



# New Clinton Firefighter Makes Major History For Department

BY JENNIFER JACKSON  
Staff Reporter

Last week, when most people were out shopping for gifts, Bayley Heider was involved in a different kind of search.

And instead of getting the house decorated for the holidays, she was breaking into one. But saving people's holidays, not destroying them, was the reason behind her activities.

These physical challenges were part of the state skills test for students at the Metropolitan Community College Blue River Fire Academy, where Bayley is one of five female students. Two are in the day class, which she's in, she said, and three women are in the night program.

Bayley graduated from the Fire Academy last Saturday, Dec. 16, but was hired in October by the Clinton Fire Department, where she is the first female career firefighter with the department.

"They had a woman who was a volunteer firefighter," she said, "but not a career firefighter."

It was her captain at the Blue River Fire Academy, which is Independence, who told her that Clinton F.D. had a job opening. And



THE FIRST FEMALE CAREER FIREFIGHTER for the Clinton Fire Department, Bayley Heider is a recent Academy graduate.

the Clinton firefighters are happy to have her.

"Right off the bat, I felt very welcome, from the department and the community," she said.

Bayley is from Archie, south of Kansas City, where she played basketball, volleyball and softball. Basketball was her top sport, she said. At 5-foot, 11 inches tall, Bayley was the center on the girl's basketball

team.

"I was a Whirlwind," she said of the Archie School team name.

Her father is 6-feet, 4, she said, and her younger brother, who is 17, is 6-2.

Bayley said she didn't always want to be a firefighter, but originally trained as an EMT, an Emergency Medical Technician. She often went on ride-alongs with firefighters, however,

and knew an EMT who was also a firefighter, and realized she would enjoy the work firefighters did.

She didn't know if the Fire Academy would be mostly "book learning," but discovered it gave her a lot of good hands-on training that prepared her for the job. Firefighting requires physical strength and dexterity. To be considered, **Heider Page 9**

# Downtown Square Lights Up Shoppers



A CLASSIC CHRISTMAS VILLAGE is a highlight of the season at Creative Paints where proprietor Keith Weston adds pieces each year.

BY KEITH JACKSON  
Staff Reporter

'Tis the Season

It doesn't take much wandering around Clinton's Square to see that Christmas is near. Most businesses have decorations, and usually there is a tree in the window. However, many stores have done more, and some have done a lot more.

Take for instance Simple Pleasures, 107 S. Washington. Not only does it have the decorations you might expect, but it also has a squadron of Santas to greet you. The owners Mary Gougher and Diane McClure bring in their families to help decorate.

"Every year we add something new" they said.

At Creative Paints and Supplies, 102 S. Main, owner Keith Weston takes delight in building Christmas villages in the store's windows.

"It takes a lot of work," Weston said, "but it's something I enjoy doing."

Weston says he buys pieces for the display all year, keeping an eye out at garage sales and online markets for another house or a fixture to add.

The Baker Law Firm, 129 W. Franklin, hired Barbara Mosley of Jerry's Pest Management to decorate the windows. Barbara added lawyer's bookcases and chairs to create a Christmas theme appropriate to

the firm.

While the greatest concentration of Christmas decorations can be found around the Square, most churches and many businesses are showing their Christmas bling. First Baptist Church, 1531 N. Vansant, has a stellar tree in the atrium that is a perfect example.

The classroom doors of Moreland Day Care, 115 E. Elm St. are hung with the Mistletoes—footprints of the children forming the mistletoe, as well as Santa handprints, again done by the children.

Christmas is about children who hope that St. Nicholas will visit them on Christmas Eve and leave something in their stockings. I'm hoping Santa brings me a new fishing boat.

For adults, the decorations and lights are a reminder that in the darkest month of the year, Jesus, the light of the world, is coming.

And that like businesses, churches and residents who put up decorations for the holidays, we are the light of the world for our neighbors.

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# Gifts Are Lifeline To Those Incarcerated On Christmas

BY JENNIFER JACKSON  
Staff Reporter

Darren Huey knows how it feels to be in jail on Christmas.

"You feel forgotten," he said.

Last Saturday, Darren and a group of volunteers spent the afternoon at First Baptist Church, where they filled 100 bags, each almost as big as Santa's loot sack. Going into the sacks were cupcakes and snack cakes, cookies and candy, plus packets of cocoa mix, instant coffee, chips and instant noodles.

On Monday, Dec. 18, Darren and Celebrate Recovery volunteers delivered the sacks to the Henry County Jail, where they were distributed to inmates, both men and women. It's the third year Darren and the CR volunteers have created sacks of gifts for inmates, this year raising \$3,000 in donations of cash and items.

"We want them to know that no matter what they've gone through, there are still people out there who care about them," Darren said.

There are currently about 75 people in the jail total,



HELPING Henry County inmates feel not forgotten, Darren Huey, Brenda Robinson and Carieann Cromley assembled gift bags that include a letter of encouragement to make a better life.

Darren said. They'll take 85 sacks to the jail, he said, and take the extra sacks to people who are homeless in Clinton at Christmas and living in their cars in parking lots, he said.

Celebrate Recovery is a faith-based program for people seeking to break the cycle of drug and alcohol addiction. The volunteers visit Henry County Jail inmates on Monday nights once a week to share the program. Each gift sack in-

cludes a "Doing His Time" book of meditations and prayers for people who are in prison, and a small New Testament.

The third most important thing in the sack is the "lifeline" letter he wrote, Darren said, encouraging people to break the cycle of their lives by contacting him or one of three other names listed, which includes their phone numbers.

"In the last three years,

we've had more than 75 people who used the letters and called us," Darren said. "There's nothing they're going through that we haven't gone through. The contacts are people who have been right where they are, right now."

It was five years ago, on Dec. 23, 2018, that Darren was in jail, he said. He was sentenced to 30 years in jail, but only served 19 months, with a five-year **Gift Sacks Page 9**

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THURSDAY	
HIGH	58
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SATURDAY	
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LOW	30

WHERE'S IT AT?	
FIND IT HERE	
CHURCH	6-7
CLASSIFIEDS	10
CONTACT US	2
OPINION	2
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## Have I Got A Line For You!

By James Mahlon White



Are flying saucers real? Have you ever seen a UFO? There is new evidence indicating the government recovered a crashed UFO in 1947. Back then officials at Roswell Army Air Field announced they'd found a "Flying disc" in the desert. The story was sent around the world. However, guess what...the Pentagon denied it, saying it was just a weather balloon. Those involved said the material recovered was extremely unusual. It couldn't be cut, burned or creased and some of the wreckage had strange symbols. Others indicated that bodies were found at one or more UFO crash sites. Last week Congress put language in a Defense Bill that will force the Feds to open about UFO's. The whole thing is fascinating. Chuck Schumer and the gang want the government to give up UFO information but not Epstein's client list or who left cocaine in the White House. The country is in a tail spin and they're looking for trouble from other planets. The term "Wag the dog" comes to mind. If you want something to really make your head spin head over to the disclosureproject.com

who walked into the Pope's chambers in the middle of the night. "You're Holiness," the priest said, "I hate to wake you, but I have some good news and some bad news. Which do you want first?" "Why good news by all means." "Well, the Lord has risen, he's on the phone and wants to speak with you." "What a glorious thing?" the Pope exclaimed. "My good man, how could there be any bad news after an event of such magnitude?" "He's telephoning from Salt Lake City."

Time moves on inexorably and it's time to close up shop for the day. Merry Christmas Old Buddy. Blessings and good tidings on you.

Til Next Week: J.M.W.

## Word on the Street

What was your favorite childhood Christmas gift?



"Chatty Cathy." -Lynn Helm



"Magic Flying Fairy's." -Alisa Wood



"Teddy bear named Cuddles, from my Great Grandma." -Tabitha Jones



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## Get to Know Clinton, MO.

NAME: Michelle Helwig  
BIRTHPLACE: California  
YEARS IN CLINTON: Just visiting for the holidays.  
FAMILY: Husband and 3 kids.  
OCCUPATION: Real estate.  
WHAT I WANTED TO BE WHEN I GREW UP: A mom.  
FIRST JOB: Babysitter  
FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY: Playing games with my sisters.  
THE BEST TIME OF MY LIFE WAS WHEN: I had my babies.  
WHAT DO YOU VALUE MOST IN YOUR FRIENDS: Honesty.  
YOUR GREATEST FEAR IS: Heights.  
MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT: Too many to

narrow down to just one.  
I HOPE I NEVER HAVE TO: Move to another state.  
I'VE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO: Whistle.  
IF I WON THE LOTTERY, I WOULD: Take care of my family and close friends.  
MY DREAM TRIP WOULD BE TO: England and Ireland.  
HOBBIES: Baking.  
FAVORITE BAND OR MUSICIAN: Taylor Swift  
FAVORITE MOVIES: I don't have a favorite movie but my favorite show is 'Friends'.  
FAVORITE DRINK: Water.  
FAVORITE SNACK: Popcorn.  
FAVORITE CANDY: Frozen Jr Mints.  
FUTURE GOAL: To own my own real estate company.



WHICH PERSON DO YOU ADMIRE MOST: My mom.  
ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE YOUR YOUNGER SELF: Cherish the small things.  
WORDS TO LIVE BY: You're never you old to be the person you want to be.



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Shopping local helps all of these and so much more to even mention.  
A couple of things from Wed; Of course, I went to the radio station to re-

cord the weekly "Chamber Chat" that airs each Thursday at 12:15pm on KDKD FM, 95.3...and then later that day, I attended the 80th birthday celebration for Mike Keith at the Rotary Building. There was a huge crowd.  
If you're headed to the Downtown Clinton Square, tune into 88.5 FM to enjoy the Animated Christmas Light Music Show! It runs from 5 pm to 11 pm nightly.  
Henry County Library-A book lovers Christmas tree isn't complete without a golden reminder of their favorite place on earth! The Henry County Library in Clinton is selling one-of-a-kind gold ornaments celebrating the library's history with a beautiful rendition of the original library located on Jefferson St and a gleaming version of our current location on Green St.  
**Chamber 9**

**We will be CLOSED Monday, Dec. 25th in observance of CHRISTMAS. DEADLINES for the 12/27 Kayo and 12/28 Democrat are as follows:**

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Classified Line Ads (Words) - Thursday, Dec. 21 - 12 Noon  
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CREATIVE PAINTS AND SUPPLIES.



WHILE NOT OPEN TO VISITORS, Moreland Day Care, 115 E. Elm, has children-inspired decorations. The Mistletoes are made by the children's feet and an application of green paint.



GALLERY THREE, 137 S. Washington, features Santas and original art worthy of a look.



THE CLINTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE at 200 S. Main is ready for Christmas visitors.



THERE IS NO TREE at Parks Optical at 106 W. Jefferson, but Santas are watching...



NEWCOMER TO CLINTON, World Finance, 123 W. Franklin Street, said it has seen more people stop in after it decorated its windows.



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, 1531 North Vansant, has a tree in the entry that hits all the bells, or balls, in its decoration.



IT'S NOT TOO LATE for last minute letters to be delivered to Santa using the special "quick delivery" mailbox in the post office on 2nd Street.



SILHOUETTES by Andrea at 112 S. Main had its window displays done by Kathy Lloyd.



CLINTON CANDLE, 135 W. Franklin, can lure you inside with its candles and decorated interior.



SIMPLE PLEASURES at 107 S. Washington may be the most-decorated store on the Square—both inside and out.



THE MALTED COW at 113 W. Franklin Street offers a variety of sweet treats for shoppers.



GREEN STREETS MARKET, just a block or so off the Square at 112 E. Green, is the source for Christmas wreaths and displays.



THE BAKER LAW FIRM at 129 W. Franklin has window displays that are built around a lawyer's office, with a lawyer bookcase, chairs and trees.



THE WHITE FLOWER QUILT SHOP at 140 W. Jefferson needs little decoration besides the wreath and the nutcracker guarding the entrance.



Elves, Adam, Mac, Christina & Kim are working hard to show their Christmas cheer... or something like that.

## Chapter IU of the P.E.O. Dirty Santa Gift Exchange



**CHAPTER IU OF THE P.E.O.** Sisterhood met for their regular business meeting on December 14th at the Rotary Building. Kathy Ervie and Lisa Wallace served as hostesses to the 29 sisters who answered the roll call. After the meeting, the sisters enjoyed their annual Dirty Santa Gift Exchange with delicious refreshments to follow. The January meeting will be Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Rotary Building with Melissa Swaters and Suzanne Ammons serving as co-hostesses. Suzanne Ammons will present the program on Founder's Day. Lisa Wallace and Allison Wetzell pictured at the refreshments table.

In her role, she is responsible for registering patients in the Emergency Room and Outpatient setting. She also makes overhead pages and answers the phones at the switchboard. In her nomination, it stated that she has a positive

attitude, always interacts with patients and staff in a positive manner and is an extraordinary team member that goes above and beyond every day. As the Employee of the Month, Stewart received a GVMH gift and her name will be engraved on a plaque to

be permanently displayed in the main campus. She is also one of 12 finalists for the 2023-2024 Employee of the Year award. Follow us on Facebook and LinkedIn for the latest news, or visit our website at [gvmh.org](http://gvmh.org) for more information.

## Chapter EN, P.E.O. Holds Christmas Luncheon



**MEMBERS OF CHAPTER EN, P.E.O.** and guests pose for a photograph after the Christmas luncheon at the Clinton Country Club.

Chapter EN, P.E.O., held its Christmas luncheon at the Clinton County Club on Dec. 14. Shirley Turner and Adele Bernard served as hostesses for the luncheon, which was attended by 24 members and two guests. Clinton Country Club served a lunch of potato soup, ham and cheese sliders, cranberry-fruit salad and an iced pumpkin cupcake for dessert, garnished with cranberries or miniature gingerbread men cookies.

Each member brought a recipe for a favorite Christmas cookie or candy with samples attached. They chose one of the packaged treats, then played Santa's Dice Game, rolling the dice to see if they had to keep, swap or pass the treat to the person on their left or right. Chapter EN is Clinton's daytime chapter of the P.E.O. International Sisterhood, a woman's organization that supports higher education opportunities for women. Projects include the Educational Loan Fund, Star Scholarships for graduating high-school seniors, the Program for Continuing Education, which awards grants for women

returning to college, and Scholar Awards for women pursuing doctorate degrees. Chapter IU is the evening chapter of P.E.O. in Clinton. One of the oldest women's organizations in North America, P.E.O. was founded in 1869 by seven female students at Iowa Wesleyan College, and has grown to nearly 6,000 chapters with 230,000 members in the United States and Canada. In Missouri, there are more than 300 chapters, with more than 12,000 members. P.E.O. also owns and supports Cottey College, a four-year college for women in Nevada, Mo. Chapter EN meets at First Presbyterian Church. For more information, call Nancy Gillard at the church, 660-885-5181 or go to [peointernational.org](http://peointernational.org).



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## State Fair Community College

### SFCC to close Dec. 20 for winter break

State Fair Community College in Sedalia and all extended campus locations (Boonville, Clinton, Eldon, Lake of the Ozarks, and Whiteman Air Force Base) will close for winter break from noon Dec. 20 through Jan. 1. All offices will reopen at 8 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2. The Campus Store on the Sedalia campus will close at 11:30 a.m. Dec. 20 and will reopen Jan. 2. Students may order books beginning Dec. 21. Students may log on to mySFCC; click the Enroll tab and click Get Books from Your SFCC Campus Store. Students can have orders shipped or do an in-store-pick-up. Orders will be processed starting Jan. 2. The Campus Store will have special January hours that include 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 14, and Monday, Jan. 15; all other offices will be closed Jan. 15 in observance of Martin Luther King Day. For

more information, please visit [www.sfccbooks.com](http://www.sfccbooks.com). The Daum Museum of Contemporary Art will close at 5 p.m. Dec. 19 and will resume regular hours at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2. The museum is closed Mondays. Admission is free. For more information, call (660) 530-5888 or visit [www.daummuseum.org](http://www.daummuseum.org). The State Fair Career and Technology Center that provides technical training for high school juniors and seniors on the Sedalia campus will close at 3 p.m. Dec. 15 and will resume classes Jan. 8. The spring semester begins Jan. 16; last day to enroll in 16- and first 8-week classes is Jan. 17. Prospective students may apply online at [www.sfccmo.edu/admissions](http://www.sfccmo.edu/admissions) free. For a complete listing of SFCC courses or for more information, please call Admissions and Outreach at (660) 530-5833 or visit [www.sfccmo.edu](http://www.sfccmo.edu).



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## CCA Attends SBU Championships



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**AFTER MUCH ANTICIPATION** by CCA students, the results of the Championship were revealed on December 12, 2023 by Dr. Tim DeClue from Southwest Baptist University. Individual medals were awarded to the following students for outstanding performance: Aric Wilson, gold for New Testament and bronze for Computer Science Principles; Clara Hyke, bronze for College Algebra; Emma Hanson, silver for Psychology; Kennedy Vaughn, bronze for New Testament; Timothy Neal, silver for College Algebra; and Vivian Cronhardt, bronze for English Grammar. Dr. DeClue added to this joyous occasion by announcing that Clinton Christian Academy came in second place overall in this competition. He was sure to add that CCA was only half of a point behind the first place winners! A second place trophy was awarded to the group and is currently being displayed in the CCA office.

## 5th Saturday Men's Breakfast



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The year 2023 will soon be history and we will venture into a new year. I can think of no better way to prepare for what lies ahead than to gather with God fearing men to enjoy the fellowship, to sing together, to pray and very seriously consider the word of God. That opportunity will come on Saturday, December 30. We'll meet at Dietz Family Buffet for breakfast at 7:am. Also we'll get to meet a new man in our town, Mr. Conner Craig, family minister with Northeast Baptist Church. Although Conner has been with NEBC only a short time, he has served two years as youth pastor with Grover Park Baptist Church in Warrensburg and in leadership with the Baptist Student Union campus ministry at the University of Central Missouri. Conner is "very big about being intentional with our faith, a lazy faith is no faith at all, but one who walks with the Spirit to the end has a free life indeed". Conner is

looking forward to meeting with us and sharing from God's word. Circle that date men, remind your friends, come, Be informed and encouraged as we meet the new year.



### Affordable Health Screenings Coming to Clinton, Missouri

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**VICTORIA (VICKI)  
DIANNE BANKS**

Victoria (Vicki) Dianne Banks, passed away peacefully at her home in Belton, Mo. Dec. 8, 2023. Vicki's wishes were to be cremated with no services. Arrangements are under the care of Vansant-Mills Funeral home in Clinton, Mo.

She was born April 20, 1946 in Jefferson City, Mo., the first child of Harry and Geraldine (Paul) Banks. She began her coursework at the University of Missouri where she met and later married Jim Roither. To this union, her sons Joseph, Erik, Tim and Jason, were born. She later married Frank Miles and to this union, their son, Patrick, was born.

She was a homemaker for part of her married life and after moving back to Clinton, Mo., she became a pharmacy technician, working at her family business, Drugs Plus, Golden Valley Memorial Hospital and Walmart pharmacies. She was a pharmacy technician until she retired.

She was predeceased by her parents, Harry and Geraldine Banks, and her infant son, Joseph. She is survived by her brothers Michael Banks and wife, Nita, of Osceola, Mo. and Matthew and his wife Kimberly, of Nixa, Mo.; her sons Erik and wife, Rachele, of Clinton, Mo., Tim and wife, Renee, of Raytown, Mo., Jason and wife, Heather, of Raymore, Mo. and Patrick and wife Lora, of Clinton, Mo.; and her grandchildren, Stephen Weber, of Fort Myers, Fla., Nick Roither and wife, Morgan, of Peculiar, Mo., Chase Roither of Athens, Texas, Sean Evans of Liberty, Mo., Rachael Evans of Liberty, Mo., Drew Roither of Olathe, Kan., Joseph Roither of the Marine Corps, Jacob Roither and Jonathan Roither of Raymore, Mo. and Sean Miles of Clinton, Mo.

**MARILYN JANE  
BARBOUR**

Marilyn Jane Barbour, 74, of Kansas City, Missouri, formerly of Clinton, Mo., passed away Thursday, December 14, 2023 at the Centerpoint Medical Center in Independence, Mo. She was born August 16, 1949 in Clinton, Mo., the daughter of Dale Pare Barbour and Mary Lula Mae (Hartle) Barbour.

Marilyn worked for many years for the Macy's Department Store, and later worked for House of Lloyd, both in Kansas City. She was a huge fan of Elvis Presley and Mickey Mouse. She enjoyed shopping, collecting shoes, word search puzzles and supporting the local casinos.

She is survived by five

brothers, Jim Barbour (Debbie), Independence, Mo., Bill Barbour (Patty), Killeen, Texas, Bob Barbour, Raytown, Mo., Mike Barbour (Susan), Sugar Creek, Mo., and Charlie Barbour, Kansas City, Kansas; four sisters, Ruthanne Keim (Wayne), Merriam, Ks., Margaret Hardy, Peculiar, Mo., Dorothy Willbanks (Tom), Plattsburg, Mo., and Sandra Barbour (Tom Duggan), Grain Valley, Mo.; numerous nieces; nephews; great-nieces; great-nephews; and great-great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and one brother, Jerry Barbour.

Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, December 21, 2023 at the Bradley & Hadley Funeral Home, Clinton. The family will receive friends from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., just prior to the funeral service. She will lie in state from noon to 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, at the funeral home. Interment will be in the Mineral Creek Cemetery, Leeton, Mo. The family suggests memorial contributions to the Childrens Mercy Hospital, and these donations may be left in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be left online at [www.bradleyhadley.com](http://www.bradleyhadley.com).

**Death  
Notices**

**Robert A. "Bob" Brock**, 86, died Fri, Dec. 15, 2023. Arrangements are pending under the direction of the Bradley & Hadley Funeral Home, Clinton.

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**Virginia Mae Lucas**, 69, died Fri, Dec. 15, 2023. A Celebration of Life was held at 11 a.m. Tues, Dec. 19, 2023 at the Bradley & Hadley Funeral Home, Clinton. Virginia was cremated following the service.

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**Dale Dyke**, 61, died Sun, Dec. 17, 2023. Dale's wishes were to be cremated with no services at this time. Arrangements have been entrusted to Vansant-Mills Funeral Home in Clinton, MO and are pending at this time.

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**Charles Wallace** died Mon, Dec. 18, 2023. Arrangements have been entrusted to Vansant-Mills Funeral Home in Clinton, MO and are pending at this time.

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**Ryan C. Halterman**, 41, died Sun, Dec. 17, 2023. Ryans wishes were to be cremated. A memorial visitation will be held from 2-4pm on Fri, Dec. 22, 2023 at the Vansant-Mills Funeral Home in Clinton, MO. Arrangements have been entrusted to Vansant-Mills Funeral Home in Clinton, MO and are pending at this time.

**Calhoun Community  
Church**

Welcome to the Good News from Calhoun Community Church. Our church family gathers at 9:00 am for pre-church food and fellowship. We use this special time for visiting with one another, welcoming guests as they arrive for worship and signing cards of encouragement for our card ministry. We want to Thank Tucker McNeely for ringing the church bell this morning.

Tucker and Savannah McNeely did a great job lighting the altar candles. We were blessed to have Reverend Jackson Short lead us in prayer to help us lift up our family, neighbors and friends in need. We continue to pray for our military men and women and their families, as well as others in service jobs that we depend upon daily. We pray for guidance as we continue forward as a Community Church on the square in Calhoun, MO.

We celebrated the third Sunday of Advent with Steve Siercks lighting the Advent Candles and Verna Walters leading the congregation in singing the Advent Song. Steve played a Christmas song by Alabama.

Reverend Jackson Short delivered a message to raise our spirits, then as we headed home, we were met by God's Blessing of Sunshine and a mild afternoon.

We are a Concerned and Praying Nondenominational Church. Should you find yourself in need of prayer, we encourage you to join us any Sunday morning. We will be Blessed by your presence.

The Christmas Season is upon us. Next Sunday is Christmas Eve. We are sending a Special Invitation to you to come Worship with us on this wonderful day of the year. Fellowship hour 9:00 am and worship service at 10:00 am.

**First Baptist**

On Sunday, participating members joined the worship team in a spectacular Christmas music performance called "Meekness over Majesty". In a beautiful symphony of voices and instruments, members and guests were reminded of the special gift of salvation through Jesus. No one expected His Son to come in the way He did. The way He came is a profound part of the story of how salvation made a way. We worship today because that salvation is ours! From all of us at First Baptist Clinton, we wish you great joy and peace this Christmas season, as you celebrate the coming of our King!

Please join us for a special Christmas Eve service at 5:30pm. Celebrate Recovery is on Tuesday evenings at 5:30 pm at the Vansant location for anyone with hurts, habits, or hangups. Worship service times are 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. and Sunday School is offered at 8:15 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Youth and Children's Ministries also align with these times. On Thursdays at 6 pm, GriefShare provides help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend. For more information and upcoming events, please visit [www.firstbaptistclinton.church](http://www.firstbaptistclinton.church) or find us on Facebook at 'First Baptist Church - Clinton, MO'.

We invite those without a church home to join us in worship of our Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ. First Baptist Church exists to fulfill the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) by loving people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

**Mt. Calvary  
Apostolic Pentecostal  
"God, I Have A Question"**

James 1:2-8.

Joy: the feeling of great pleasure and happiness.

Perseverance: steady persistence in a course of action, a purpose, or a state, especially despite difficulties, obstacles, or discouragement.

Mature: having attained the end stage of a normal or abnormal biological process

Wisdom: the ability or result of an ability to think and act utilizing knowledge, experience, and understanding.

We should joy in trials. As we read scripture we have to see joe it applies to us. Joy means to rejoice and look at it from a different perspective.

We aren't rejoicing because of the trials, we are rejoicing because of God who can bring us through anything.

We should develop a "No pain No gain" attitude. Everything we go through matures us. Observe a baby who is learning to walk. He pulls up, falls, then gets up and tries again.

Bodybuilders feel the pain in their muscles until they start to build strong muscles. Perseverance pays off. We have to condition ourselves to go through the trials. Those who are in the best condition succeed.

There are strategies and skills to pick up along the way. Athletes study the playbook. When they know the plays, they can apply them effectively.

We, from a spiritual standpoint, can advantage by coming to church, Bible Study, and Prayer service. We should hone our craft.

We don't want to bear the consequences of lack of condition. Immaturity is a result of this. We need to seek knowledge from the one who has the answers. God is that source.

He has all the answers. Let us remember to approach him respectfully and with reverence. He wants us to come to him seeking truth and righteousness. When we seek him for the answer it shows we trust him.

He in turn will give truth, holiness, and a perfect answer.

No one knows more than God. Wisdom is a three-pronged issue. We need experience, good judgment, and knowledge. He requires that we have faith in him. God Bless.

**St. Paul's Episcopal  
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St. Paul's will have its Christmas service at 10:00 AM on Sunday, Christmas Eve. Our hope is that this change in service time will provide flexibility for those caught between Christmas family celebrations and attending worship services. Anyone caught in this familiar bind is welcome to attend this alternative time and make worship the first part of the Christmas celebration.

"Behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins" (Mark 1:20, 21).

And so it came to pass. And an angel told the shepherds in the fields, "Be not afraid, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased" (Luke 2:10-14).

God took on flesh and entered into our lives and lived among us and is with us still. Come join us in worship as we welcome Christ Jesus again into our hearts and into our lives.

**Trinity Lutheran**

Trinity will be celebrating our Christmas Eve Divine Service at 1:00 on Christmas Eve. Prior to the Divine Service, the children will be performing a music program at 11:00. We will also be having a Christmas potluck at 12:00! Come! Listen to our wonderful children sing, eat some delicious food together and then receive the gifts of our Lord!

Thank You to the following people who graciously donated the poinsettia that adorn the altar: Jeffery & Kim Adams, Russ & Joan Christenson, Kathy & Steve Cooper, Ron & Deborah Cosens, David & Laura Henny, Bill & Bonnie Koch, Brian & Kendra Loman, Bret & Tina Loman, Rathert Family, Phil & Hope Seider.

Church is not just for members. It's for everyone. Unfortunately, it's unlikely the "unchurched" are going to just show up one Sunday morning of their own volition. Why? Because it's against their nature:

"You were dead in your transgressions and sin in which you once walked, following the course of this world... among these we all once lived, in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of body and mind, and so we were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind (Ephesians 2:1-3).

Some years ago, there was a popular pop culture game called "Six Degrees of Separation" involving the actor Kevin Bacon. The premise of the game is that a personal connection can be found between Kevin Bacon and any other person in the United States in six steps or less. In the same manner, there is a connection between you and every person in Clinton in six steps or less, probably much less. In Christian evangelism circles, this idea also is known as "the web of people" concept. The bottom line is, we have a connection...or the opportunity... to invite any one of dozens of people in our community to attend church this Sunday.

The fact is, each of us who has faith in Jesus Christ likely does so because someone else in our own "web of people," invited us to attend church with them at some point in time. It is in church where we can be sure the Holy Spirit can be found, working through Word and sacrament, to create faith in all people.

The good news is, we don't have to be theologians or Bible scholars to invite some to church. We invite, and the Holy Spirit does the rest. As Martin Luther wrote in "The Small Catechism:"

"I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in one true faith."

And it all starts with you, when you invite someone to come to church. Praise God!

**Urich Baptist**

Friendship greeted us as we gathered to worship the Lord. Clint Keeney rang the church bell. Mrs. Julia Klinefelter led in the congregational singing with Mrs. Dixie Collins playing piano. We rejoiced with Carl Collins and Sebastian Klinefelter on their birthdays. We also rejoiced and celebrated with Bill and Carolyn Kelsay on their 59th wedding anniversary. Randy Vogt and Clint Keeney collected the offering.

The scripture passage from interim Pastor Steve Sowell's sermon was from Matthew 1: 18-25 and 2: 1-12. This passage describes the birth of Jesus Christ. Jesus came to bring us joy, peace, happiness and most of all eternal life. God has joy when we are saved through our faith in Him.

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**CHURCH cont.**.....  
 We should abide in Him faithfully and rejoice in His gift of eternal salvation. The world is seeking to find joy in their lives. Jesus is the answer. Spread the joy this week.

### Valley Center United

Behold, a young woman shall conceive and bear a son and shall call his name Immanuel.  
 Christmas blessings to you all! We will have Wondrous Wednesday services online this Wednesday at 6 pm. Next Sunday services will be at 9 am on Christmas Eve and our Christmas Eve evening services will be at 6 pm, all online. Christmas morning at 9 am we will have a service at 9am online.

Today we went to see two very loved members of our church to sing Christmas Carols! We send them prayers of love and healing and hope they are back to church soon!  
 Andy and Karen Lasswell lit the Advent candles of hope, peace and joy this morning. The congregation sang Angels we have heard on high.

Jesus' birth is why we are here, it brings us hope, love and empowerment. We feel it, celebrate it and tell the world about it. It is our essence. It is who we are.

But, sometimes we prevent ourselves and others from believing. We receive a different message and make us wonder how this miraculous birth even happened.

God, with all of his power and glory, gave us his grand journey to go and lift up our voices to tell the story of the birth of Jesus and to feel the joy of standing before the manger.

The presence of angels are there to help us open our eyes and clearly see and hear God's message of acceptance and affirmation. As people of faith, we can claim our own way of being and become messengers of God's wondrous blessings. Salvation is here and we are filled with joy!

### The Shepherd Calls by Dr. H. Wade Paris

#### A CHRISTMAS LETTER

The gospel of Luke is a letter, at least it begins like one: Dear Theo,  
 Since I know you love God as I do, I decided to write you. Much is being said and written about Jesus. You may have heard some information circulating concerning Him. I have checked many of these accounts carefully with eye-witnesses. After doing my homework, it seemed good to report what I have learned. I am convinced Jesus was and is the Messiah, God's Son. Let me tell you how I came to that conclusion.

Following this salutation, Doctor Luke, the only non-Jewish gospel biographer, begins his story with the appearance of the angel Gabriel announcing God's plans. A forerunner, John, will be born to an aged couple, Zechariah, and Elizabeth. Then, Gabriel reports the Messiah, Jesus, will be born to a young virgin girl named Mary.

In a later letter to Theophilus, Luke says, "I tried to write 'all' that Jesus began both to do and to teach." (Acts 1:1). Obviously, he was serious when he said "all." God alone knows how many scrolls it took to write the gospel of Luke. My Bible has twenty-four chapters covering thirty-four double column pages. That is a long letter. We should not be surprised by the length of Luke's letter. Another gospel writer, John, said if everything Jesus did was written down, the world could not contain it. (John 21:25)

Luke's story is booked between his beautiful account of Jesus' birth, our focus of the season, and the victorious description of the Resurrection. Between those two events, Luke explains God's attempt to reveal Himself to us through His Son Jesus. It is a glad/sad story. Since all that Jesus did could not be written down, the events Luke selects to tell are intriguing. His nativity account is beautiful. It is the most read Christmas story in the world.

With a few well-chosen words, Luke tells of Jesus' beginning ministry, baptism, the appearance of the Holy Spirit like a dove, and the voice of God announcing His pleasure with this act of obedience. Like Matthew, Luke presents a genealogy of Jesus. Matthew's genealogy is traced through Joseph. Apparently, Luke's genealogy is through Mary. Christian ladies everywhere should be pleased.

Note Luke's meticulous account of the Resurrection. Luke's conclusion of his letter is notable. Jesus led the disciples out of Bethany and blessed them. As He was blessing them, He was "carried up" to heaven. The disciples returned to Jerusalem with great joy.

Joy! That's the spirit of Christmas! Joy! Joy! Joy!

### THE LITTLE APPLE

DECEMBER 13, 2023

Our community is ringing the bell at Food Fair on Fridays and Saturdays until Christmas. This year, total collection will go to AC Area Ministerial Alliance and the Backpack Program. These programs are for the community funded by our/your community. Thank you for your continued support.

Area residents are invited to vote for their favorites on Rural Missouri Magazine's "Best of Rural Missouri" favorites website. You can promote our area by voting for local businesses or attractions. You do not need to vote for every category, just the ones you feel comfortable with. Entering your area favorites could allow you to win \$500. The deadline to vote is January 15, 2024.

One regional business, Landmark Restaurant in Lowry City, has won multiple times. The site to vote is: <https://ruralmissouri.org/best-of-2024>

Appleton City Manor announces Florene French will be 100 years old on December 31. You are invited to send her birthday greetings to 600 North Ohio Street, Room 217, Appleton City, Mo 64724.

MU Extension in St. Clair County is offering a Beginning Beekeeping Workshop on Tuesday, December 19, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 555 Walnut Street in Osceola. If you are considering trying your hand at beekeeping, this class is for you. Before you invest in bees and equipment, knowledge is essential. Join MU Agronomist, Terry Halleran, as he provides important information focusing on getting started in the world of honeybees. There is no cost to attend but registration is required. Call the St. Clair County Extension office at 417-646-2419 to register.

If you are looking for a novel gift for someone the Appleton City area, AC Chamber Bucks might be worth checking out. The Bucks are issued in \$10, \$15 and \$25 denominations and can be used like cash at most Appleton City business establishments. Using the Bucks increases local business and "keeps the money in town". To purchase the Bucks, or for more information, contact Janet at St. Clair Co. Bank in Appleton City.

Nominations are being accepted for the January 14-20 public election of St. Clair County's University of Missouri Extension Council. Candidate recommendations may be made by contacting the county extension center, (417) 646-2419. Nominees will then be contacted to secure their permission before being placed on the ballot. Nominations for the 5 open positions must be made prior to December 20, 2023. 2 Candidates are needed from the North District (Appleton, Monegaw, Chalk Level, Butler, Jackson, Center Osage and Taber Townships). 3 Candidates are needed from the South District (Osceola, Polk, Dallas, Doyal, Roscoe, Speedwell, Washington and Collins Townships). St. Clair County's council election will be held at the same time as all other counties in Missouri, the third week of January (specifically Jan. 14-20, 2024). The election is being held in accordance with state law (Chapter 262.550-262.620 R.S. Mo. 1969).

"The Little Apple" was started by the A. C. Economic Development as way of informing residents of news and events sponsored by area businesses and organizations. Items of a clearly personal nature, such as birthdays, anniversaries, awards (not group sponsored), personal sales and the like are not accepted for publication. Items may be edited for accuracy, grammar or space restrictions. Please email articles for "The Little Apple" to [dcp81@embarqmail.com](mailto:dcp81@embarqmail.com) by Tuesday evenings or bring them to Dr. Payton's office to be included in that week's edition. To receive "The Little Apple" free by e-mail, or to be removed from the email list, send your e-mail address to [dcp81@embarqmail.com](mailto:dcp81@embarqmail.com) If you have changed your email address, please send the current address, so the list can be updated.

Ellett Memorial Hospital Appleton City offers outpatient specialist services for December and January. Call 660-476-2111 for appointments: Dec 21– Podiatry- Dr. Pace, Dec 27 - Ortho-Dr. Gray, Jan 3– Upper GI, Colonoscopy-Dr. Vardakis, Jan 4– OB/GYN, Dr. Kallberg, Jan 9 – Rheumatology-Dr. John, Jan 10– Upper GI, Colonoscopy-Dr. Vardakis, Jan 12 - Ortho-Dr. Gray, Jan 17 – Upper GI, Colonoscopy-Dr. Namin, Jan 18– Podiatry- Dr. Pace, Jan 23 – Rheumatology-Dr. John, Jan 24 - Ortho-Dr. Gray, Jan 24 – Ophthalmology-Dr. Soni.

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec 21-Jan 2 No classes at AC Schools

### Municipal Court

**GARY COVER**  
Arraignments

Alex Lee Austin, Oper Veh Without Maintaining Financial Responsibility, Count 1 - Defendant Sentenced To Fine \$66.50

Romeo Patrick Anos, Exceeded Posted Speed Limit (1-5 Mph Over), Count 1 - Defendant Sentenced To Fine \$50.50

Bryan C Blankenship, Defective Equipment, Count 1 - Defendant Sentenced To Fine \$166.50

Mark Andrew Buddemeyer, Failed To Register Vehicle, Count 1 - Defendant Sentenced To Fine \$50.50

James William Degraffenried III, Animal At Large, Count 1 - Defendant Sentenced To Fine \$50.50

John W Dickerson, Operate Vehicle On Highway Without Valid Or No License, Count 1 - Defendant Sentenced To Fine \$50.50; Oper Veh Without Maintaining Financial Responsibility, Count 1 - Defendant Sentenced To Fine \$191.50

Richard E. Davis Jr., Exceeded Posted Speed Limit (6-10 Mph Over), Defendant Sentenced To Fine \$60.50 And Court Cost

James A Fields, Defective Equipment, Count 1 - Defendant Sentenced To Fine \$191.50

John J Graham, Trespass, Incarceration Jail (Suspended Execution Of Sentence), Count 1 - Defendant Sentenced To 90 Days Jail, Ses, 2 Years Of Probation, Count 1 - Defendant sentenced to Fine \$116.50

Maria Isabel Guzman, Exceeded Posted Speed Limit (1-5 Mph Over), Defendant Sentenced To Fine \$50.50 And Court Cost

William Clark Hawkins, Assault, Suspended Imposition Of Sent., Count 1 - Defendant Sentenced To, Sis, 2 Years Probation; Defective Equipment, Count 1 - Defendant Sentenced To Fine \$191.50; Failed To Register Vehicle, Count 1 - Defendant sentenced to Fine \$191.50

Brandi L Higbee, Shoplifting, Incarceration Jail (Suspended Execution Of Sentence), Count 1 - Defendant Sentenced To 30 Days Jail Ses 2 Years Probation

Whitney Sue Liller, Failed To Register Vehicle, Count 1 - Defendant Sentenced To Fine \$50.50

Steven Dale Robinson, Defective Equipment, Count 1 - Defendant Sentenced To Fine \$191.50

Levi Mason Roth, Operate Vehicle On Highway Without Valid Or No License, Count 1 - Defendant Sentenced To Fine \$50.50

Dustin Ryan Sanders, Failed To Register Vehicle, Count 1 - Defendant Sentenced To Fine \$50.50; Operate Vehicle On Highway Without Valid Or No License, Count 1 - Defendant Sentenced To Fine \$50.50; Failed To Register Vehicle, Count 1 - Defendant Sentenced To Fine \$50.50

Albert Jerome Smalls, Driving While Revoked Or Suspended, Incarceration Jail (Suspended Execution Of Sentence), Count 1 - Defendant sentenced to 90 Days Jail SES 2 Years Probation, Count 1 - Defendant sentenced to Fine \$216.50; Failed To Register Vehicle, Count 1 - Defendant Sentenced To Fine \$50.50

Rachael Alene Stader, Shoplifting, Count 1 - Defendant Sentenced To, Sis, 2 Years Probation; Fail To Yield After Stopping To Vehicle That Entered Intersection/So Close To Cause Hazard, Count 1 - Defendant Sentenced To Fine \$60.50

Evan Michael Ward, Assault, Suspended Imposition Of Sent., Count 1 - Defendant Sentenced To, Sis, 2 Years Probation

Nathan Nicholas Wood, Oper Veh Without Maintaining Financial Responsibility, Count 1 - Defendant Sentenced To Fine \$191.50; Failed To Register Vehicle, Count 1 - Defendant Sentenced To Fine \$41.50

Lucy Mae Young, Defective Equipment, Count 1 - Defendant Sentenced To Fine \$191.50

#### Trials

Justin Lyons, Failed To Register Vehicle, Count 1 - Defendant sentenced to Fine \$66.50; Driving While Revoked Or Suspended, Incarceration Jail (Suspended Execution Of Sentence), Count 1 - Defendant sentenced to 90 Days Jail SES 2 Years Probation, Count 1 - Defendant sentenced to Fine \$166.50

### Highway Patrol

*Bring In The New Year Safely!*

Colonel Eric T. Olson, superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, encourages everyone to make good decisions regarding their New Year's celebration. No one wants to start 2024 with a traffic crash or DWI arrest. During the 2023 New Year's period, six people were killed and 345 injured in 925 traffic crashes in Missouri.

The 2024 New Year's holiday counting period begins at 6 p.m. Friday, December 29, 2023, and ends at 11:59 p.m. on Monday,

January 1, 2024.

If your plans to welcome the new year include alcohol, please designate a sober driver or utilize a ride share service or taxi to ensure you arrive home safely. The roadway is no place for a driver under the influence of drugs or alcohol. If you kill or injure someone, you'll pay the price for the rest of your life.

If you plan to drive this New Year's, remember to buckle up and make sure all your passengers do the same. Pay attention, obey all traffic laws, and when in doubt, yield the right-of-way. Be sure to use your turn signal to communicate your intentions. Remember: The posted speed limit reflects the roadway's classification and is not a suggestion! Download the MoDOT Traveler Information app to your smart phone, and check road conditions before you travel. Allow extra time during inclement weather or consider staying home. Missouri law states if you're using your windshield wipers, your headlights must be turned on.

The public is encouraged to call the Patrol's Emergency Assistance Number (800) 525-5555 or \*55 on a cellular phone if they witness criminal activity or experience an emergency. These emergency numbers are operational for both highway and water emergencies. We're here to help.

Too many people die in traffic crashes each year in Missouri. The choices you make when you're behind the wheel matter. Make good choices, so you'll never have to say, "If I could just go back ..."

Follow the Missouri State Highway Patrol on X @MSHPTrooperGHQ

### Village of Brownington

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Brownington met on November 10, 2023, at the Brownington Community Building for the scheduled regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. Trustees present were Chairman Steve Schraml, Trustee Ian Burton, Trustee Sylvania "Jody" Eversole, and Joyce Tullis, Clerk. Trustee Joe Bradley was absent. Visitor present was Mike Tullis.


The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Steve Schraml. Chairman Schraml requested the minutes from the last meeting be read. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Trustee Ian Burton second by Trustee Sylvania "Jody" Eversole with all board members voting in favor 3-0. Chairman Schraml then requested the financial report be read. Motion to approve the financial report was made by Trustee Ian Burton second by Trustee Sylvania "Jody" Eversole with all board members voting in favor 3-0. The bills were presented to the board for approval of payment. The Clerk told the Board that office supplies will need to be ordered as well. Motion

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Polly Mills crossed over the Rainbow Bridge December 5, 2023. Polly was rescued by the loving volunteers at Clinton Animal Rescue Endeavor in July of 2022. When we saw she was available for adoption we brought her home and spoiled her rotten with a million hugs and kisses and her favorite doggy treats. She loved belly rubs and taking naps in her big fluffy beds.  
 Polly was preceded in death by 3 brothers; Sancho, Mr.Beefy and Cletus.  
 She is survived by her parents, Curtis & Shelley, 4 sisters; Mattie, Riley, Renae and Erma Jean, and 2 brothers, Poppy and Clive.  
 Cremation services were provided by Over the Rainbow Bridge Pet Memorial Services, of Clinton, MO.  
  
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## Missouri State Fair Receives International Recognition

The Missouri State Fair received many Awards of Excellence recently from the International Association of Fairs & Expositions (IAFE).

The Fair was recognized for programs in sponsorship, competitive exhibits, agriculture education, non-fair facility usage and communications, placing in a total of 27 categories.

The awards were presented during the 2023 Virtual Awards Show in November. The Missouri State Fair is judged alongside other IAFE members of similar size, ranging in attendance from 250,000 to 500,000.

A complete list of Missouri State Fair placings can be found on the Fair's website.

The International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE), based in Springfield, Mo., is a voluntary, non-profit corporation serving state, provincial, regional, and county agricultural fairs, shows, exhibitions, and expositions. Its associate members include state and provincial associations of fairs, non-agricultural expositions and festivals, associations, corporations, and individuals engaged in providing products and services to its members, all interested in improving fairs, shows, expositions, and allied fields. For more information, visit [www.fair-sand-expos.com](http://www.fair-sand-expos.com), follow the IAFE on Facebook, Twitter,

Instagram, and Snapchat, or call 800.516.0313.

## Youth in Agriculture Scholarship Deadline

The Missouri State Fair and the Youth in Agriculture Committee are accepting applications for Youth in Agriculture scholarships for Missouri high school seniors graduating in 2024. The application form can be found on the Fair's website.

Applications should be submitted to the Missouri State Fair and must be postmarked by January 16, 2024. Applicants must submit an original copy of their application and three additional copies.

Applicants must be high school seniors, active members of Missouri 4-H or FFA, and have participated at least once as a 4-H or FFA exhibitor at the Missouri State Fair. Selected students must enroll (fall and/or spring semester immediately following graduation from high school) in an accredited community college, college or university.

Visit the Fair's website for complete information.

## The Christmas Story

Each year we tell On "That Day" was born Immanuel; which means 'God with us'. This alone is worth all the

fuss.

Yet it tells us so much more!

Jesus goes to our very core, Not just to rescue, but to save.

That's the gift God gave And still gives to each one Who calls on His Son. His promise sets us free For all eternity.

Go ahead, shout it out! That's what Christmas is about.

-Trish Meyers

### Public Record cont.....

to pay all due bills and purchase needed supplies was made by Trustee Ian Burton second by Trustee Sylvia "Jody" Eversole, with all board members voting in favor 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS: Chairman Schraml brought previously tabled discussion before the Board regarding agreement with Henry County Emergency Management, Brad Wright, Director, to act as the Emergency Management Director for the Village of Brownington. Motion to proceed with the Agreement as presented was made by Trustee Ian Burton second by Trustee Sylvia "Jody" Eversole with all Board members voting in favor 3-0. Chairman Schraml brought discussion before the Board regarding Notice of Candidate Filing for the three Board of Trustee positions. Notice of Candidate Filings was taken to be published in the Newspaper as required. Candidate Filings will be taken by

the Village Clerk beginning on Tuesday, December 5, 2023, through Tuesday, December 26, 2023, for the April 2, 2024, General Municipal Election.

OLD BUSINESS: Chairman Schraml brought discussion before the Board of Trustee's regarding progress of Current Ordinance Violations. One of the abandoned vehicles has been removed from the property. The Board discussed several issues still pending. Chairman Schraml reported to the Board that he did return the phone call from one of the property owner's family in regard to Ordinance issues. Resident has decided to remain in Clinton over the Winter.

Chairman Schraml did stop and talk with MoDot regarding the culvert work still pending in front of the Community Building at 812 Road and BB Highway. The work order has been ongoing for over a year now. Per MoDot they are swamped under with urgent work orders, and will still get to our culvert repair as soon as possible.

The Board discussed that the brush cutting by the County is still pending as well. Chairman Schraml discussed the large water hole that continues to be a problem on 826 Road. Mike has bladed and filled it with gravel numerous times and Chairman Schraml has worked on it as well. Chairman Schraml and the board discussed may need a load of fine gravel and see how that works. Chairman Schraml and the Board discussed the work on the Community Building. Chairman Schraml will talk to Frank regarding progress.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mike told the Board front storm door was open again, and he did his best to close it. It may need some adjustments so it will stay shut. Mike reported to the Board that he checked the propane and it was at 50 percent. Trustee Joe Bradley arrived at the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Joe Bradley, second by Trustee Sylvia "Jody" Eversole with all Board members voting in favor 4-0. Chairman Schraml adjourned the meeting at 8:05pm

**City of Montrose**  
DECEMBER 11, 2023  
The meeting was called to order by Mayor Westhusing at 7:30 P.M.

Members Present: John Engeman, Kent Schussler, Russell Bracher and Andy Westhusing. Amber Volmer was absent.

Staff Present: Donald Lamb, Sheriff's Office-Sheriff Oberkrom and Sherri Richter. Dale Bailey was absent.

A motion was made by Kent Schussler, 2nd by Russell Bracher to approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: 3 Noes: 0

A motion was made by Kent Schussler, 2nd by John Engeman to approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 13, 2023.

Ayes: 3 Noes: 0  
A motion was made by John Engeman, 2nd by Russell Bracher to approve the Financial Statement for November 2023.

Ayes: 3 Noes: 0  
Communications:

Mr. Engeman attended a Henry County Industrial Development meeting on November 29, 2023. He stated they are working on a solar project.

Mr. Schussler stated that MoDot is going to replace the culvert at 7th & Missouri Ave. There is a possibility that MoDot may have a grant for replacing the sidewalk there.

Old Business:

None  
New business:

Approval of the 2024 Insurance Renewal  
After discussion, the council decided to raise the Fire Station Structure insurance to \$150,000.00 and the City Hall Structure insurance to \$168,000.00.

With these two changes a motion was made by Kent Schusler, 2nd by John Engeman to approve the 2024 Insurance Renewal presented by Mike Keith Insurance.

Ayes: 3 Noes: 0  
A motion was made by John Engeman, 2nd by Kent Schussler to approve the new 2024 Cyber Policy Renewal.

Ayes: 3 Noes: 0  
Public Forum:

Amy Wagner - Montrose Ball Association

Ms. Wagner advised the council that they had received quotes for the fencing project at the ballpark from Roady's Fencing and Grandriver Fencing. She stated they have not yet received a quote from Brothers Fencing.

Ms. Wagner advised the council that the committee is also planning to add onto the existing shed at the ballpark.

Staff Reports:

Sheriff's Office:  
Sheriff Oberkrom reported that total patrol for November was 61 hours and 30 minutes with 14 contacts, 0 reports taken, 1 traffic stops/violations with

1 warning, 0 arrests and 0 citations.

Dale Bailey:  
Mr. Bailey was absent but did provide a report. He stated that in November there were 6 runs (4 EMS, 1 grass fire and 1 MVA).

He also stated that there is a little more paper work to be submitted to Kaysinger Basin in regard to completing our request for a grant for turnout gear.

He advised that the MDC grant has been approved.

Mr. Bailey submitted the list for 2023 fuel reimbursements to the firefighters.

After discussion, a motion was made by John Engeman, 2nd by Russell Bracher to approve the reimbursements.

Ayes: 3 Noes: 0

Calendar:  
December:  
12/20/2023 Fire Department Christmas Dinner @ VFW hall @ 6:00 P.M.

January:  
1/3/2023 Fire Meeting @ Fire Station @ 7:00 P.M.

1/14/2023 Junior Firefighter @ Fire Station @ 2:00 - 4:00 P.M.

Water & Sewer Operations:

Water  
Mayor Westhusing advised that the new water meters are continuing to be installed and hopefully will have all new meters installed by Spring of 2024.

The council reviewed the Water Tower inspection report dated 8/25/2023. There were no areas of concern in the report.

Sewer:  
Donald Lamb:

Mr. Lamb stated that he has been reading the lift station numbers and checking the lagoon.

Mr. Lamb advised that he and an employee of MRWA checked 12 manholes for the Inflow and Infiltration report. He also stated that MRWA had requested that he draw a map for the remaining manholes on the south side of the city.

Mr. Lamb reported that he has received a quote from Enviro-Line for a new pump for the lift station. He stated that the quote is for \$7023.00 (\$5820.00 for the pump and \$1203.00 to install).

After discussion a motion was made by John Engeman, 2nd by Kent Schussler to purchase the new pump.

Ayes: 3 Noes: 0

Sherri Richter:

Nothing to report  
Mayor Westhusing advised the next regular council meeting will be on January 8, 2024 at

7:30 P.M.

A motion was made by John Engeman , 2nd by Kent Schussler to adjourn at 8:30 P.M.

Ayes: 3 Noes: 0

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3,415 Receipts • 10% Cows • Compared to last week steers sold steady except a higher quality offering with more volume of steers weighing 600-750lbs that sold 5-10 higher. Heifer calves sold steady to 5 higher, yearlings steady to 5 lower. Slaughter cows traded mostly 3-5 lower.

Steers, Med. & Lg. Frame #			Heifers, Med. & Lg. Frame #1		
300-400 lbs.	\$290 - 322.50	300-400 lbs.	\$205 - 277		
400-500 lbs.	\$258 - 321	400-500 lbs.	\$200 - 277.50		
500-600 lbs.	\$238 - 305	500-600 lbs.	\$195 - 257.50		
600-700 lbs.	\$220 - 255	600-700 lbs.	\$185 - 231		
700-800 lbs.	\$200 - 236.50	700-800 lbs.	\$170 - 219		
800-900 lbs.	\$180 - 222	800-900 lbs.	\$160 - 209		

*Small frame or fleshy strs & bulls 400-700 lbs. \$165 - 225*

*Small frame or fleshy heifers 400-700 lbs. \$155 - 186*

Weigh Cows Bulk 78-86 • High Dressing 90-104  
Low Dressing 56 back • Bulls Bulk 95-119

Rep Sales		15 blk		hfrs		455#		277.50	
24	blk	strs	440#	322.50	26	blk	hfrs	515#	257.50
35	blk	strs	543#	293	15	blk	hfrs	564#	247.50
Ld	blk	strs	664#	254.50	29	blk	hfrs	571#	240
36	blk	strs	702#	236.50	15	blk	hfrs	581#	243
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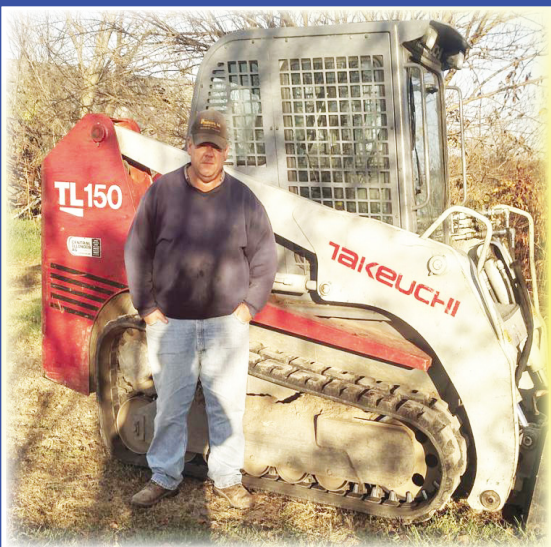


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**WE ACCEPT**

We will be **CLOSED** Monday, Dec. 25th in observance of **CHRISTMAS**. **DEADLINES** for the 12/27 Kayo and 12/28 Democrat are as follows:  
 KAYO: Display & Classified Display (Box) - Thursday, Dec. 21 - 12 Noon  
 Classified Line Ads (Words) - Thursday, Dec. 21 - 12 Noon  
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 Classified Line Ads (Words) - Tuesday, Dec. 26 - 11am

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**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**

A default has accrued on a certain note secured by a deed of trust executed by, **KENNETH MICHAEL GRASHER AND BRITNEY NICOLE GRASHER** dated 11/18/2022 and recorded on 11/21/2022 in **BOOK 2022 PAGE 3987**, in the Recorder's office for **Henry County, Missouri**. The successor trustee will on **January 5, 2024** between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm, more particularly at **9:00 AM**, at the **North Front Door of the Henry County Courthouse, 100 West Franklin, Clinton, Missouri** sell at public venue to the highest bidder for cash (certified funds only), the following real estate:

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d14x4c

**Honey Creek Special District will be taking filings for the position of Board Member. Filings will be taken at 676 NW 500th Rd. Clinton, MO. 64735, beginning December 5, 2022 through December 26, 2022 for the April 2, 2024 General Municipal Election. d21x1c**

Springfield Township will hold a public hearing on January 11, 2024 at 6pm at the Calhoun City Hall in Calhoun Mo. This hearing will be to discuss the adoption of a Planning and Zoning Order in Springfield Township. d21x1c

**CITY OF CLINTON, MISSOURI  
 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
 BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLINTON,  
 MISSOURI  
 JANUARY 16, 2024  
 6:00 P.M.**

In accordance with Section 99.865 of the Missouri Revised Statutes, the City Council of the City of Clinton, Missouri, will hold a public hearing in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 105 E. Ohio Street, Clinton, Missouri, at 6:00 p.m., [Tuesday], January 16, 2024, to determine if the SevenThirteen Tax Increment Financing Plan and the redevelopment projects associated with such Plan are making satisfactory progress under the proposed time schedules contained within the approved Plan for completion of the projects.

Wendee Seaton, City Clerk  
 City of Clinton, Missouri

Individuals who require an accommodation (sign language, interpreter, listening devices, etc.) to participate in the meeting should contact the City Clerk at (660) 885-6121 at least two working days prior to the meeting.

Published on: December 21, 2023, December 28, 2023, January 4, 2024, January 11, 2024  
 d21x4c

**INVITATION TO BID  
 CITY OF URICH SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS,  
 TAP-9900(758) - 7TH STREET**

Sealed bids for the Proposal for City of Urich Sidewalk Improvements Phase 4 - 7th Street will be received at: City of Urich, Urich City Hall, 308 Main Street, URICH, MO 64788 until 10:00 A.M. (prevailing local time) on the 11th day of JANUARY, 2024, at the Urich City Hall, and at that time will be publicly opened and read. All bids shall be submitted as a Hard Copy.

The proposed work includes:  
 Construction of new 5-foot wide concrete sidewalk to comply with ADA requirements along the north side of 7th Street between Main Street and Locust Street, and along the south and east side of 7th Street between Locust Street and the ball fields in the City of Urich, Missouri. Improvements include construction of sidewalks, ADA ramps, landings, and crosswalk striping, along with any incidental work as noted in the plans and specifications. The total length of the improvements is approximately 1,140 feet.

A digital copy of the plans and specifications may be purchased through the office of Great River Engineering (GRE), at 2826 S. Ingram Mill, Springfield, MO 65804 (417-886-7171) upon payment of \$45.00, which is not refundable. All bidders must purchase plans through Great River Engineering, Inc. and be on the planholder list in order to bid the project.

All labor used in the construction of this public improvement shall be paid a wage no less than the prevailing hourly rate of wages of work of a similar character in this locality as established by the United States Department of Labor (Federal Wage Rate), or by the Missouri Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (State Wage Rate), whichever is higher.

The City of Urich hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, businesses owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, creed, sex, age, ancestry, or national origin in consideration for an award.

All bidders must be on MoDOT's Qualified Contractor List per Section 102.2 of the current version of the Missouri Standard Specifications for Highway Construction. The contractor questionnaire must be on file 7 days prior to bid opening.

Contractors and sub-contractors who sign a contract to work on public works projects shall provide a 10 Hour OSHA construction safety program, or similar program approved by the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, to be completed by their on-site employees within sixty (60) days of beginning work on the construction project.

A certified cashier's check or a bid bond in the amount of 5% shall be submitted with each proposal.

The City of Urich reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

The project will be awarded to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder.

The DBE Goal for this project is 5%.

No 2nd tier subcontracting will be allowed on this project. d21x1c

**IN ON THINGS**

By Jerry J. Billings

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## Lady Cardinals Take First At MRVC Tournament



WITH WINS OVER Harrisonville and Pleasant Hill last week, the Clinton Lady Cardinals claimed a first place finish in this year's MRVC Tournament.

After receiving a first round bye, the Lady Cardinals basketball team took on Harrisonville in one of two MRVC Tournament semifinal games and advanced with a 45-24 win over the Lady Wildcats. Skyte Wilson led Clinton with 15 points while Briley

Wishard was also in double figures with 11. **CLINTON (45):** A. Little, 1; V. Brown, 4; L. Kenney, 2; K. Schaffer, 1; S. Wilson, 15; A. Goucher, 3; A. Potter, 8; B. Wishard, 11. **HARRISONVILLE (24):** L. Tarwater, 6; E. Lyon, 8; P. Feeback, 3; B. Sanders, 2;

M. Meeks, 3; M. Eggers, 3. In the championship game of this year's event, the Lady Cards took on Pleasant Hill and claimed the first place plaque with a 58-45 win over the Chicks. Skyte Wilson paced the Clinton offense with 21 points. Vyla Brown and

Ava Potter followed closely behind with 14 and 13, respectively. **CLINTON (58):** A. Little, 2; V. Brown, 14; S. Wilson, 21; A. Potter, 13; B. Wishard, 8. **PLEASANT HILL (45):** McConville, 5; Manford, 2; Layton, 6; Gray, 17; Graves, 14.

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Clinton (CLINTON) 51.0 El Dorado Springs (ELDOSPRG) 24.0  
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## Clinton Loses Close One To Marksmen At Home



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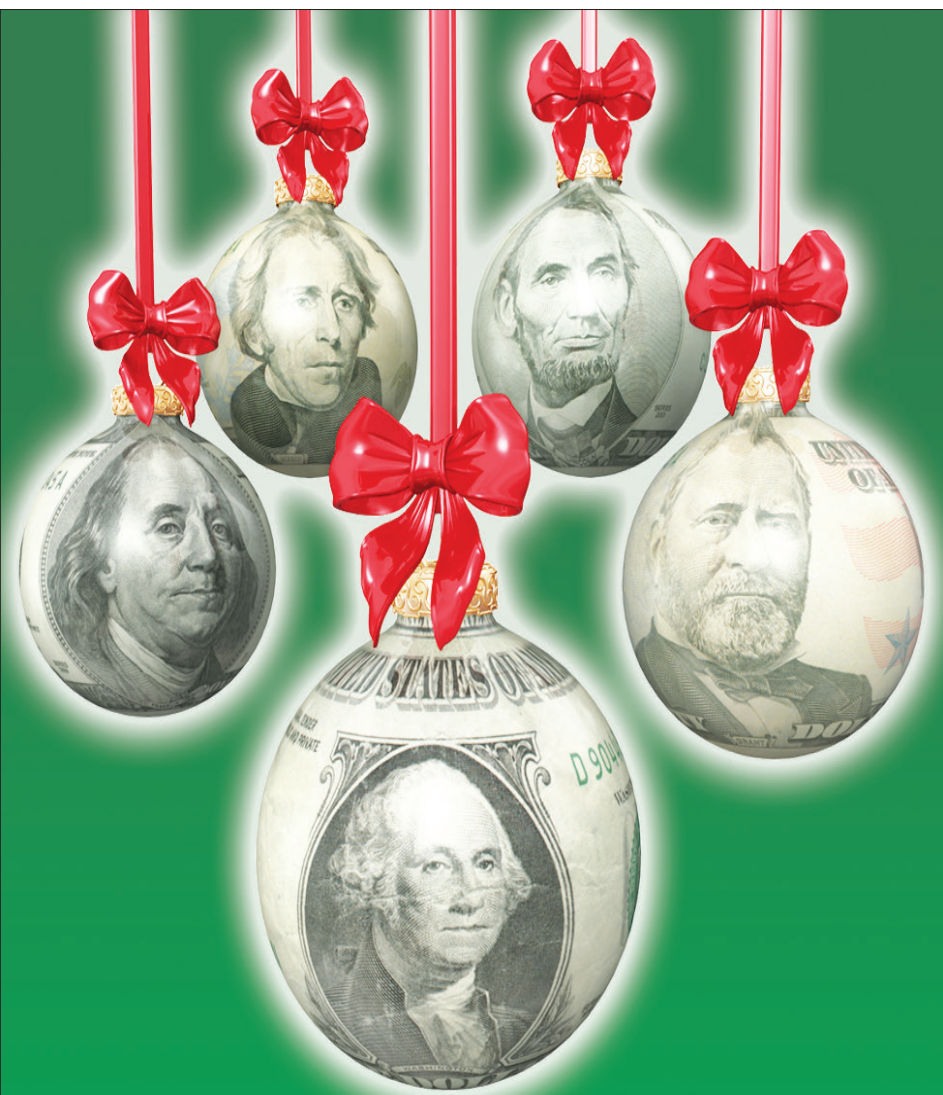
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