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Stoddard County, Missouri - A Special Election will be held in Stoddard County on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 as certified by the Honorable John R. Ashcroft, Secretary of State for Missouri.

The ballot for the election shall be the following:

State Representative 151st Legislative District to fill (Unexpired Term) - Running are Curtis Clark, Herman Morse, and Rick Vandeven.

Curtis Clark is running as Democrat, Herman Morse as Republican, and Rick Vandeven as a Libertarian.

Use Tax Proposition on Stoddard County - Shall the County of Stoddard impose a local use tax on out-of-state purchases at the same rate as the total local sales tax rate, currently one percent (1%) provided that if the local sales tax rate is reduced or raised by voter approval, the local use tax rate shall also be reduced or raised by the same action? A use tax return shall not be required to be filed by person whose purchases from out-of-state vendors do not in total exceed two thousand dollars in any calendar year. The purpose of the proposal is to eliminate the current sales tax advantage that Non-Missouri vendors have over Missouri vendors.

Approval of this proposition will result in a continuation of local revenue to provide vital services for Stoddard County.

Polls will be open at 6:00 a.m. in the morning and will close at 7:00 p.m. in the evening on Tuesday, November 7, 2017.

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Missouri’s new photo voter ID law (HB 1631), effective on June 1, 2017, outlines identification options for registered Missouri voters to use on Election Day at their polling location.

Most Missourians have a Missouri Driver's License or Nondriver License, which is an acceptable photo ID for voting. There are also plenty of other options, too.

- Option 1: Provide a Missouri issued Driver or Non-Driver license, U.S. Passport, or Military ID
- Option 2: Provide a secondary form of identification, such as a paycheck or bank statement and sign a statement confirming their identity
- Option 3: If the voter has no form of identification, but is a registered voter, they may cast a provisional ballot

Missouri's photo voter ID law also requires the state of Missouri to assist voters who might not have a photo ID with the process of obtaining one free Missouri non-driver license for the purpose of voting.

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Congressman Smith Capitol Report Honoring Sacrifice and Service November 3, 2017

As a grateful nation, we pause this week to honor America's veterans. These brave men and women leave family, friends, careers and the comforts of home to fight and defend our freedoms and values. They've fought for us; it is incredibly important to fight for them now. From servicemen like my uncle, who fought in Vietnam and earned a Purple Heart, to those recently enlisted beginning their first tours of duty, we owe a debt of gratitude.

I consider it a great honor to help our military heroes. Whether hosting a local Veterans Summit to assist our nation's finest figure out benefits, ending fraud and abuse within the Veterans Administration, fighting for better VA health care in rural areas or showing the Greatest Generation the WWII memorial in Washington, serving veterans is a privilege.

This week, America's veterans are a step closer to the exceptional treatment they deserve. Working closely with the Trump Administration, I fought to make sure veterans have choices when it comes to their health care. Those who cannot get a timely appointment at a VA medical facility now have options in a private health care setting, covered by their veterans' benefits. Additionally, after many requests to increase hours of operation and expand services at the VA Clinic in Salem, I worked to get this done. Veterans will also have access to a long-awaited ID card that will help ensure they get the benefits they rightly earned.

Recently, veterans from Perryville traveled to our nation's Capital to conduct a flag exchange ceremony for the Missouri National Veterans Memorial. It was an honor for me to participate in this important ceremony linking the full-scale black granite replica in Perryville to the Vietnam Wall in Washington D.C. Not everyone can travel to D.C., so Missouri's National Veterans Memorial is taking one of our nation's most important sacred monuments right to America's heartland in Perryville.

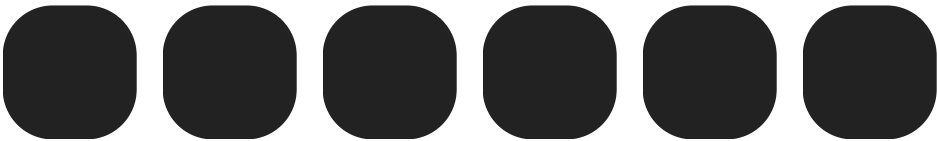
We were all again reminded of how important it is to defend our nation when ISIS struck New York City this week. In a cowardly act of terror, an ISIS supporter rented a vehicle and struck innocent civilians as school was dismissing and families were preparing to go trick or treating. Even as we face terrorism at home, our troops are overseas, working to extinguish terrorist groups so their twisted ideology of hate never reaches our borders. As you read this, there are hundreds of thousands of America’s finest deployed across the globe, defending our freedom and fighting terrorists where they are deeply rooted.

We are so blessed to live in the land of the free, but we must not forget this has come with a price. Others have sacrificed their own lives so that we may live in freedom. Please take some time to thank veterans not just today, but every day, and let them know how grateful you are for their service to our country.

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U.S. Rep. Smith Fights to Improve Patient Care

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Smith's legislation removes barriers to allow medical providers to administer better care

Washington, D.C. - Congressman Jason Smith authored and introduced legislation last week to remove barriers which limit medical providers' ability to administer care for patients suffering from end-stage renal disease (ESRD).

ESRD patients typically spend many hours, multiple times a week receiving treatment in a dialysis facility. The Dialysis PATIENTS Act will streamline care for these patients and allow their medical care providers to deliver treatments for other medical needs while in the dialysis facility. Right now, in addition to multiple trips to dialysis facilities, patients must travel to separate locations to receive treatment for other health problems.

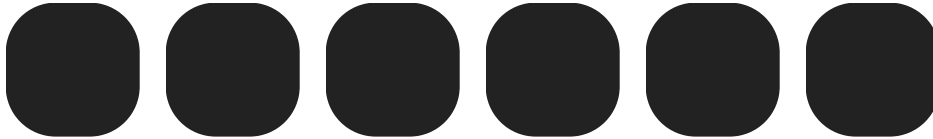
"It's our job to make Americans' lives easier," said Congressman Smith. "With this legislation, we can improve the quality of life for some of our most vulnerable patients and keep them from having to make long trips to multiple facilities."

The Dialysis PATIENTS Act will reduce costs associated with missed treatments by consolidating where patients get care. For example, while receiving dialysis for upwards of four hours, patients could be treated for everything from a common cold to complications from diabetes. Centralizing care will decrease the risk of infection and complications that result from having multiple doctors care for the same patients without talking to each other and coordinating treatment plans.

"One of the things I love about being from southern Missouri is how rural our area is, but I know that also makes it difficult for folks to get where they need to be sometimes," said Congressman Smith. "People don't usually realize this, but the part of Missouri I represent is bigger than the entire state of New Jersey and Massachusetts combined."

Smith's legislation has bipartisan support in both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate. Original supporters of the legislation in the U.S. House of Representatives include Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA), Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-OR) and Rep. Tony Cárdenas (D-CA).

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Smith is accepting applications through October 31, 2017

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, Congressman Jason Smith reminded students that he is accepting applications for nomination to U.S. Service Academies. As a Member of Congress, Smith is able to make nominations for the U.S. Military Academy, U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Air Force Academy and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

“Attending a Service Academy can be a life changing experience. Students get a world class education and assume a leadership role in the military upon graduation,” **said Congressman Smith.** “Service Academies attract the best and brightest young people from across the country and I am honored to be able to nominate students from right here in southeast and south central Missouri who are committed to protecting, preserving and defending our nation’s freedom.”

Young people interested in a nomination must meet the following eligibility requirements for admission to a service academy:

- He or she must be at least 17 years old
- He or she must be a United States citizen
- He or she must be unmarried, not pregnant, and have no legal obligation to support children or other dependents.

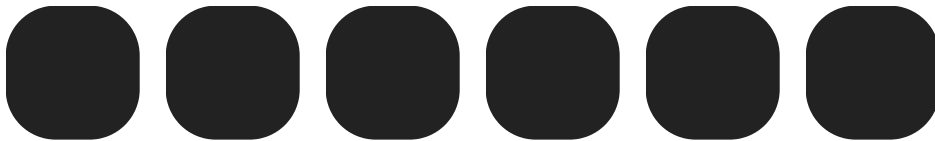
Students interested in a nomination should contact Heather Kamps in Congressman Smith's West Plains' office at 417-255-1515 or heather.kamps@mail.house.gov. The deadline for nomination applications to Smith's office is October 31, 2017.

For additional instructions and frequently asked questions, student can visit Congressman Smith's website at <https://jasonsmith.house.gov/services/military-academy-nominations>.

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