

**Weekly Weather**

<b>Wed.</b> Jan. 14	<b>Thurs.</b> Jan. 15	<b>Fri.</b> Jan. 16	<b>Sat.</b> Jan. 17	<b>Sun.</b> Jan. 18	<b>Mon.</b> Jan. 19	<b>Tues.</b> Jan. 20
Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny
41° / 18°	38° / 29°	45° / 23°	33° / 17°	36° / 22°	42° / 22°	45° / 28°

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## New Commercial Construction Has New Tenants Before Completion

*'Few Suites Remain In New Facility'*

By James B. Bartle

Sullivan area resident and businessman Tim Reinhold, TRE Inc., announced this week that a new commercial facility, 40,000 total sq. ft., already has tenants waiting to move in that will occupy the new development located off Acid Mine Rd., partially in Village of Oak Grove and partially in the City of Sullivan.

According to Reinhold, the project has moved fast with six spaces on the upper level and six spaces on the

lower level with all but four total spaces filled.

"We have a local company, Utility Forces, that will occupy four of the six upper level suites while Guehne Trucking LLC, Priority One Fleet Services and Franklin County Fire Extinguisher will be located in the lower level," said Reinhold Friday afternoon, January 9. "We started this project in August of 2025 and hope to have everything completed in all suites by March, but several

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**NEW YEAR'S BABY ARRIVES AT MISSOURI BAPTIST SULLIVAN HOSPITAL:** 2026 Baby New Year arrived on January 3. Sonny Lynn Beagle was born at 5:32 p.m., she weighed 7 lbs. 10 oz, and was 20 3/4 inches long. Sonny's parents are Payton and Tonja Beagle. Congratulations!



**TECHNICAL RESCUE.** Sullivan Firefighters provided mutual aid assistance to the Steelville Fire Department on Saturday afternoon/evening as a rock climber fell during a climb on a Rock Bluff along the Meramec River off Highway E, Crawford County. SFPD Firefighters, trained in rappel rescue, responded along with support firefighters to help bring the patient to medical treatment. See related article.

## Sullivan Firefighter Training Provides Critical Rescue For Fallen Rock Climber

By James B. Bartle

The Sullivan Fire Protection District firefighters spend countless hours in the classroom and live training excessive for events just like what happened Saturday, January 10, at 4:02 p.m.

Sullivan Firefighters were called for a technical rescue at Cave Rd. and Highway E, Crawford County, in the Steelville Fire Protection

District, to assist with an unidentified male, reportedly 44, who had fallen from a rock bluff while rock climbing.

Reported on the Sullivan Independent News Facebook Page, Saturday, at 4:10 p.m. the event unfolded with members of the Steelville Fire Department, Sullivan Fire, Steelville Ambulance and North Crawford County Ambulance.

Following an extensive

rescue the male victim was airlifted to a critical care facility for treatment by Air Ambulance.

The Sullivan Fire Protection District reported Saturday night:

"This evening, Sullivan Firefighters were requested to assist the Steelville Fire District with a technical rescue. Firefighters used specialized

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## Council Will Put Appointed Collector Position On April Ballot Following Tuesday Meeting

By James B. Bartle

The Sullivan City Council met in open session one Tuesday, January 6, with a number of items being discussed among them a decision to place a questions before voters in the April Municipal Election asking them whether the city collector should remain and elected position or an appointed position by

the council.

The decision came after much discussion Tuesday night when the council was informed that no one had filed once again for the position of City Collector.

Candidates had not sought the office in several years and in 2025 the council moved to hire a city employee to handle the duties of the City Collector in respect to receiving

accounts payable items such as municipal utilities.

The position of City Collector had the role reduced then to a non-paid position and with the April 2026 election no one sought the office once again.

The council was informed by City Administrator J.T. Hardy that all candidates

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