



# The Serving Tray

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**FOOD DONATIONS:** Through the generosity of our Rotary members, Dana Delaware delivered 134 pounds of spaghetti (over 11 dozen one-pound boxes), 4 pounds of macaroni and three packages of macaroni & cheese to the Pantry of Adair County (PAC) on Tuesday from Rotary's April food drive. These contributions will serve at least 141 families.

**FOUNDATION GIVING:** Annual funds are \$4,000 short per Jeff Romine. He encouraged us to give to make up the shortfall. Polio fund is more than covered and we will be recognized on May 22 for our contributions in 2020.

**FLAGS:** Jeff encouraged us to approach our neighbors to sign up. If the new orders are in by May 9th, they can have them up by Memorial Day.

**LITERACY:** Michelle asked Debi to thank the May readers. The children's librarian is preparing a graphic that we can share on our Facebook page. June and July are very busy times for the library so our next project will be in August.



## DEB HUDMAN ON STATEWIDE SURVEY OF TICKS AND TICK-BOURNE PATHOGENS

The Missouri Department of Conservation and A.T. Still University have partnered to determine locations across Missouri of tick species and the pathogens they may harbor. ATSU is asking the citizens of Missouri to send them ticks so they can identify and test them for bacterial pathogens.

The program has only been running five weeks and they have already received 3,700 ticks from all but six counties! Ms. Hudman of ATSU mentioned several ticks and diseases they cause including Ehrlichiosis, a bacterial infection which can be life threatening in some people. The pathogen causing this is carried in 25% of adult ticks. Ticks in the United States are responsible for more disease than any other arthropod. Ms. Hudman recommended that we visit [atsu.org/ticks](http://atsu.org/ticks) for information about the project. You will find a submission form for you to complete in order to send your tick in a zip-locked bag with a damp paper towel or cotton ball. She is anxious to start pathogen testing, the results of which will appear on the web page. Ms. Hudman gave us tick avoidance tips, including wearing light-colored pants and spraying your socks and pants from the knee down with Permethrin. She said not to put it on your skin and also to have no contact with a cat when wet as it can kill the cat! She recommended doing tick checks and that we treat our pets.

**50-50 Drawing:** Elsie Gaber did not pull the ace of spades; pot now up to \$297.

### Guests:

**Justin Wright** (guest of Taylor Mullinix)  
**Elsie Gaber** (1000 Hills club)

**MAY IS YOUTH SERVICES MONTH.**

### Upcoming Programs:

**May 12:** Jeff Romine, et al/Flags Project  
**May 19:** Jessie Doleh/Thousand Hills Park Specialist  
**May 22:** Foundation Celebration (virtual & Nazarene Church); **May 26:** TBA  
**June 2:** Four Way Test Award  
**June 9:** Mark Shahan/County Commission Update