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Joanie's Gibberish



I hope your Thanksgiving is full of blessings and fun with family and friends. We all need to be thankful for all those we love and cherish. We certainly enjoyed having the October meeting at our house. We had a great group and deciding to leave Moxie here was a good decision for us. She was a good dog, and I don't think she bothered anyone. Thanks to Angela, Martin, Joanie and Nanette for show and tell items. Martin always brings such unique

items. This time Martin brought 3D lapel pins. They were beautiful. Nanette showed her purchases at Coca-Cola Days, and Angela brought items her son and grandson brought home from the beach.

We are getting ready for our December 6 Christmas lunch and auction. We will be at the United Methodist Church, 301 SW Woods Chapel Road, Blue Springs, MO. We will begin at 1 PM. There will be some new items and some great sales items. We hope you all can

attend. Our menu consists of spiral ham, fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, biscuits and dessert. The cost per person is **\$15 each. YOU MUST RSVP BY DECEMBER 1. PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL JOANIE.** Bring items for sale and enjoy the auction. We would like to collect canned food for the church. They have a food pantry and serve members who are homebound or low-income families.

We are also getting agenda and special presentations for Spring Fling 2026. We will discuss a few details at the Christmas party.

Dan and Melody Frese would like to thank all of you for your prayers, cards and calls. They are getting better every day. Injuries are healing and Melody said they will be back to normal soon. Also, keep Fred Wilkinson and Jerry Lierly in your thoughts as they continue to heal.

Respectfully, Joanie

Birthdays

NOVEMBER

Brian VanFosson.....2	Terry Schmidt..... 17	Craig Borges 20	Jeff Daly..... 26
Tom Smith..... 14	Katy Smith..... 19	Elizabeth Maddux 22	Tim Shaw 30

DECEMBER

Traci Menke3	Sarah Roberts..... 13	Emily Frese23	Judl Webb.....28
Kathy Hutchinson.....8	Jerry Lierly..... 14	Noreta Martinek..... 24	Jacob Smith 30
Becky Taszarek..... 11			

Anniversaries

DECEMBER

Dan & Noreta Martinek.....26

NO NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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Featured Story

Coca-Cola's Newest Flavor Might Just Be My Favorite Yet

Allrecipes by Andrea Lobas, Sat, October 18, 2025, at 11:00 AM CDT

Coca-Cola is an iconic brand with equally iconic flavors. One hundred and forty years in the business means many innovations have come and gone—some more successful than others (Sorry, but what even was “Drops of Joy?”).

The best complement to Coke’s rich caramel backbone, however, is the addition of vanilla. It’s no wonder it is a combo the beverage giant keeps coming back to because whether it’s Vanilla Coke from the early aughts, the recent Orange Cream, or even a classic Coke float, fans—like myself—cannot get enough.

Now, hot on the heels of its Orange Cream cola being named a CSP Best New Product for 2025, Coke is riding the vanilla wave by introducing a new creamy spin. And I got an early taste.

Coca-Cola Introduces New Cherry Float Flavor.

If I must choose a cola flavor aside from the OG, most of the time I am grabbing cherry. Where vanilla lends a rich, softening balance, cherry offers a brightening, almost tart upgrade. So, when I saw the new Cherry Float flavor, I knew it had the potential to become my new favorite. I am happy to report it did not disappoint.

I got an early preview of the flavor from the Coca-Cola team at this year’s NACS trade show. My first sip brought

me right back to sipping a fountain soda at the movie theater in high school. The deep caramel notes blend perfectly at the front with the creamy vanilla and are carried through with the tart-yet-sweet cherry finish. It was bubbly, cold, and refreshing, yet so cozy and satisfying. Just as a frosty soda should be, it is nostalgic in all the best ways.

Fans who lamented the discontinuation of Cherry Vanilla last year are especially excited about the news. On a Reddit post where the release was teased, fans were quick to react: “I won’t be able to buy this fast enough.” Another added, “Oh, boy. I do love a scoop of real vanilla bean ice cream and a screaming cold cherry Coke poured slowly over it.”

Others are questioning if this is just a rebrand of the Cherry Vanilla, but either way, the buzz has started in earnest.

Cherry Float and Cherry Float Zero Sugar will hit stores in February 2026 in assorted sizes. The brand’s new mini cans will show up in convenience stores starting in April. So, when you are looking for a mid-winter pick-me-up, this is the perfect choice, the “cream” of the crop. I know I will be stocking up when Cherry Float hits shelves for its special one-year, limited-time run.

Fingers crossed it is a big enough hit to grab a permanent spot on Coke’s roster. Coca-Cola Introduces Cherry Float

and Other Flavors in 7.5-oz Mini Cans Starting January 2026.

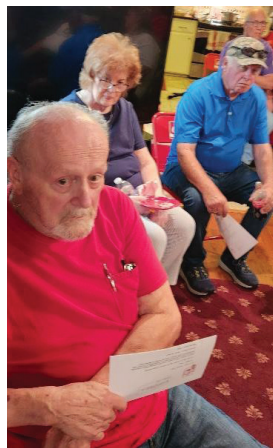
A new single-serve product Coca-Cola is introducing its 7.5-oz mini cans in a new single-serve product that will be sold in convenience stores on January 1, 2026. The extension accompanies the already existing range of package sizes available in the brand, which gives consumers a wider range of choices of how they can enjoy their preferred drinks at various times of the day.

The mini cans are priced at a recommended price of \$1.29 and will be packaged with snacks or as a fast, on-the-go drink. Coca-Cola Original Taste and Coca-Cola Zero Sugar, Coca-Cola Cherry, and Sprite, as well as seasonal and limited-time products such as Sprite Winter Spiced Cranberry, are part of the core offerings.

Also, Coca-Cola will introduce a new flavor, Cherry Float, in all package varieties in February 2026, and single-serve mini cans will be available in April to give fans a new and exciting way to experience iconic beverages of the brand.



Photo Gallery



Chapter Minutes

Club Meeting, October 4, 2025
 The Shover's home, 17 attendees

Submitted by Pam Cunningham

Melody sent our balance in Mid-America checking account. She will have a more detailed report in February when she is able to use her right hand. At this moment the balance is \$3945.92. We have registrations for Spring Fling, and we have paid for all SF registration gifts, banquet gifts, and most auction items.

After lunch, Joanie called the meeting to order at 2:08 pm. She stated that she is making posters for Spring Fling 2026 and asked for any old photos of members and club meetings. Please email or message her with photos, and she will print them. She also asked members to share their table centerpieces from the past 50 years for use at Spring Fling 2026.

Angela made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 2, 2025, meeting as published in the newsletter, and Judy seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Bruce mentioned that he has an upcoming meeting with the hotel to discuss menus for Spring Fling 2026. Joanie said that there will be gifts rather than door prizes next Spring Fling. When members were asked if they would want to discontinue receiving door prizes in the future, most people did not want to discontinue door prizes completely.

A Treasurer's Report was not available, but Joanie shared with the group that at the last Board meeting (9/14/25), Melody reported an ending balance of \$6,616.41.

There was a period of Show & Tell, and door prizes were distributed.

Angela made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Bruce seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 2:48 pm.



Spring Fling

REGISTRATION FORM



April 17, 18, 2026

Hilton Garden Inn

19677 E. Jackson Drive

Independence, MO 64057

816-350-3000

Adult Registration w/Packet (First 55)	_____	x \$30	_____
Adult Registration w/o Packet	_____	x \$20	_____
Child Registration (under 12)	_____	x \$10	_____
Adult Banquet (Limited to First 75)	_____	x \$40	_____
Child Banquet (5-12 years)	_____	x \$15	_____
Hospitality (Friday Night) \$20	_____	x \$20	_____
Swap Table (wall space given in order of request)			
6 ft. tables First table \$20. Additional tables \$18 each;			
Tables limited to 60 total available # of tables	_____	\$	_____
TOTAL			_____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Badge Names:

Return this form with check or money order payable to:

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Confirmation sent by email. Please make sure to include email address. If requesting confirmation by mail include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Reservation Deadline for Room Rate:
March 16, 2026

Room Rate: \$119 per night

FREE breakfast for those with room reservations.

There will be 2 drawings for 1 FREE NIGHT.

Room Reservations call 1-816-350-3000

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

- 2 pm-4:30 pm - Registration & Silent Auction Check In
- 4:45 pm - Silent Auction
- 6:30 pm - Hospitality
- 7:45 pm - Game & Door Prizes

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

- 6:30 am - Swap Meet Set Up
- 8 am-9 am - Registrants
- 9 am-2 pm - Swap Meet (public)
- 4 pm-5 pm - Auction Check In
- 6 pm - Banquet, Auction, Door Prizes

Note: Registration packet pick up at swap meet

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Mid-America Christmas Lunch	December 6, 2025	Blue Springs, MO at 1 pm
Mid-America Meeting.....	February 7, 2026.....	TBA
Spring Fling 2026	April 17-19, 2026	Independence, MO

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