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Designer tells city boards sports complex will be 'stunning'

Construction to start next year

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Members of two Joplin boards reviewed design details for Joplin's future Prospect Village sports complex this week, asking questions and checking on design details. It was an opportunity for

members of one of the city's Community Improvement District boards for the sports complex, as well as representatives of the Joplin Sports Authority, to recommend changes for interior amenities before plans are finalized within the next few months, said developer Drew Snyder, of Woodsonia Real Estate. He said construction of the complex will start sometime next year. City officials last year decided to enlarge the sports complex

from its original design and to upgrade the building's architecture and finishes. The City Council and city staff sought the expansion because they wanted a sports complex they said would be a game-changer for Joplin. "If you're going to do it, let's go all the way and let's do it right," said Keenan Cortez, who was mayor at the time. "We want a facility that's going to accommodate everything that we have

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This rendering shows a bird's-eye view of the proposed Joplin sports complex and athletic fields. COURTESY | CITY OF JOPLIN

Iran reopens Strait of Hormuz

Trump says blockade on Iranian ships and ports will stay in force

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BEIRUT — Iran said Friday it fully reopened the Strait of Hormuz to commercial vessels, but U.S. President Donald Trump said the American blockade on Iranian ships and ports "will remain in full force" until Tehran reaches a deal with the U.S., including on its nuclear program. Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi posted on X that the crucial waterway, through which about 20% of the world's oil is shipped, was now fully open to commercial vessels, as a 10-day truce between Israel and the Iranian-backed Hezbollah militant group in Lebanon appeared to hold.

Araghchi said ships will use routes designated by the Islamic Republic in coordination with Iranian authorities, suggesting Iran planned to retain some level of control over the channel. It was not clear if vessels would have to pay tolls. A data firm, Kpler, said movement through the strait remained confined to corridors requiring Iran's approval.

Trump initially celebrated the Iranian announcement, posting on social media that the strait was "fully open and ready for full passage." But minutes later, he issued another post saying the U.S. Navy's blockade would continue "UNTIL SUCH TIME AS OUR TRANSACTION WITH IRAN IS 100% COMPLETE."

IRAN PROTESTS CONTINUED BLOCKADE

Iranian officials said the blockade was a violation of last week's ceasefire agreement between Iran and the U.S. The strait "will not remain open" if the blockade continues, Iran's parliamentary speaker, Mohammad Bagher Qalibaf, posted on X early Saturday.

Trump imposed the blockade earlier this week after Iran restricted traffic through the strait due to fighting in Lebanon, which Iran claimed was a breach of the Pakistan-brokered ceasefire.

The president's decision to

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Reenactors fire a cannon during the 2022 reenactment of the Civil War Battle of Carthage.

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RELIVING HISTORY

New board to oversee, 'refresh' Carthage Civil War Museum

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CARTHAGE, Mo. — A local Civil War museum is under new guidance after Carthage Mayor Bren Flanigan recently appointed an oversight board that he hopes will help "refresh" and promote the museum.

The Carthage Civil War Museum remembers the tumultuous years of 1861-1865, which brought destruction to much of Jasper County and the region, including the city of Carthage.

Flanigan said there had been a board at one time, but it hadn't met in years and for the last couple of years existed in name only.

"There were members, but their meetings had lost their structure over the years in terms of minutes or agendas," Flanigan said. "When I became mayor, we had a variety of absences across the various boards, committees and commissions of the city. So I went through the process of getting all of those, as much as possible, filled with qualified volunteers."



Carthage Civil War Museum guide Ray Beckner shows off the museum's diorama that displays the battle path from 9 miles north of Carthage through the Carthage square and out of town to the southeast.

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Carthage to remember battle 165 years later

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CARTHAGE, Mo. — On July 5, 1861, the quiet prairie and farmland around Carthage was rocked by the sounds of cannon, muskets, soldiers yelling and horses galloping.

On the weekend of June 6-7, 2026, people devoted to remembering what life was like in a military camp and on the battlefields during the Civil War will be gathering at Civil War Ranch and Arena north of Carthage to bring history back to life on ground where soldiers fought 165 years ago.

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