



The Reynolds County Genealogy and Historical Society Museum, in the center of Ellington Missouri adjacent to the City Hall on Tubbs Street and 2nd, was established to accept donations, gifts, and loans of items that illustrate the history of Reynolds County. The giant eagle, in the center of the photo, was accidentally struck by a local farmer. He took it to a vet but they couldn't save it so they had it mounted. It's a Golden Eagle with a wingspan over six feet. The blue and white plates behind the eagle were in Air Force One when Kennedy was assassinated. The museum has hundreds of old tools, toys, and arrowheads. The museum also has a collection of wedding dresses, some being over 100 years old.



OPY'S IS A NEW ESTABLISHMENT in the community, opening their doors for business on Oct. 13. Owned and operated by Alyssa Smith and Mary Dement, Opy's offers handmade items, gifts, jewelry, and grass finished beef among many other unique items. The shelves of the store, pictured at right, are packed with many unique items.



### Sweetwater Mine a Major Part of Local Economy

*In March, Facility Was Honored for 20 Years With No Lost-Time Accidents*

The Sweetwater Mine is located approximately 12 miles northwest of Ellington and is owned by the Doe Run Company. The mine produces lead and zinc and pumps much-needed dollars into the local economy.

In March, the facility was honored for 20 years with no lost-time accidents.

"Two decades with no lost time is a huge accomplishment," said Gary Skaggs, mill superintendent at Sweetwater Mill. "These employees work in a challenging environment with heavy equipment. We're extremely proud of the team's dedication to working safely and helping each other. We congratulate them on reaching such an impressive milestone."

The 15 employees at Sweetwater Mill attribute this achievement to a company culture that's focused on safety, and the efforts of the long-tenured employees to share their experiences and knowledge.

"Those of us who have worked at the mill for years take responsibility for showing new employees how to stay safe," said Jimmy Nash, who oversees the mill's operations. "We work



with our team members to show them how to perform tasks using a safe and productive method. The people here are a big reason I like working at Sweetwater Mill."

Nash is one of two 20-year veterans who have helped Sweetwater Mill maintain its safe workplace. Through his nearly 40 years of experience, and family history in Missouri's mining industry, Nash says he has learned the valuable lesson that safety starts at the beginning of every day and every job. For the employees at Sweetwater

Mill, that has been the case for 7,209 days and counting.

"I always tell my team to slow down and pay attention," said Nash. "It's important not to hurry into anything because that's when accidents can happen. We need to be safe from the beginning."

That same thought is why a shift or a meeting at Doe Run begins with a safety tip to keep safety top-of-mind. Employee health and safety is a top priority for the company. Employees complete more than 16,500 hours of safety training every year.



THE ELLINGTON NUTRITION CENTER aka Reynolds County Council on Aging provides affordable nutritious meals for dine in as well as delivery to the home bound within the city limits and also serves as a heating/cooling station during inclement weather. The main objective is to enhance the health, safety and well-being of our senior community by hosting several activities and health screenings and provide resource assistance for our seniors. Some of which include an exercise class Monday and Wednesday at 10:00 a.m., blood pressure screenings, Nutritional Education, quarterly Musical Entertainment, Tax preparation and annual Flu Shots. The center serves an average of 76 meals per day. The center is overseen by an eight-member board and is managed by Administrator Paula Dement. Food preparation is done by Karen Cook, Raquel Kuntz, and Cathy Wright. The center has many volunteers who give their time to serve on our food line, and assist with meal deliveries. Opal Bullock and Carol Ward volunteer as cashiers at the registration desk.

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