

May 2023



THIS MONTH WE FEATURE:

Day Is Done

*Day is done, gone the sun,
From the hills, from the lake,
from the skies.
All is well, safely rest, God is
nigh.*

Taps

Day is done, Gone the sun, From the hills, from the lake, from the skies, All is well, safe-ly rest, God is nigh.

These are the most recognized words to the most recognized military bugle call, the one that will pull at your heartstrings at the sound of the first two notes. Taps is sounded at memorial services, wreath-laying ceremonies, and funerals, but it's first use was for "Lights Out."



Until the Civil War, another tune was used, a tune that originated in France. Union General Daniel Butterfield changed that with his Third Brigade (Third Brigade, First Division, Fifth Army Corps, Army of the Potomac).

According to several sources, General Butterfield did not like the call for Lights Out. He felt it was too formal. He worked with the brigade bugler, Oliver Wilcox Norton, to write something new. It was first used at the Seven Day's battle at

Harrison's Landing, Virginia in July 1862. The song soon spread to other units of the Union Army and was also used by the Confederates. Taps was made an official bugle call after the war.

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REDEDICATION & CELEBRATION

We'll Celebrate on July 3, 2023!

Here is a brief itinerary of the day:

Food vendors will open for business at 4:00 and remain open until the bridge is illuminated.

Local bands will play sets starting at 4:00, playing until the rededication ceremony.

The Culver Academies Military Band will play the National Anthem at 5:30, ushering in the youth baseball and softball games.



The rededication ceremony will begin at 7:30 and will include recognition of POW and Gold Star Families, a salute to veterans, and a patriotic medley by Culver's Military Band.

Live local bands will begin again at 8:30.

At 9:45 we will gather for a ceremony that will precede the illumination of the bridge.

Come join us for a great afternoon and evening!

PHOTOS

Have you seen all of the photos on Facebook and Instagram with the bridge? Prom photos, graduation photos, you name it. Creating memories!

Here are a couple of spring photos from Greg Henry.



These photos were provided by Don Perkins of Thermal Drone LLC. Take a look at the montage at the bottom!





Jubilee Edgell from The Lakes Magazine visited the Veterans Memorial Bridge to take a photo of Memorial Swinging Bridge Project volunteers. We're looking forward to her article!

Left to right (hard to tell "rows"): Karen Fritz, Holden Frain, Jon Frain, Greg Henry, Brenda Henry, John Speicher, Pam Houston, Kyle Hurd, Kathi Thompson, Cindy Hickle, Scott Brogdon, Lara Fulgham, Lynndy Boos, Deb Fox, Missie Brogdon, Rana Parish, Alvin Parish, and in front Melanie Parish & grandson Beau Berger.

Persons who were part of the group but who could not attend: Sally Schultz; Chris Schramm; Jessica Schramm; Gavun Henry; Scott & Angel Hanson; Tina Peterson; Sue Haselby; Carmin Ruff; Mary Conner; and many others that were involved with projects and fundraisers.



And the river is high!



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How to dress? Wear 1920s period clothing, patriotic clothing, or just wear clothes! (Please, wear clothes!) Here are some 1920s styles.



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Veterans Memorial Swinging Bridge
Lighting Our Legacy

ATTENTION GOLD STAR FAMILIES!
GOLD STAR FAMILY MEMBERS WHO LIVE
IN PULASKI COUNTY ARE INVITED TO BE
A PART OF THE REDEDICATION OF THIS
VETERANS MEMORIAL. IF YOU WANT
TO BE A PART OF IT, PLEASE CALL US!
(574) 595-5474
CELEBRATION JULY 3, 2023

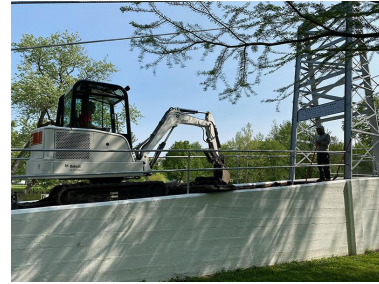
From the USO Website: No one wants to be a Gold Star Family member. The title, which is reserved for the immediate family of military members who have died in the line of duty, is meant to honor the service member's ultimate sacrifice while acknowledging their family's loss, grief and continued healing.

While "Gold Star Family" refers to immediate next of kin, the grief following the loss of a service member is immense and will be felt by other family members as well, for example, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

From the TAPS website regarding veterans who died in service: "We don't define their life by the moment or manner of death and we don't differentiate the care and support and the love ... we provide based on that. It's honoring a life that included service to this country."

The Memorial Swinging Bridge Project chooses to encourage every family member who grieves a veteran who died while serving in any branch of the military, whether in the line of duty or not, whether an "immediate" family member or not, to honor that veteran on July 3. If you want to participate, please call us at (574) 595-5474.

PHOTOS



This was a sunny day in May in which the west ramp to the bridge was resurfaced, replacing the asphalt with concrete. The east ramp will be treated the same. Once again the bridge was closed to pedestrian traffic, but for a very good cause!



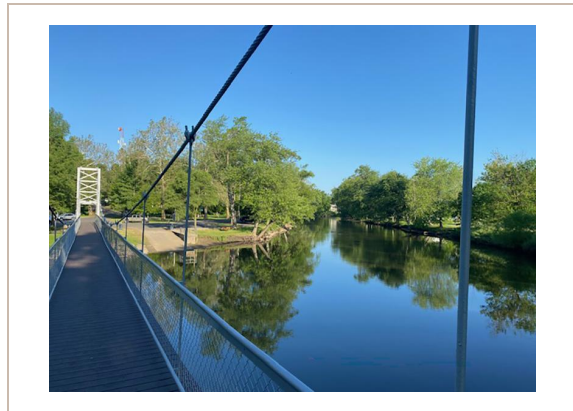
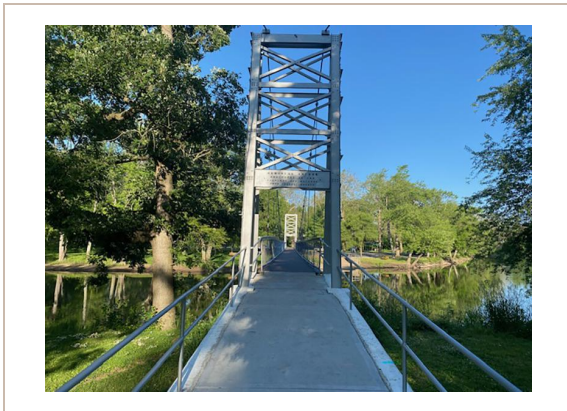
80 second grade students with 80 flags, honoring our veterans and learning about the history of the bridge.

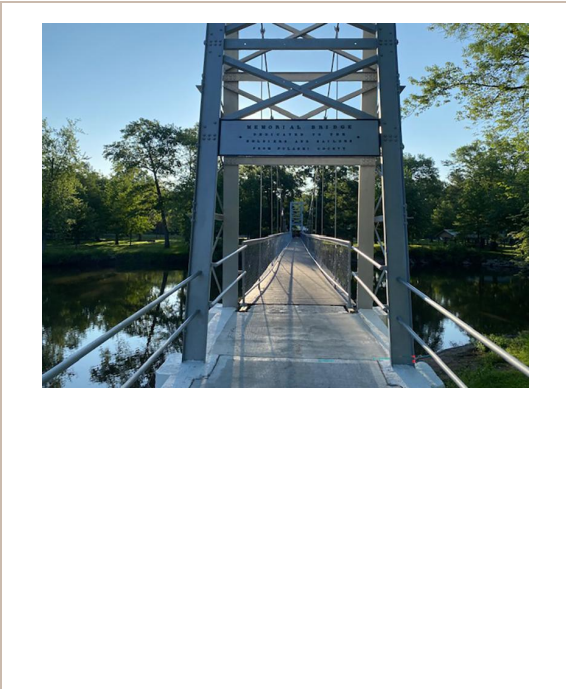
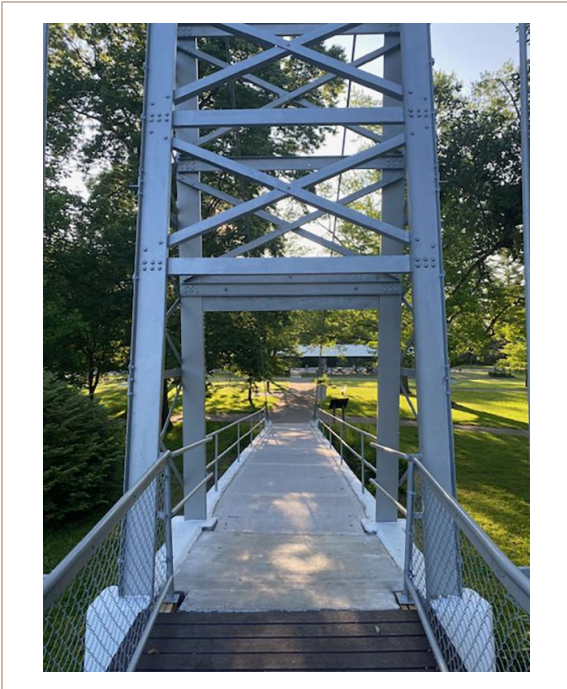
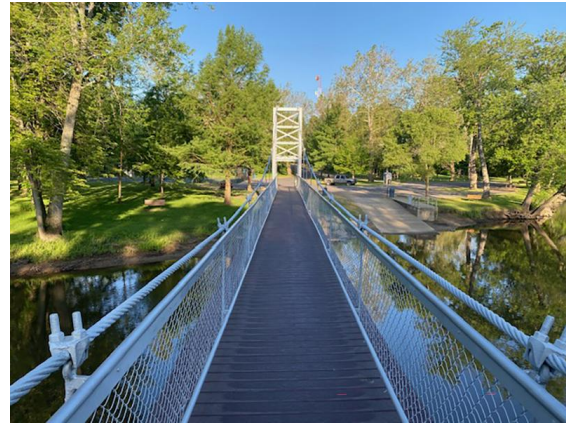
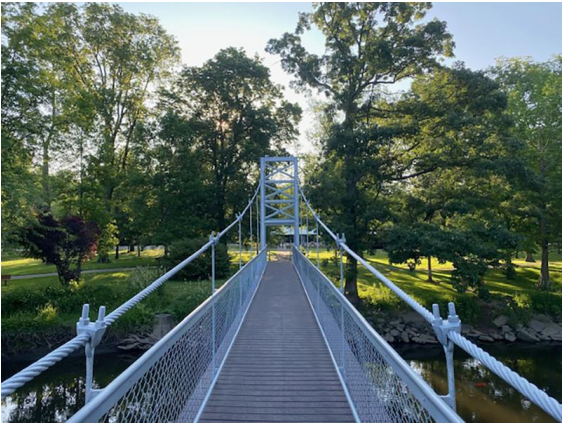
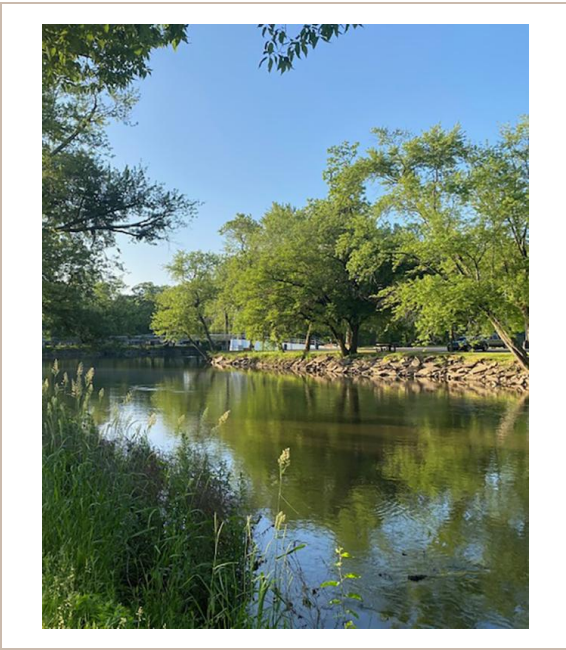
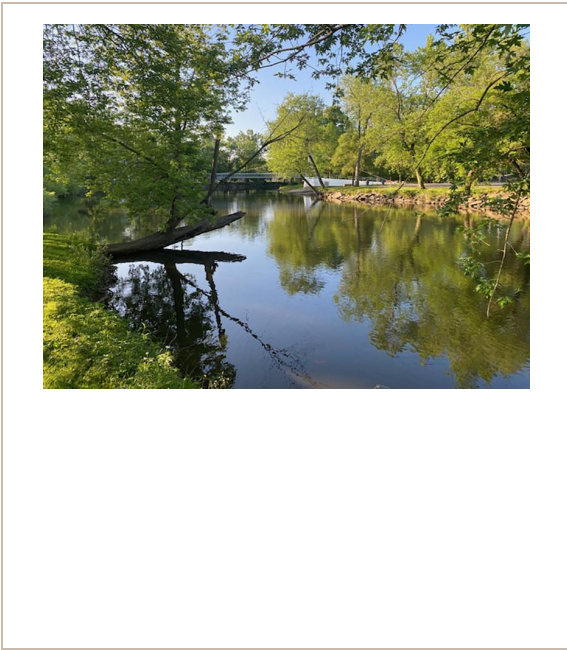


And then, the east side ramp was completed. Power cables have been buried on both the east and west sides. Moving right along!



Greg Henry took these photos of the park and the bridge on the last day of May.





Electrical work began Wednesday, June 7. Also, moving into the week, riprap was laid, and a deer came to watch the work.





On June 8, they began the installation of the lights!



The work continues! These photos are from the week of June 12. They have not halted the use of the bridge, as you can see youth crossing as work progresses.





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