-4656 cmjohnson1818@gmail.com
- St. James Missouri Veterans Home Post 607
- 620 N. Jefferson St., St. James
- 573-421-2900 Legionpost607@centurytel.net
- MO Post 780, 13300 County Road 7590 Newburg
 The American Legion was chartered by Congress in 1919 as
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a patriotic veteran's organization. Over the years, the Legion has influenced considerable social change in America, won hundreds of benefits for veterans and produced many important programs for children and youth.

Boy Scouts – Ozark Trails Council

1616 S. Eastgate Ave., Springfield

573-201-6977 ozarktrailsbsa.org

With the Boy Scouts, you can experience camping in the hills of the Ozarks. Founded in 1924, Camp Arrowhead offers programs for Scouts of all ages, year-round. You can also volunteer as an adult leader by becoming a Scouting Volunteer.

Hope of the Ozarks

P.O. Box 1607, Rolla

573-364-2786 hopeoftheozarks.org

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573-426-5437 www.casascmo.org

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Central Region Workforce Investment

Board, Inc.

1107 Kingshighway, Rolla

573-426-6030 sundijo@cwdregion.com cwib.us

The Central Region Workforce Investment Board's mission is to strengthen communities through workforce development efforts, which includes providing employers a skilled workforce and helping job seekers access jobs and increase their skills.

Choices for People Center, Inc.

1840 Hwy. 72 E, Rolla

573-364-7444 www.choicesforpeoplecenter.org

Choices for People Center was started in 1957, as the Rolla Cerebral Palsy School by a grass root organization. It was created to fill a need for services for the disabled. These services include employment services, adult day services, community living and individual supported living programs.

Coterie of Missouri S&T

307 Lovers Lane, Rolla

573-341-3884 coterie-mst.org Coterie is a university-based organization that began in the

1930's to help connect newcomers to Missouri School of Mines. It is now open to all members of the Rolla community, regardless whether they are affiliated with the university. Anyone who wants to support socially, philanthropically, or culturally is welcome to join and attend the social and scholarship events.

Democratic Club of Phelps County

PO Box 1432, Rolla www.demclubphelps.org

Since 1932 the Democratic Club of Phelps County has provided opportunities for those interested in learning more about and working towards the success of the Democratic Party. Our meetings are held eight times a year and include speakers, dinners, potlucks, and picnics all focused on expanding our base and membership, providing educational opportunities, and supporting our candidates. Regular meetings are free and open to the public.

East Central Area Literacy Council

P.O. Box 1336, Rolla

844-322-4235 ecaliteracy.org

East Central Area Literacy Council is managed by a volunteer board that assists adult education and literacy programs through fundraising and recruiting and training volunteer tutors. Board meeting are held in St. James the fourth Tuesday of the month at 5 p.m. If you are willing to share your time and effort as a member of the board of directors, contact the executive director, Alice Whalen at alice.whalen@ ecaliteracy.org.

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Rolla is home to the Missouri University of Science and Technology, a leading technological and research institution. Along with the campuses of four other institutions of higher learning and a top-rated public school system, we provide opportunities for people to prepare for their future.

Rolla has significant healthcare assets including Phelps Health, Four Rivers Health Clinic and Mercy Clinic. These facilities serve over 200,000 people in South Central Missouri with comprehensive patient care in a wide range of specialties. Our nationally accredited Delbert Day Cancer institute provides all cancer care services, and in collaboration with our University and private companies, state of the art biomedical research. In 2020 ETC Institute awarded to the City the "Leading the Way Award." This award recognizes that the City of Rolla is within the top 10% of all local governments in the United States for overall quality and value of service provided to residents.

Rolla has a well-balanced economy based on government institutions such as the United States Geological Survey, Mark Twain National Forest Headquarters, Missouri Department of Natural Resources and nearby Fort Leonard Wood, an Army Center of Excellence that trans nearly 90,000 military and civilians each year.

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companies such as Brewer Science and Mo-Sci Inc., and Hartmann, U.S.; along with the backbone of any small city, a thriving small business commu-

> What do we do for fun? The Mark Twain National Forest with its scenic, rolling hills, provides many opportunities for outdoor activities such as hiking, hunting and fishing along with canoeing and rafting on the Gasconade, Little Piney, Big Piney and Mer-

amec Rivers. Lake of the Ozarks, with its nearly 1,200 miles of shoreline, is a short drive away. The Centre, a 63,000 square-foot fitness center to an aquatic center, gymnasium, indoor walking track and recreational programs for the entire community to enjoy. During the summer months, the outdoor Splash Zone offers a refreshing break for families. The City has 34 outdoor parks along with an eight-mile, well-maintained pedestrian and bike path system. We are often recognized as one of the 100 Best Small Towns in America.

Leach Theatre at Castleman Hall (Missouri S&T's 560-seat Performing Arts Center), the Ozark Actor's Theatre, Fine Linen Theatre and ArtsRolla, along with award-winning local wineries and a craft brewery, are additional assets that make Rolla such a desirable place to live, work and play.

The students and faculty living in Rolla represent over 80 countries giving our citizens the unique opportunity to meet and experience a multitude of people and cultures.

Rolla has all the benefits associated with a small city (population 20,000), but we retain the positive attributes of small-town charm. I know that you will find the community as welcoming as I did when I chose to relocate to Rolla. Welcome to Rolla, we are glad you are here.

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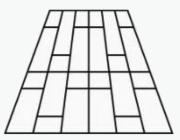
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Hasselmann Alumni House-Event Venue

1100 N. Pine St., Rolla

573-341-4145 www.mineralumni.com

The Miner Alumni Association serves the alumni and students of Missouri S&T. They enrich and benefit the alumni through partnership with the university to foster lifelong engagement. Located in downtown Rolla on Pine Street, the 12,500-squarefoot alumni house is both a home for nearly 60,000 Miner alumni and a venue serving the Rolla-area community.

Hope Alliance of Missouri

Hope Alliance of Missouri is a local 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization serving Phelps County and central Missouri. Currently, two programs are serving those in the community: the Friday Backpack Program and Abundant Blessings. The Friday Backpack Program sends food bags home with local school children to provide supplemental food for the weekend and has been working in cooperation with the Rolla Public Schools since 2007. Toiletry bags and other supplies are provided to the school as needed. Abundant Blessings was added in 2018 and provides clothing, toiletries, and any items a family would need when taking in children through foster care from beds, cribs, car seats, dressers or more. Abundant Blessings also serves low income or referred families and works to connect all those served with other supports in the community. If you are interested in volunteering, donating items or if you might need support call 573-227-2012, visit the organization's Facebook page or visit https://www.hopemo.org/

James Foundation

21506 Maramec Spring Drive, St. James 573-265-7124

The James Foundation is a non-profit organization that owns and operates Maramec Spring Park, located in St. James Missouri. Whether its learning about the park's deep history, fishing for trout or exploring the spring, Maramec Spring Park has something for everyone to enjoy.

Kaleidoscope Discovery Center

info@thekaleidoscope.org

573-212-4535 https://thekaleidoscope.org/

The Kaleidoscope Discovery Center (KDC), a STEAM education network, focuses on creating fun, interactive experiences that inspire a universe of endless possibilities. Their mission is to provide opportunities that value science, technology, engineering, arts, and math (STEAM) through hands-on learning, encouraging imagination, exploration, and creation influencing a brighter tomorrow.

Kiwanis Clubs

- Rolla Breakfast: 573-578-4912
- St. James: stjkiwanis@gmail.com

www.kiwanis.org

Kiwanis International is a global community of clubs, members and partners dedicated to improving the lives of children one community at a time. Today, they stand with more than 550,000 members from K-Kids to Key Club to Kiwanis and many ages in between in 80 countries and geographic areas. Each community has different needs, and Kiwanis empowers members to pursue creative ways to serve the needs of children, such as fighting hunger, improving literacy, and offering guidance. Local clubs look out for our communities and the international organization takes on large-scale challenges, such as fighting disease and poverty.

KVC Missouri

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844-424-3577 https://missouri.kvc.org/

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4 Industrial Dr., St. James

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Missouri Job Center/COPIC

1107 Kingshighway, Rolla

573-368-2354 jobs.mo.gov

Missouri's labor exchange system, MoJobs, provides job and candidate matching at no cost. A statewide network of Missouri Job Centers and partner organizations allow us to offer a wide array of vital services to Missouri's job seekers and businesses.

Missouri Veterans Home-St. James

620 N Jefferson St., St. James

573-265-3271 www.nasvh.org

The National Association of State Veterans Homes' primary mission is to promote and enhance the quality of care and life of Veterans and families in the State Veterans homes through education, networking, and advocacy.

Optimist Club of Rolla

PO Box 1366, Rolla 573-368-0582 rollaoptimist.wixsite.com/optimist CONTINUED PAGE 25



See Phelps County Focus print editions each week or phelpscountyfocus.com for upcoming events.

AND VISIT AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SITES for other events and opportunities:

St. James - visitstjamesmo.com

• Rolla - rollachamber.org

Welcome to

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Tax bills are generated based on the assessment form you fill out. Taxes are due when you receive your tax bill (around the second week in November) and are delinquent on January 1.

In Missouri we have two types of tax bills – **REAL ESTATE** and **PERSONAL PROPERTY** *REAL ESTATE* includes your house, land, and maybe your mobile home. Real Estate assessments are done automatically based on recorded deeds.

PERSONAL PROPERTY may include vehicles, boats, trailers, ATVs/UTVs, mobile homes, and more. Personal Property assessments are based upon information that you supply to us.

Assessor Tim Kean – Tim and his staff welcome you. If you have questions about your assessment form, please reach out by phone or email:

573-458-6135 or assessorgroup@phelpscounty.org

Collector Faith Barnes – Faith and her staff welcome you to Phelps County! If you have any questions about a tax bill or any other questions, please call or email: *573-458-6155 or collectorgroup@phelpscounty.org*

Our offices are located in the Phelps County Courthouse: 200 N. Main Street, Rolla, MO



PHELPS COUNTY

Key Comm. Organizations

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The Optimist Club of Rolla is a "friend of youth since 1964," offering youth sports, academic programs, fundraisers and more.

Ozark Rivers National Audubon Society

P.O. Box 429, Rolla

ozarkriversaudubon.org info@ozarkriversaudubon.org

The Ozark Rivers Chapter is the steward of Audubon Trails Nature Center (Audubon Trails NC). For the nature-lover, conservationist, hiker, runner and biker. Audubon Trails NC is located north of I-44 in Rolla, Missouri. The NC is a unique 70-acre reserve dedicated to community education and habitat preservation.

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200 N. Main St., Rolla

573-458-6260 extension.missouri.edu/phelps

Using university research and science-based knowledge, University of Missouri Extension works with people to understand change, solve problems, and make informed decisions. MU Extension addresses a wide range of needs that fall into three grand challenges for the state of Missouri: economic opportunity, educational access and excellence and health and well-being.

MU Extension offers in-person and online programming, publications, and information in these major interest areas: agriculture and environment, business and community, health and safety, and youth and family.

Phelps County Fair

12860 Hwy. 63 S., Rolla

573-578-3727 www.phelpscountyfair.com

The Phelps County Fair is four fun-filled days for one low price. Price includes carnival rides, bull riding, demo derby, truck and tractor pull, ATV rodeo, pageants, livestock events, petting zoo, karaoke, talent contest, frozen t-shirt contest, kids' games, musical entertainment, exhibits, vendors, 4-H, FFA, various foods and so much more.

Phelps County Habitat for Humanity

P.O. Box 1551, Rolla

573-638-5110 www.habitatphelpscounty.com/

Phelps County Habitat for Humanity is a faith-based organization that works to eliminate poverty, housing shortages, and homelessness in Phelps County by providing housing and home ownership to responsible families who cannot afford traditional commercial financing.

Phelps County Historical Society

Third & Rolla Streets (Old Courthouse), Rolla 573-364-5977 phelpscohistsoc.weebly.com The Phelps County Historical Society was organized in 1939



and incorporated in 1940. The museum campus includes the 1838 Dillon Log House, the 1860 Limestone Block Jail and the 1861 Courthouse. The society is an all-volunteer organization, and they hold an annual meeting every October as well as a public meeting in the spring.

Phelps County Industrial Solutions

3900 Hy Point Blvd., Rolla 573-364-2883

Phelps County Industrial Solutions, formally known as the Rolla Sheltered Workshop, is a nonprofit organization that exists to provide meaningful employment to people with disabilities. The goal is to enhance the quality of life for the people they serve through vocational growth, experience, and community inclusion.

Phelps County National Day of

Prayer Committee

phelpsconationaldayofprayer@gmail.com

This organization promotes community prayer for our nation. The National Day of Prayer is an observance held on the first Thursday of May, designated by the U.S. Congress, asking people to turn to God in prayer.

Phelps County Pageant Association

573-528-2929 pageants@gmail.com

missheartoftheozarkspageant.weebly.com

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Key Comm. Organizations

The mission of the Rolla Area Chamber of Commerce is to enhance the economic environment and quality of life in our community. It is the official tourism organization for Rolla to discover events, things to do in our city, lodging, shopping, restaurants and more.

Rolla Choral Arts Society

573-368-8535 jsndqst@gmail.com rollachoirs.org

The Rolla Choral Arts Society was formed to support and promote choral music in our local community. The RCAS was created to merge the following existing community organizations: Rolla Chamber Singers, Rolla Men of Song, Rolla Community Children's Choir and the Rolla Vocal Music Boosters.

Rolla Lions Club

1061 S. Bishop Ave., Rolla

573-364-4386 www.rollalions.org

The Lions Club's mission is to empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs.

Rolla Moose Lodge

Rolla Moose Lodge is a non-profit fraternal organization dedicated to the caring of children and seniors and service to the community. It is located at 14595 CR 7100, Rolla. Visit its Facebook page for more information or call **573-364-0587**.

Rotary Club of Rolla

618-974-2382 www.rotaryrolla.org

The Rotary Club's mission is to provide humanitarian service; encourage high ethical standards in individuals, business and professions; and help build goodwill and peace in the world. The vision of Rotary Club of Rolla is to embody the spirit of



service by emphasizing activities that enhance the quality of life and human dignity in our community, with focus on education and supporting young people who need help. The club will encourage high ethical standards in our community's young people, businesses and vocations through leadership by example and by promoting knowledge and understanding of The Four-Way Test, and will help build international goodwill and peace through support of The Rotary Foundation and participation in the programs thereof.

Russell House – Response to Domestic & Sexual Violence

P.O. Box 2259, Rolla

573-364-0579 www.russellhouse.info

Russell House services include crisis advocacy, shelter, support groups, licensed professional counseling, court and legal advocacy, hospital advocacy for SV survivors, a children's program, volunteer program and awareness programs. Russell House staff provides community education about domestic violence and sexual assault to community organizations, faith communities, civic groups and to area professionals as requested.

St. James Area Community Foundation

P.O. Box 622, St. James 573-263-1956

www.cfozarks.org/affiliates/st-james-area The Community Foundation's mission is to enhance the qual-

ity of life in the St. James area through resource development, community grantmaking, collaboration and public leadership. Since their founding on May 13, 2003, St. James Area Community Foundation has distributed more than \$124,000 back to the community. They now hold assets totaling \$115,270 as of June 30, 2020.

St. James Caring Center

110 James Blvd., St. James 573-265-7072

The St. James Caring Center is a one-stop resource center dedicated to meeting the temporary emergency needs of individuals. The Caring Center is to support the development of healthy, thriving communities by promoting awareness of needs, creating and implementing services and partnerships to help meet those needs, while encouraging individual responsibility.

St. James Chamber of Commerce

100 State Route B, St. James

573-265-6649 www.stjameschamber.net

The St. James Chamber of Commerce members continue to explore new avenues to further promote our community and the surrounding area in a positive manner. All the activities and functions sponsored by the Chamber are planned to showcase our community and ultimately to benefit the members.



Key Comm. Organizations / Gov./ General

The Community Partnership

1101 Hauk Dr., Rolla

573-368-2849 www.thecommunitypartnership.org

The Community Partnership a non-profit organization to serve children, youth, and families through a variety of programs in the primary areas of foster care, pregnant and parenting youth, childhood disability and early education. They are governed by a board of directors and are funded through state contracts, foundation grants and individual donations.

Tri-County Center for Independent Living

1420 Hwy. 72 E., Rolla

573-368-5933 www.tricountycenter.com

Tri-County Center for Independent Living is a not-for-profit organization designed to assist persons with disabilities achieve and maintain as much independence as they wish in the setting of their choice.



Phelps County

Phelps County is a third-class county under Missouri law. It is located in the heart of south central Missouri at the northern edge of the Ozarks. Phelps County's current population is around 45,000. The county was originally organized in 1857 and named in honor of John Phelps, a Springfield-based politician who represented Missouri in the U.S. House of Representative and served as governor.

Joey Auxier is currently serving as Phelps County presiding commissioner. Gary Hicks and Sherry Stites are serving as the associate commissioners.

Other county offices are also elected at-large during November elections. The current list of office holders includes Assessor Tim Kean, Collector Faith Barnes, Circuit Court Clerk Marlina Wallace, Coroner Ernie Coverdell, County Clerk Laura Johnson, Prosecuting Attorney Brendon Fox, Public Administrator Dana Sooter, Recorder of Deeds Robin Kordes, Sheriff Mike Kirn and Treasurer Cathy Tipton.

The Phelps County Courthouse is located at 200 N. Main St. and can be reached at **573-458-6200**.

City of Rolla

Rolla is a third-class city under Missouri law. It is located in central Phelps County. Rolla's current population is around 20,000 people. The city was originally founded by Edmund Ward Bishop in 1858. Rolla's elected officers include its mayor, city prosecutor, municipal judge and a total of 12 city council representative seats spread across six wards.

Louis Magdits IV is currently serving as mayor. The city council membership, as of January 2024, includes the following: WARD 1 – Terry Higgins and Joshua Vroman; WARD 2 – Megan Johnson and Nathan Chirban; WARD 3 – Lister B. Florence Jr. and Matt Fridley; WARD 4 – Jaired Hall and Robert Kessinger; WARD 5 – Kevin Greven and Stanley Mayberry; WARD 6 – Tina Balch and Victoria Steen.

The Rolla city prosecutor is Katie Fox. The Rolla municipal judge is Bradley Neckermann.

Other positions within the municipal government are ap-

pointed. John Butz is serving as Rolla city administrator. Lorri Thurman is serving as Rolla city clerk.

Rolla City Hall is located at 901 N. Elm St. and can be reached at 573-426-6948.

City of St. James

St. James is a third-class city under Missouri law. It is located in the eastern side of Phelps County. St. James currently has a population just under 5,000 people. The city was originally settled in 1860 and named in honor of Meramec Iron Works founder Thomas James.

The city has a mayor-council government, with a city administrator.

St. James City Hall is located at 100 S. Jefferson St. and can be reached at **573-265-7013**.

City of Doolittle

Doolittle is a fourth-class city under Missouri law. It is located immediately west of Rolla in Phelps County. Doolittle's current population is around 600 people.

Doolittle was originally settled in the early 1940s and later named in honor of Gen. Jimmy Doolittle. A mayor and six aldermen govern the city.

Doolittle City Hall is located at 380 Eisenhower St. and can be reached at **573-762-2601**.

City of Newburg

Newburg is a fourth-class city under Missouri law. It is located south of Doolittle. Newburg currently has a population of around 500 people.

Newburg was originally founded in 1888 as a significant railroad hub. A mayor and four aldermen govern the city.

Newburg City Hall is located at 191 Main St. and can be reached at 573-762-2315.

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City of Edgar Springs

Edgar Springs is a fourth-class city under Missouri law. It is located in the southern panhandle of Phelps County. Edgar Springs currently has a population of around 200 people.

Edgar Springs is named after a natural spring on the property of early settler John Edgar. A mayor and four aldermen govern the city.

Edgar Springs City Hall is located at 555 Broadway St. and can be reached at 573-435-6334.



CHURCHES

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Apostolic Faith Church of Jerome 7 Elcar Ct., Jerome 573-762-3578 Apostolic Pentecostal Church 750 S. Rolla St., Rolla

573-364-6225 www.rollaupc.org New Apostolic Church

120 Doolittle Outer Road, Doolittle

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

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573-265-3449 fbcstj.weebly.com First Baptist Church - Newburg

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22225 Co. Rd. 7490, Rolla 573-435-6366 Salem Avenue Baptist Church

1501 E. Highway 72, Rolla 573-364-4442 www.sabchurch.org

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Spring Crest Baptist Church 2400 Vichy Rd., Rolla 573-341-8408

Tenth Street Baptist Church 1111 E. 10th St., Rolla 573-364-4001

Victory Baptist Church 400 E James Blvd, St James 573-201-7751 Winkler Baptist Church

16875 South, MO-68, St. James 573-265-3875

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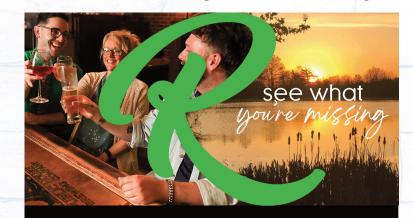
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396 Main St., Newburg 573-762-2299 First Church of God

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Vineyard Church 708 N. Main St., Rolla 573-364-0315 vineyardrolla.org Word of Life Celebration Church

1327 S. Bishop Ave., Rolla

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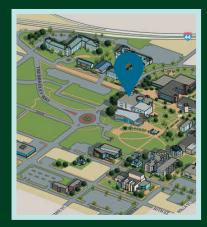
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RECREATION

PUBLIC LANDS

Rolla Parks and Recreation

The Rolla Parks and Recreation Department manages more than 25 separate park locations and 235 acres within the city limits, ranging from small neighborhood parks with nothing more than playground equipment to The Centre, Rolla's Health and Recreation Complex.

• **The Acorn Trail** is located off State Highway 0 and is a comprehensive bike and pedestrian sidewalk throughout the community. The path includes wildlife food lots, an interpretive forest, bike trails and a pedestrian footbridge.

• Ber Juan Park is located between 10th and 18th Street and consists of nearly 85 acres of open grassland, walking trails, picnic pavilions and several sports fields. In total, Ber Juan Park offers two picnic shelters, three softball fields, one baseball field, six tennis courts, two basketball courts and two football/soccer fields. In addition to all these features, a walking and exercise trail encompasses most of the with outdoor fitness equipment stationed along the trail plus useful exercise guides that allow you to measure and improve your fitness level.

• **Buehler Park** is located of Fairgrounds Road and features picnic pavilions and a dinosaur-themed playground. It is also home to Rolla's dog park.

• **The Centre** is located inside beautiful Ber Juan Park and offers indoor health and fitness opportunities to people of all ages and skill levels. The facility includes a full-size basketball court, lap lanes, water channel, warm water pool, and recreational pool, a cardio and stretching floor, an expansive strength training and functional fitness area, as well as meeting rooms and three group fitness spaces. The Centre offers programming for individuals with chronic health issues such as Parkinson's and Arthritis, as well as an 8 – week provider referred individualized exercise program for individuals with cancer, those preparing for surgery, those with mobility issues, and other health concerns. Personal training, water fitness, group fitness classes, private swim lessons, group swim lessons, and camps for school age kids are all available at The Centre.

The Centre's address is 1200 Holloway Street. It can be reached by calling **573-341-2386**.

• **Green Acres Park** consists of 8.5 acres along Dieble Creek. It features a lighted softball field with bleachers, playgrounds, sand volleyball court, picnic shelters and walking trail. It also has a new court designed for pickleball. Schuman Park is located between Oak Street and Bardesley Road.



• Schuman Park is Rolla's second largest park at 15 acres and features Schuman Lake, a lighted softball field and four basketball courts, two picnic pavilions, two playgrounds and a sand volleyball court. One of its highlights is also the ability to view the restored historic Frisco 1501 steam engine.

Mark Twain National Forest

• The Mill Creek Recreation Area provides four picnic sites, fishing access to Mill Creek and hiking opportunities with the Kaintuck Hollow Trail complex. The Kaintuck Hollow Trail offers a total of 16 miles of looping trails leading you through an oak forest, interspersed with hickory, cedar, dogwood and pine plantations for great nature viewing. Visitors can also enjoy Wilkins Spring, which provides an average daily flow of three million gallons of water feeding a small rise pool and two-acre lake. The Mill Creek Recreation Area is located off State Route P in Newburg.

• The Lane Spring Recreation Area provides a nice setting along Little Piney Creek with a large picnic area, campsites and two pavilions. It also includes fishing access with only artificial lures and flies permitted and a daily limit applied of one trout measuring 18 inches or longer. For hiking the 1.25mile Blossom Rock Trail and the 1.5-mile Cedar Bluff Trail traverse through lush bottomland vegetation with abundant wildflowers, before climbing to views of the river and rock outcroppings. Birding and wildlife viewing are popular along the trails. The Lane Spring Recreation Area is located off Highway 63 about 10 miles south of Rolla.

Missouri Department of Conservation

• The Bohigian Conservation Area consists of 426 total acres located off Highway AA west of Rolla. It features access



Recreation - Public Land/Parks/Rec. Bus.

to the Blue Ribbon Trout Area of Mill Creek.

• The Beaver Creek Conservation Area consists of 157 acres located off Highway 63 south of Rolla. It features a shooting range and short hiking trail.

• **The Rosati Towersite** consists of 92 total acres and is located of Highway KK east of St. James. It features a short hiking trail to the Rosati Tower, a historic fire tower.

• The Little Prairie Conservation Area consists of 342 total acres located off Old Route 66 between Rolla and St. James. It features fishing and paddling access to William E. Towell Lake.

• **The Bray Conservation Area** consists of 132 total acres located off Bridge School Road west of Rolla. It features nearly three miles of hiking trails, a fishing pond, picnic area and an outdoor learning center.

• The Woodson K. Woods Memorial Conservation Area consists of 5,658 total acres off Highway 8 in Phelps and Crawford counties. It features fishing opportunities for rainbow and brown trout in the cool waters of the Meramec River and bluegill, catfish, largemouth bass and other warm-water species can be caught from the slow, murky waters of Dry Fork Creek.

PRIVATE PARKS

Audubon Trails Nature Center

The Audubon Trails Nature Center is located at 550 Meriweather Court within the Rolla city limits. It encompasses 70 acres of diverse habitats with several miles of earthen trails through remnant prairie, riparian zones, open woodlands, sa-



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Maramec Spring Park

The James Foundation managed and conserves approximately 1,800 acres of land off Highway 8 south of St. James. The site features a Missouri Department of Conservation-operated trout hatchery, fishing access, miles of hiking trails and historical tours of the Maramec Iron Works. The park's namesake spring was declared a National Natural Landmark in October 1971. The Maramec Iron Works District was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1969.

Rolla Lions Club Park

The Rolla Lions Club operates the Lions Club Park off Highway 63. The park features seven outlying pavilions and three large pavilions in the main part of the park as well as a major playground area and two smaller areas near outlying pavilions. Also available are two basketball and two volleyball courts with nets. The park additionally features a small lake that is stocked two times each year with bass, catfish, and perch for the enjoyment of the youngest to the most skilled fisherman. There is a daily limit of five fish per individual. An accessible dock is available for those who need a wheelchair accessible facility.

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Call **573-364-4386** for more information about Rolla Lions Club Park.

Veterans Memorial Park

Veterans Memorial Park consists of 11 acres in Rolla off Southview Drive. It is the perfect place to relax and reflect on military history. The site features the quarter-mile long Freedom Walk with 17 monuments. It also has a large pavilion and picnic area. It is manages by the South Central Regional Veterans Group.

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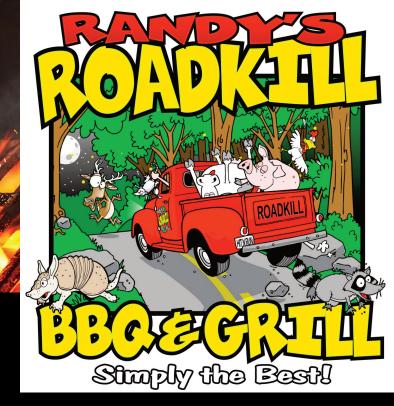
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At the time of this publication, early February 2024, there are 236 homes for sale, ranging from \$9.9K to \$13M, according to realtor.com.

Phelps County was a buyer's market in December 2023, meaning the supply of homes was greater than the demand for homes. Homes in Phelps County, sell after 61 days on the market, on

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There are eight cities in Phelps County. Lecoma has a median listing home price of \$249K, making it the most expensive city. Edgar Springs is the most affordable city, with a median listing home price of \$149K, according to realtor.com.

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