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State collecting nominations to honor volunteers

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The Missouri Community Service Commission is collecting nominations to recognize those who answer the call to serve others.

"We want to recognize the work of outstanding individuals who are driving positive change in their communities," MCSC Executive Director Britany Crabtree said in a news release.

"The Show Me Service Awards are a unique way to honor those who selflessly give their time and energy to improve Missouri communities. We encourage Missourians

to nominate citizens who have answered the call to make a difference through service."

The Show Me Service Awards celebrate volunteers in seven categories, including youth, adult, senior, AmeriCorps, AmeriCorps Seniors, Business Excellence and Community Excellence. The deadline for online nominations is April 24.

More information about the awards and nomination forms are found online at showmeservice.org.

MCSC will recognize award winners at its 21st annual Show Me Service Volunteer Awards event during Missouri Service Day in May at the state Capitol.



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Gov. Hamilton Gamble — portrayed by Jefferson City attorney Stephen Stark — addresses a crowd gathered outside the Westphalia Historical Society's log cabin during an event celebrating Civil War history in Osage County. Gamble delivered an update on political events surrounding his appointment to Missouri governor amid the war.

Community event celebrates veterans

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There's something to glean from interacting with those who signed up to serve their country.

Supporters of Operation Bugle Boy, a local nonprofit recognizing veterans, soldiers and first responders, flooded the VFW Hall in St. Martins Sunday afternoon for the chance.

"I'm so thankful to live in a community like this that the people support veterans and they support activities like this," said Vietnam veteran Don Hentges, vice president of Operation Bugle Boy. "A lot of

communities don't have that."

Any time Operation Bugle Boy has needed something, whether it be a venue for an event, donations or volunteers, Hentges said the community has stepped up.

"It's great to live in a community like that," he said.

Hentges said Sunday's event was meant to thank supporters for their help last year and kick off efforts this year. The program lists dozens of local businesses, community leaders and area residents who donated time, resources or money to the organization over the past year.

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Bella Maharas, a freshman at Russellville High School, serves a scoop of cole slaw to Capitol Police Chief Zim Schwartze Sunday at Operation Bugle Boy's Celebration Get-Together. The event honors the people who have supported Operation Bugle Boy's efforts to support veterans and first responders over the past year.



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Chris Cardone, dressed as a Union soldier, and Mark Rehagen, portraying President Abraham Lincoln, wait along Main Street in Westphalia to be called to address a crowd celebrating Osage County's Civil War history on Sunday. The Westphalia Historical Society hosted the event, which featured several re-enactors.

A peak into the past

Westphalia shines light on Osage County Civil War history

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The Westphalia Historical Society took community members back 150 years to the Civil War on Sunday.

Set against the backdrop of a pre-Civil War log cabin, the historical society hosted re-enactors and displayed a multitude of Civil War-era items, from combs to field medical kits, to help share the history of Westphalia and Osage County.

About 100 people attended the event, where they heard from Gov. Hamilton Gamble, President Abraham Lincoln and Union telegrapher William Morelock.

Gamble — portrayed by Jefferson City attorney Stephen Stark — was chief justice of the Missouri Supreme Court when the Dred Scott case was decided in 1852. Although his colleagues ruled Scott was not a free man, Gamble wrote

a dissenting opinion.

He was appointed governor by a constitutional convention during the Civil War after Union forces captured Jefferson City and ousted elected Gov. Claiborne Jackson.

On Sunday, Gamble spoke about political conditions amid wartime in Missouri.

Lincoln — portrayed by Mark Rehagen of Jefferson City — joined soon after to update the crowd on war efforts. Lincoln never actually visited Central Missouri.

Shelly Herzing, vice president of the Westphalia Historical Society, said the event was part of a series celebrating the historical society's 50th birthday this year.

Herzing said there weren't any Civil War skirmishes in Westphalia, but Confederate General Sterling Price moved his troops through the town and camped on a ridge near where Sunday's event was hosted.

"They pillaged a lot and so this area

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Biden keeps hard line in death row cases

CHICAGO (AP) — Rejon Taylor hoped the election of Joe Biden, the first U.S. president to campaign on a pledge to end the death penalty, would mean a more sympathetic look at his claims that racial bias and other trial errors landed him on federal death row in Terre Haute, Indiana.

But two years on, Justice Department attorneys under Biden are fighting the Black man's efforts to reverse his 2008 death sentence for killing a white restaurateur as hard as they did under Donald Trump, who oversaw 13 executions in his presidency's final months.

"Every legal means they have available

they're using to fight us," said the 38-year-old's lawyer, Kelley Henry. "It's business as usual."

Death penalty opponents expected Biden to act within weeks of taking office to fulfill his 2020 campaign promise to end capital punishment on the federal level and to work at ending it in states that still carry out executions. Instead, Biden has taken no steps toward fulfilling that promise.

But it's not just inaction by Biden. An Associated Press review of dozens of legal filings shows Biden's Justice Department is fighting vigorously in courts to maintain the sentences of death row inmates, even after

Attorney General Merrick Garland temporarily paused executions. Lawyers for some of the over 40 death row inmates say they've seen no meaningful changes to the Justice Department's approach under Biden and Trump.

"They're fighting back as much as they ever have," said Ruth Friedman, head of the defender unit that oversees federal death row cases. "If you say my client has an intellectual disability, the government ... says, 'No, he does not.' If you say 'I'd like (new evidence),' they say, 'You aren't entitled to it.'"

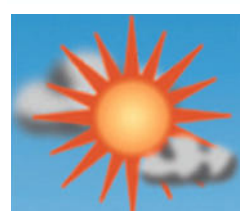
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Daylight savings dispute leaves Lebanon with two time zones

The Lebanese government's last-minute decision to delay the start of daylight savings time by a month until the end of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan resulted in mass confusion Sunday.

With some institutions implementing the change while others refused, many Lebanese have found themselves in the position of juggling work and school schedules in different time zones — in a country that is just 55 miles at its widest point.

In some cases, the debate took on a sectarian nature, with many Christian politicians and institutions, including the small nation's largest church, the Maronite Church, rejecting the move.

The small Mediterranean country normally sets its clocks forward an hour on the last Sunday in March, which aligns with most European countries.

However, on Thursday Lebanon's government announced a decision by caretaker Prime Minister Najib Mikati to push the start of daylight savings to April 21.

No reason was given for the decision, but a video of a meeting between Mikati and Parliament Speaker Nabih Berri leaked to local media showed Berri asking Mikati to postpone the implementation of daylight savings time to allow Muslims to break their Ramadan fast an hour earlier.