

## Fun and educational ways to celebrate Earth Day

Earth Day is an annual holiday that has been celebrated since 1970. Despite somewhat humble beginnings, much of the globe now celebrates Earth Day, which this year takes place on Saturday, April 22.

Earth Day has long drawn attention to issues affecting the planet and its climate. The effects of those issues have grown increasingly noticeable in recent years, which makes this Earth Day and all subsequent celebrations an ideal opportunity to celebrate the planet while learning about the many challenges it faces in the years to come. The following are some unique, fun and educational ways to celebrate the planet this April.

• Leave the car at home. Winter weather is a distant memory by late April in many places, making Earth Day an ideal time to travel by foot or by bicycle instead of by car. That's not only fun, but also a great opportunity to learn about carbon emissions. The United States Environmental Protection Agency reports that a typical passenger vehicle emits about 4.6 metric tons of carbon dioxide each year. Vehicles also emit a substantial amount of methane and nitrous oxide. This is why gaspowered vehicles are so often linked to climate change, much of which is driven by greenhouse gas emissions. A car-free Earth Day can be fun and serve as a catalyst for conversation about the effects of gas-powered vehicles on the health of the planet.

• Volunteer with a local environmental organization. Environmental organizations are committed to the ideals behind Earth Day all year long. However, each Earth Day many of these organizations sponsor eco-conscious efforts to help the planet and raise awareness about issues like climate change. Volunteering with a local beach or park cleanup or signing up to walk and raise money for a local environmental charity makes for a fun and educational way to spend your Earth Day.

• Get your hands dirty and plant. The National Forest Foundation notes that planting trees can have a profound and positive impact on the planet. According to the NFF, planting more trees helps forests to sequester carbon, which can have a significant effect on climate change. The NFF estimates that 100 mature trees can remove 50 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent and 430 pounds of pollution from the atmosphere. Even if you can't work with a local forestry organization to plant more trees in a nearby forest, planting native trees on your own property can help combat climate change. • Involve children in your efforts to combat climate change. Today's adults likely won't be the ones forced to confront the more challenging consequences of climate change. Unfortunately, that cost is likely to be passed on to future generations. That makes this Earth Day a great time to involve kids more directly in efforts to combat climate change. Explain the significance of avoiding the car, volunteering or planting trees in terms that kids can understand, emphasizing that the future of the planet could very well be in their hands.

Earth Day takes on greater significance each year as the effects of climate change become more noticeable. This year the holiday can be celebrated in various ways that are both enjoyable and educational. TF234950

### Batesville Community Clean Up Days! Thursday, April 20

**8am - Noon** Meet at Inspiration Park (across from Amack's) for Downtown clean-up

3 pm to 7 pm Meet at Liberty Park Pavilion Saturday, April 22 8 am to Noon

Volunteers meet inside Liberty Park Pavilion to help paint the kitchen

### Main Street Versailles & Osgood Beautification Committee Challenge

Fill a trash bag (13 gal or larger) with liter from around the community - roadside, parks, etc then deliver to the Osgood or Versailles Town Hall on Monday, April 24 to be entered into a drawing to win a \$20 gift to Versailles Fam Garden to purchase your spring plants compliments of Main Street Versailles. Stop in at either town hall this week for a bag to fill!

### Sunman Community Clean Up Days! Saturday, May 22 | 9 a.m. to 12 noon

### Sunman utility customers only.

There will be a dumpster there for clean up, but there are rules. All items must be placed in the dumpster. They are asking that residents do not stack or throw items on the ground around the dumpster. No paint or tires will be accepted.



# Ripley County Sheriff's Report

### Tuesday, April 11

6:00 a.m. Livestock, 900 S/Bear Creek Road, Cross Plains.

7:58 a.m. Veh Disabled, 1100 N/SR 129, Batesville. 10:28 a.m. Traffic Stop, S High St & W Water St, Versailles.

10:27 a.m. Animal Problem, 6314 S Benham Rd, Versailles.

11:16 a.m. Transport, 210 N Monroe St, Versailles.

11:31 a.m. Unwanted Person, 66 S Main St, Versailles.

1:34 p.m. 911 Open Line, 430 S Meridian St, Sunman. 1:32 p.m. Return Tx, 6228 S Friendship Rd, Versailles. 2:16 p.m. Civil Dispute, 210 N Monroe St, Versailles.

3:17 p.m. Training, 210 N Monroe St, Versailles.

5:04 p.m. Civil Process, 438 Tanglewood Rd # 12, Versailles.

5:09 p.m. Civil Process, 723 West St, Versailles. 6:02 p.m. Domestic, Sunman.

6:43 p.m. Civil Process, 8502 N 100 E, Osgood. 6:49 p.m. Traffic Stop, W Indian Trail & N Warpath Dr, Milan.

7:03 p.m. Civil Process, 613 E Beech St, Osgood.

7:23 p.m. Warrant Service, 707 W Ripley St # 43, Milan. 8:05 p.m. Battery With Injury, 12349 N 200 W, Batesville.

### Wednesday, April 12

10:12 a.m. Emotional Dist, 6228 S Friendship Rd, Versailles.

10:51 a.m. Home Visit, 7088 W Versailles St, Holton.

11:07 a.m. Home Visit, 380 N 625 E, Milan.

11:39 a.m. Vin Inspection, 4030 E 300 S, Dillsboro.

11:41 a.m. School Walk, Milan Elementary.

11:42 a.m. Agency Assist, 10191 Tuggle Rd.

11:52 a.m. Welfare Ck, 7234 E SR 46, Batesville. 12:47 p.m. Transport, 901 W US 50, Versailles.

12:04 p.m. Animal Problem, 3857 N Delaware Rd, Milan.

12:36 p.m. Property Damage, 8663 E Hoff Rd, Sunman.

2:08 p.m. Civil Process, 1525 W 925 S, Madison.

2:57 p.m. Civil Process, 4119 S US 421, Versailles. 3:23 p.m .Intimidation,

8564 N Spades Rd, Milan. 3:52 p.m. Accident Unknown, 5147 S Benham Rd, Versailles.

3:55 p.m. Warrant Service, 309 E Fairground Av, Osgood.

3:57 p.m. Domestic, Sunman.

4:00 p.m.Alarm Business, 3694 NPLN Main St, Batesville.

5:27 p.m. Citizen Assist, 480 Willis St, Versailles.

5:21 p.m. Harassment, 4336 N Old Mill Rd, Milan. 5:34 p.m. Theft, 5484 N Old Michigan Rd, Osgood.

6:12 p.m. Traffic Hazard, Baseline Rd/SR 350, Osgood.

6:28 p.m. Livestock, 6066 E SR 48, Sunman.

6:35 Harassment, 351 W Salem Rd, Batesville.

6:53 p.m. 911 Open Line, 301 S Adams St, Versailles. 6:57 p.m. Suicidal, 178 North Ridge Rd, Versailles. 7:09 p.m. Traffic Stop, 350 N SR 129, Milan. 7:15 p.m. 911 Open Line, 508 S Adams St, Versailles. 9:27 p.m. Traffic Stop, 220

S High St, Versailles. 9:55 p.m. Accident Pi, N

SR 129 & E 300 N, Milan. 11:17 p.m. Welfare Check

192 E US 50, Versailles. Thursday, April 13

8:43 a.m. Road Hazard, 1030 W US 50, Versailles.

10:41 a.m. Veh Disabled, US 421/700 N, Osgood.

11:53 a.m. 911 Open Line, 5044 N 300 W, Osgood.

2:12 p.m. Welfare Ck, 9391 S 450 W, Madison.

3:47 p.m. 911 Open Line, 5129 E 300 N, Milan.

3:25 p.m. Found Property, 441 N 625 E, Milan.

5:47 p.m. Impaired Driver, S SR 129 & E US 50, Dills-

boro. 6:12 p.m. Civil Process,

276 S 625 E, Milan. 7:40 p.m. Impaired Driver,

Stumpke Corner, Milan. 7:51 p.m. 911 Open Line,

530 N Warpath Dr, Milan. 8:00 p.m. Civil Process,

324 Dogwood Trail, Milan.

8:13 p.m. Civil Process, 407 W Ellis St, Milan. 8:36 p.m. Civil Process, 630 N Main St, Milan.

#### Friday, April 14

12:43 a.m. Unwanted Person, 3305 E 500 N, Osgood. 6:16 a.m. Veh Disabled, 48/129

7:52 a.m. Harassment, 1993 S 550 E, Milan.

8:14 a.m. Vin Inspection, 6332 W Brownstown Rd, Osgood.

9:23 a.m. Civil Process, 3561 S Friendship Rd, Versailles.

9:26 a.m. Civil Process, 3561 S Friendship Rd, Versailles.

6:56 a.m. Vin Inspection, 3999 W 800 S, Madison.

10:49 a.m. Civil Process, 8793 E 650 N, Milan.

10:51 a.m. Civil Process, 13915 N 500 E, Batesville.

11:20 a.m. Civil Process, 201 Country Club Dr, Batesville.

11:44 a.m. Civil Process, 445 N Maple St, Osgood.

1:34 p.m. 1866 W 500 N, Osgood.

1:44 p.m. 911 Hangup, 1007 N Warpath Dr, Milan. 2:17 p.m. Domestic, Holton. 6:08 p.m. Civil Process,319 Gaslight Dr, Versailles.6:10 p.m. Civil Process,102 Gaslight Dr, Versailles.

6:31 p.m. Civil Process, 445 N Maple St, Osgood.

6:09 p.m. Vin Inspection, 4848 S Friendship Rd, Versailles.

7:00 p.m. 911 Open Line, State Park Swimming Pool, Versailles.

7:26 p.m. Civil Process, 371 SR 229 S, Batesville.

8:14 p.m. Civil Process,

320 W Pearl St, Batesville.

8:53 p.m. Civil Process,

102 Gaslight Dr, Versailles. 10:37 p.m. Domestic, Ver-

sailles.

10:51 p.m. Accident Unknown, RR Xing W Versailles St, Holton.

### Saturday, April 15

12:31 a.m. Accident Lsa, 5022 E Prattsburg Rd, Milan. 2:35 a.m. Overdose, Stone St/Ripley St, Milan.

9:27 a.m. Susp Person, Walnut St/Pearls St, Batesville.

9:43 a.m. 911 Hangup, 499 S 600 W, Holton.

10:07 a.m. Intimidation,

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