



Ozarks Gridiron Guide 2008

Need your high school football fix? Grab our Ozarks Gridiron Guide, the most comprehensive preview of teams from the Ozark Conference, the Central Ozark Conference, the Mid-Lakes Conference and more. Plus, learn about how HighSchoolSports.net will change the way you follow high school sports! **Inside**

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The News-Leader is teaming up this season with *HighSchoolSports.net* to offer area teams an online home for scores, stats, rosters, videos and more. Coaches, athletic directors and booster clubs are invited to sign up to contribute to the site and benefit from its organizational tools. Local sports fans can check out our high school sports coverage now at News-Leader.com/HSS

Post your pet's pics online

Check out our Ozarks Pet Photos gallery to see nearly 100 photos submitted by your neighbors. Then, submit photos of your own fur babies online at News-Leader.com/photos

WEEKEND INSIDE



Make plans for holiday

Celebrate the "working man's holiday" by attending Springfield's annual Labor Day Parade and Picnic. **Inside**

Health care plan outlined

Gubernatorial candidate Kenny Hulshof discussed his newly proposed health care plan at a local press conference Wednesday. **5A**

Enjoy Labor Day at the lake

It's Labor Day already and people are gearing up to head to the lake. Water levels are finally returning to normal. **2A**

SAT score averages lower

Although more across the state are taking SAT tests, score averages are significantly lower than in past years. **3A**

School sites being improved

The Nixa school district is beefing up its Web sites to cater to each individual school. **8A**

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Weather

94° Hot with intervals of clouds and sunshine. **3G**
69°

Precipitation: 10%

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Democrats nominate Obama

Multimedia report: See more photos from Denver, plus video clips of convention speeches, at News-Leader.com/election

Blog updates: Political reporter Chad Livengood blogs from the convention in Denver at News-Leader.com/MOpolitics



Hillary Clinton calls for delegates to unanimously support candidate

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DENVER — Angela Acree's decision to be one of six Missouri delegates to Hillary Clinton who refused Wednesday to vote for Barack Obama's historic presidential nomination was a matter of principle. "All the way from the precinct level all the way up to the state convention, I promised the people who voted for me that if they would vote for me, I would take their vote to Denver," Acree said. "I kept my promise."

Springfield bankruptcy attorney. Every Obama supporter and Clinton herself was telling Acree and hundreds of other Clinton delegates to get in Obama's column at the Democratic National Convention. "There was a considerable amount of, you know, pressure to show unity, to get the party unified," Acree said. "I fully intend to vote for Barack Obama (in November). As soon as I get back from this convention, I'm going to work as hard as I did for Hillary for him, if not harder."

Inside

- **Campaign Notebook:** Hillary Clinton motivates Ozarks delegates at convention. **7A**
- **Sen. Barack Obama makes** surprise visit after running mate Joe Biden's speech. **1G**

But it wasn't easy for the

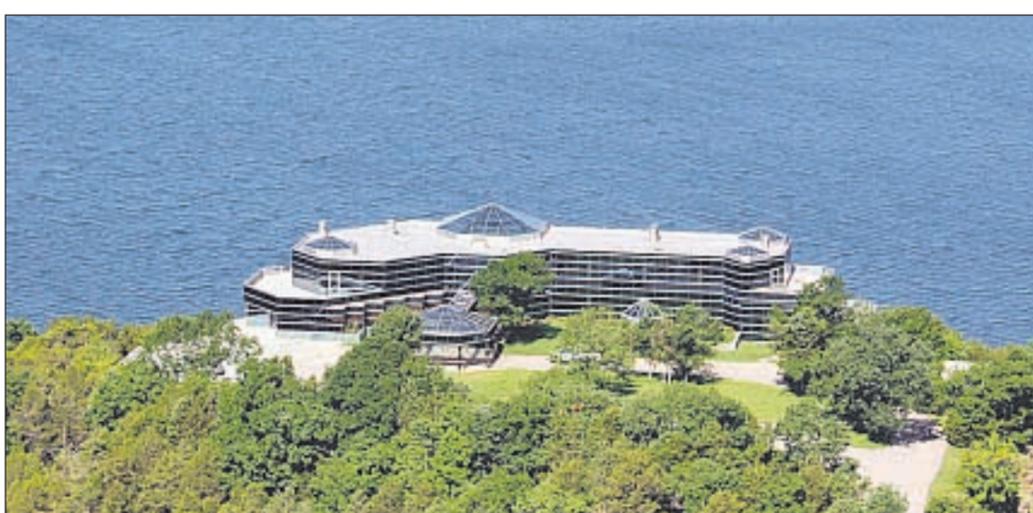
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Want to go?

What: Watch party tonight
When: 8 p.m.
Where: Clarion Hotel, 3333 S. Glenstone Ave.
Directions: From Glenstone turn on Erie Street to take access road in front of Friendly Ford. The access road ends in front of the Clarion Hotel. Follow signs leading to the conference entrance on the side of the hotel. The public is invited.

NEW SET OF RULES

Several new laws take effect today in Missouri. Here are some of the most important:



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• **VILLAGE LAW**

Repealed the measure that made it easier for landowners to incorporate properties into villages, thereby sidestepping county regulations.



• **INTERNET HARASSMENT**

Law now covers harassment from computers, text messages and other electronic devices, in addition to phones.

• **ORGAN DONORS**

Prohibits family members from overruling the organ donation consent of their deceased relatives.

• **TRUCKS TO THE RIGHT**

Heavy trucks are banned from the far left-hand lane on urban roadways with three or more lanes of traffic going in the same direction.



• **BOATING**

The boating while intoxicated threshold goes from 0.10 percent to 0.08 percent blood-alcohol content.

• **CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS**

Candidates can now accept big checks. However, they must report any donation of at least \$5,000 to the Missouri Ethics Commission within 48 hours.

• **TRAVEL SAFE**

Speed through a marked "travel safe zone" and your fine will be doubled.



• **SCRAP METAL**

Requires scrap metal dealers to keep records on who they buy scrap from. Sellers will have to show photo identification.

• **UTILITY VEHICLES**

Motorized carts, wheelchairs, etc. — will be mostly banned from highways. There are exceptions for farm personnel and disabled people.

• **HOT WEATHER**

Bars utilities from shutting off service when the temperature is likely to rise above 95 degrees or the heat index above 105 degrees within 24 hours.

• **MORTGAGE FRAUD**

Creates fines and allows licenses of real estate brokers, agents and appraisers to be revoked.



• **PROPERTY TAXES**

Requires governments to reduce their property tax rates whenever assessed property values rise by more than inflation.

• **NURSES**

Allows advanced practice nurses to write prescriptions for some controlled substances, including nausea and cough medicines and pain relievers.



• **STATE DESSERT**

The ice cream cone becomes state's official dessert. The first cone was introduced at the 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis.

County settles over incident with Taser

Sheriff's Department denies wrongdoing under agreement.

By Dirk VanderHart
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A former court security officer's alleged decision to pull his Taser on a courthouse visitor cost him his job.

It also cost Greene County taxpayers \$25,000.

In late July, Greene County attorneys reached a settlement agreement with Tiffany Adamson, the employee of a Springfield law firm who claimed then-Sgt. Robert Green jokingly pointed a Taser at her in April.

In exchange for a signed agreement that Adamson will not pursue any legal compensation for the alleged act, Greene County paid her \$25,000 from its general revenue fund, documents show. The release agreement stipulates that the county and the Sheriff's Department deny any wrongdoing on Green's part.

"We felt it was in everyone's best interest to solve it without resorting to litigation," said Springfield attorney John Housley, who represented the county in the matter.

Housley would not comment on how attorneys arrived at the settlement amount.

Greg Aleshire, who represented Adamson, said he approached the county and that the two sides negotiated an amount.

"They got to a figure that was satisfactory to my client," Aleshire said. "If she's happy, then I'm happy."

Adamson was tight-lipped about the alleged incident, but said of the agreement: "I'm just really glad the case is wrapped up now."

In exchange for the \$25,000 settlement, signed July 31, Adamson agreed



Document: Read the settlement agreement between Tiffany Adamson and Greene County over the Taser incident in the courthouse.

• Sources: Associated Press, Missouri Highway Patrol

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