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In The Final Days Of 2023, A Look Back At Stories That Shaped Clinton

BY JENNIFER JACKSON
Staff Reporter

This Sunday night, we say goodbye to the old year, and greet the new. Here's a look back at people and events of note in Clinton, Henry County and environs in 2023, in case you missed it the first time around.

January:
Daniel Peek, 14, is feted as a published author at Clinton Middle School. Daniel won the Flash Fiction contest sponsored by Stephen Kozan's "Ready-AimWrite Kids" program for his book, "Wings of a Bird," and signed copies at the book launch.

The Clinton Daily Democrat sells its historic building on Washington and moves into the former Bluebird Mercantile store front, 104 S. Main.

Max Jeys wheels out the Beer Bus at Primitive Olde Crow and Winery, featuring dozens of craft beer on tap.

February:
Amitria McNack is met with a parade when she returns to Clinton on Feb. 24 from Columbia, where she made CHS history by taking first place in the Missouri State High School Activities Association's wrestling tournament in her weight class.



HAPPY NEW YEAR from the staff of the Clinton Daily Democrat and The KAYO. We are Christina Larkin, Kimberly Hanson (With Max), James White, Owen Scoles and Mac Vorce. Unable to be present for the photo were Adam Howe, Jennifer Jackson, Mark Meloy, Annie Rohloff, Lucas Edwards and Keith Jackson. From each of us, to each of you, a sincere thanks for your continued loyalty and readership. Best wishes for a happy and prosperous 2024.

March:
Fancy, a Border Collie trained by Miles Bailey of Clinton, is named the Missouri Farm Bureau's Farm Dog of the Year.

Gracie and her litter of puppies, born in a hay bale of the field of her deceased owner, are adopted by two generations of the same family.

Terry and Angie Carey open Frank's Fish Shack next to their home on Hwy. 7 S., west of Tightwad. Terry fries up catfish, and Angie cooks sides they serve from a food trailer, named for Terry's father, a Truman Lake fisherman.

April:
Ryan and Julie Summers attend a surprise party at

Primitive Olde Crow and Winery on April 1, marking the 10th anniversary of opening their first pharmacy in Clinton. The couple now operate pharmacies in 13 locations.

Greg Shannon cuts a ribbon at the Katy Trailhead to officially open his new business, Katy Trail Tours **Review Page 3**

Pool Problems Pop Up At City Council



MAYOR MOBERLY presided over a varied agenda during December 19's city council meeting. Her Honor encouraged council members to take a look at GVMH's new oncology center commenting, "It is a huge advantage to the whole region."

BY LUKE EDWARDS
Staff Reporter

The Clinton City Council met in open session December 19; councilman Daniel Wilson was absent.

Following roll call and the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance, the previous meeting's minutes were approved. There were no personal appearances and no reports to be delivered and no second readings of bills to be heard.

Councilman Cameron Jackson gave the Public Works report. The Artesian Pool's main circulation pump had to be replaced: it cost the city \$7,353.

And, the main controller board at the Aquatic Center will need to be replaced. Estimated costs for the replacement are about \$3,100 for the board and about \$2,500 for labor. Also, the Aquatic Center's pool temperature will be set (gradually) to swim competition guidelines.

Councilman Jackson reported that the rock for the road at the Antioch Conservation area has been put down and the contractor for the ADA pad to be poured was there as well.

The sewer mains cleaning project has a starting point: the first 10,000 ft will be completed soon. Rotors 5 and 6 at the Waste Water Treatment Plant are being repaired. Two sewer line

repairs have been completed on Allen Street, too, although it has been recommended the sewer line have CIPP lining within the next few years.

The city gained \$5,266 from the repair cap from Alliance Water Resource. Councilman Jackson reported that the Stoneridge Subdivision regionalization request is "in a holding pattern." City Administrator Christy Maggi said she is working with DNR to get more information about the grant process. Recall that the Stoneridge subdivision folks are either upgrading their sewer system or tying into the city's infrastructure.

Councilman Jackson said that a request about a land transfer to the US Army Corps of Engineers is moving about as expected: "It is not moving swiftly," he said.

Councilman Gene Henry gave the Public Safety report: the first item on his report was about a potential Public Safety Tax appearing on the April ballot. It has been decided to ask for the ½ cent tax (maximum allowed by state statute). Both the Fire and Police Departments will have more detailed reports in a few weeks about where the potential tax money would be spent if it were to be approved by voters, but both departments need

Case Of The Missing Trophy: Theories Abound On A Legendary Award's Fate

BY JENNIFER JACKSON
Staff Reporter

On March 8, 1950, the Clinton High School basketball team traveled to the University of Missouri in Columbia to compete in the Missouri State Class A tournament.

The next day, the Cardinals defeated Sedalia's Smith-Cotton High School, 39 to 28, to advance to the semifinals. On March 10, they played Joplin, but lost by three points, 39 to 36.

On March 11, the Clinton Cardinals beat the St. Louis University High School Bills by two points to take home the third-place trophy, which was presented to Don Snyder, who played center on the team.

In June of 2021, Snyder, who lived in Warrensburg, and his daughters, Liz Rotert, and Glenna Fleeman, visited Clinton in connection with an annual scholarship established in Don's name. While they were in town, they went to visit the trophy Don and his teammates won in 1950. The trophy was supposed to be in the big display case at the new high school.

Only it wasn't there. Liz contacted the school,



GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN, this trophy won in 1950 by the Clinton High School basketball team disappeared years ago and, despite major efforts, hasn't been found. It was accepted by Don Snyder and estimated to be 3 feet tall, given Don's 6 foot height.

and several people looked for the trophy for the next several months, she said. Liz also contacted Tim Komer, former Clinton Daily Democrat sports editor, to ask for his help in tracking down the missing trophy.

When the trail got cold, they decided that something had to be done.

So Liz consulted an expert on vintage sports trophies, and with the support of friends and family, decided

to make a new trophy, assembled from parts of vintage trophies.

On Feb. 2, 2024, the replica of the trophy Don and his teammates won at the 1950 state championships will be presented at 7 p.m. at the Court-Mat Warming basketball game at CHS. Activities Director Kevin LaFavor will accept the trophy on behalf of Clinton High School.

"The third-place finish was the highest Clinton

has ever placed in the state tourney," Tim Komer said.

What happened to the trophy? One of the last sightings of it was at a Rotary Club meeting, when it was borrowed to display.

"It was never seen after that," Tim said.

When questioned, Rotary members said they had no knowledge of what happened to the trophy after its appearance at the meeting, Tim said. **Trophy Page 3**

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Have I Got A Line For You!

By James Mahlon White



Family members gathered at sister Julie's on Christmas Eve. Dinner went without a hitch and was followed by a gift exchange and Midnight Mass. I struggled to stay awake. Must have been too much food....or do you suppose it was the wine? Among gifts were two antique nickels from the U.S. Mint. One shows Lewis and Clark on a keel boat. The other shows clasped hands of friendship between the U.S. government and the Indians, with a tomahawk crossed by a peace pipe. I bet the Indians didn't appreciate these coins. Their lands were taken away and life on the reservation began, with folks living in poverty. Americans are by and large a good and generous people. We just didn't do such a hotshot job with those who settled here before we did. I wonder if someone will run us off our land someday?

well for anybody. None of it is good for our country. Meanwhile, I saw the movie Napoleon and the charges against the officials being executed were "Depleting the treasury and failing to secure the nation's borders." Brings to mind our current government, doesn't it?

Ach du lieber, I'm wondering all around Gooch's Farm here. A new year will open its door on Monday. Whether we'll like what it brings, who knows. Best take it with a grain of salt and a sense of humor. Have an exceptionally splendid day Old Buddy.

Til Next Week:
J.M.W.

Word on the Street

What was your favorite Christmas activity?



"Pajama night on Christmas Eve and opening presents."
-Lynn Hannah Estes



"We had a celebration on Christmas Eve."
-Briggs Lyon

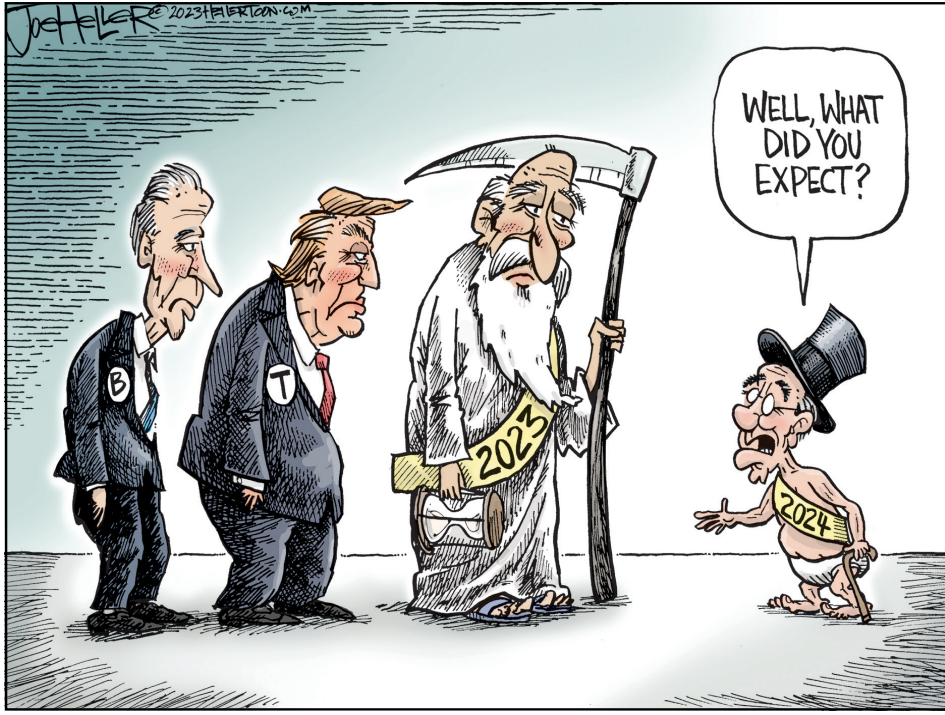


"Playing board games."
-Kathy Hicks

We're in the middle of remodeling the office in Warsaw and Mrs. Adair ran across a box of things that once adorned the walls. One was a poster that said, "Please, do not shoot the wounded." It was a message to anyone who walked by Phronsis's desk. A business card for a physic along with cartoons that were published when Lorena Bobbitt sprang into action. Also in the box was a large color photograph of fireworks over Truman Dam, an apt description of this place at times, especially on Tuesdays. A tabloid telling how Abe Lincoln was revived for 45 seconds, opened his eyes and asked, "Gentleman, where am I?" A plaque that reads, "Getting anything done around here is like mating elephants. It's done on a high level, accomplished with a great deal of roaring and screaming and takes two years to get results." This would probably apply to many offices.

Well, well, well. The Colorado Supreme Court kicked The Donald off their state's primary ballot. U

NBE-LIEVABLE! He hasn't been convicted of ANYTHING. If this isn't election interference, what do you call it? President Trump isn't the one who should be charged. Isn't it amazing that everything they're charging him with, is exactly what they're doing? None of this is going to end



Get to Know Clinton, MO.

NAME: Jolie Riccietello
BIRTHPLACE: KC, MO
YEARS IN CLINTON: 5
FAMILY: Close by.
THE BEST THING ABOUT LIVING IN CLINTON IS: Lake access and Katy Trail.
OCCUPATION: Retired.
FIRST JOB: Hotel Maid.
FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY: Ice skating on the lake when I lived in Wisconsin.
THE BEST TIME OF MY LIFE WAS WHEN: When I became a grandma.
WHAT DO YOU VALUE MOST IN YOUR FRIENDS: Loyalty and they have to want to have fun.
YOUR GREATEST FEAR IS: Loosing my parents.
MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT: At the beach

and my top came up from the waves.
I HOPE I NEVER HAVE TO: Move again.
I'VE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO: Go on a cruise.
IF I WON THE LOTTERY, I WOULD: Not tell anyone.
MY DREAM TRIP WOULD BE TO: Niagara Falls.
HOBBIES: All outdoor adventures.
FAVORITE BAND OR MUSICIAN: Jimmy Buffet.
FAVORITE MOVIES: Anything Hallmark.
FAVORITE DRINK: Captain and Coke.
FAVORITE SNACK: Cookies.
FAVORITE CANDY: Plain M&M's.
FUTURE GOAL: Full time RVing.
WHICH PERSON DO YOU



ADMIRE MOST: My dad.
ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE YOUR YOUNGER SELF: Don't drink.
WORDS TO LIVE BY: Age is mind over matter, if you don't mind, it don't matter.

Clinton Chamber of Commerce

The Greater Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce will close at 1pm on Friday, Dec. 22nd and reopen on Tuesday, Dec. 26th at 8am. We will have the same schedule Dec. 29th-Jan. 1st and reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 2nd at 8am. We have given away our money for the Holidays! From November 6th-December 18th, the Chamber gave away seven Chamber gift certificates worth \$25 each to five different individuals with our 'Receipt to Receive' giveaway. Congratulations to our winners and THANK YOU to those that emailed or brought by receipts the past couple of months.

Easy to buy...easy to use... and you're helping out local businesses. You can either call in, email your order, or stop by the Chamber for Chamber gift certificates. These gift certificates can be used at more than 300 local businesses and they don't expire until Dec. 31st of 2024!
Who: Greater Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce
What: Chamber Gift Cards
When: 8am-4:30pm Monday through Friday (We will be closing at 1:00 on the 22nd and reopen at 8am on the 26th)
Where: 200 South Main St. (SE corner of the Clinton Square) 660-885-8166 david@clintonmo.com joyce@clintonmo.com
How: You purchase them and then give them out
Why: Because gift certificates are easy to buy, easy

to use and you're supporting local businesses
They live at the North Pole, Santa and Mrs. Claus. However, they shop local, just because.
Jobs, Better Schools, Kids Activities and Family Income for Clinton.
Shopping local helps all of these and so much more to even mention.
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 be 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.

We are "Featuring" our Chamber members! On the Chamber's Facebook page, we are taking text and images from our member's websites, Facebook pages, Google searches, etc. and combining them into posts on our Facebook page. "Featured with the GCACC". It gives the viewer a "one-stop shopping experience" for each of our Chamber members. We have a lot of Chamber members so getting every business on our page will take quite a while, but we think it's well worth it! It's just another service from YOUR Chamber of Commerce. Recently, we "Featured" GARY'S TOWING AND RECOVERY...GERAD WOMBLES-REALTOR...MID STATE ROOFING...M. MULLIS COLLECTIBLES...GILLIS FAMILY DENTISTRY...GLASSCOCK JEWELRY CORNER...MALLARD'S ROADHOUSE...LOYD'S TIRE...AND

GOLDEN VALLEY ANIMAL CLINIC.

Do you like to sing? Would you like to make new friends? A Community Choir, led by Mark and Gay Smith, is being formed with practices beginning February 1, 2024. Practices will last 90 minutes each Thursday evening and be held at Clinton First Presbyterian church for six-to-eight weeks. There will be a performance open to the public in April. Everyone is welcome! In order to get a head count of how many people to expect, organizers are asking that you sign up. You will be asked for your name, phone, email address, and if you sing soprano, alto, tenor, or bass. Please email clintoncommunitychoir@gmail.com for a sign-up form or call Diane Hannah at 660-885-1875 if you have questions. Please return the completed form to clintoncommunitychoir@gmail.com. This effort is being led by First Presbyterian Church but all in the community are invited to participate. We look forward to hearing from you!
Clinton Animal Shelter-We still have some sponsorships available!! Help a homeless pet by sponsoring a kennel or even a play yard. We currently have 8 Friends of the Felines, 1 Protector Dog Kennel, 8 Hero Dog Kennels and 2 Outdoor Play Yards still waiting for a sponsor. Plaques are going up now and no matter when your plaque goes up in 2023 your year won't start until January 1, 2024. If you would like a sponsor form emailed or mailed to you please email tlwiliams94@gmail.com. They are available at the shelter - 1307 N Washington St, Clinton MO and we will put one in the comments. Thank you to everyone who has sponsored so far! We appreciate your support!
The Clinton Tourism Assoc. is happy to announce our Discover Clinton App is now available. https://one-link.to/discoverclinton
Here's a note to our Chamber Members and

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1,411 Receipts • 16% Cows • Compared to last, steers weighing 550-650lbs sold mostly 5-15 higher. Heifers weighing from 500-575lbs sold mostly 8-10 higher. All other class traded mostly steady to 5 higher. Slaughter cows sold mostly 2-6 higher.			
Steers, Med. & Lg. Frame #		Heifers, Med. & Lg. Frame #1	
300-400 lbs. \$---		300-400 lbs. \$---	
400-500 lbs. \$265 - 324		400-500 lbs. \$230 - 281	
500-600 lbs. \$250 - 307.50		500-600 lbs. \$220 - 278	
600-700 lbs. \$221 - 270		600-700 lbs. \$190 - 235	
700-800 lbs. \$200 - 234		700-800 lbs. \$175 - 222.50	
800-900 lbs. \$---		800-900 lbs. \$---	
Small frame or fleshy str & bulls 400-700 lbs. \$150 - 205		Small frame or fleshy heifers 400-700 lbs. \$150 - 185	
Weigh Cows Bulk 86-92 • High Dressing 100-112		Low Dressing 58 bulk • Bulls Bulk 110-128	
Rep Sales			
18 blk str 440#	322.50	Top Weigh Cow Chr	1955# 112
17 blk str 543#	293	Top Weigh Bull Rd	1845# 128
17 blk str 664#	254.50		
35 blk str 702#	236.50		
22 blk hfrs 455#	277.50		
18 blk hfrs 515#	257.50		
15 blk hfrs 564#	247.50		

We will be CLOSED Monday, Jan. 1st in observance of NEW YEARS. DEADLINES for the 1/3 Kayo and 1/4 Democrat are as follows:
KAYO: Display & Classified Display (Box) - Thursday, Dec. 28 - 12 Noon
Classified Line Ads (Words) - Thursday, Dec. 28 - 12 Noon
DEMOCRAT: Display, Legal Notices & Classified Display (Box) - Friday, Dec. 29 - 12 Noon
Classified Line Ads (Words) - Tuesday, Jan. 2 - 11am

REVIEW

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May: Cruising To Clinton holds its first Cruise Night of the season on the Clinton Square, organized by volunteers Matt Wray, Brent Winter and Marty Loyd.

Randy Shipman, Joe Hilty, Darren Huey and Ron Pack, with other Celebrate Recovery and First Baptist Church volunteers, start remodeling a former church on Ohio into the Men's Discipleship Center, a residence home where former jail inmates can make a new start.

Linda Lampkin opens the Appleton City Carousel, which she bought from the carnival that operated it at the city fair for 11 years.

Dara Bigler attends a surprise party celebrating her 20 years as director of the Clinton branch of State Fair Community College.

July: The Olde Glory Days Parade is not rained out.

Kim Henderson of Kim's Cabins in Windsor is a keynote speaker at the opening of the Rock Island Trail State Park in Windsor.

Mayor Carla Moberly wields a knife in a pool-noodle cutting ceremony to reopen Clinton's outdoor swimming pool in Artesian Park, which was closed for a facilities remodel and the addition of a new pool house.

Jane Marshall, the first female manager of a Walmart store, is feted as the guest of honor at her retirement party, held at the Clinton Walmart, where she started as a cashier in 1975.

August: Jim Raysik is inducted into the 4-H Foundation Hall of Fame for his support of 4-H programs in Henry County for the past 35 years.

Carmen Rather and Jesse Frænken, who teamed up to offer pediatric therapy services in a small office in Clinton, expand the Pediatric Place into their entire 2nd Street building.

September: Caroline Wagoner, president of the Clinton High School FFA, cuts a red ribbon to officially open the Cardinal Pride Farm and Education Facility on the CHS campus.

October: Peggy Bowles, board members and staff of the Henry County Health Center host a grand opening for the center's new building at 111 N. 3rd St.

The Clinton Fire Department hires Bayley Heider, making her the first female career firefighter with the department.

November: Mayor Carla Moberly, Gregg Smith and Wallace White wield shovels to break ground for an airport terminal building at Clinton Regional Airport.

December: A open house for the new Bourland Radiation Oncology Center, 501 E. Oakstar Dr., is held on Dec. 11.

Last but not least, Polly Mills, beloved member of Curtis and Shelley Mills' family, crossed over the Rainbow Bridge on Dec. 5. According to the notice the Mills placed in the CDD, Polly, a senior pug, was adopted from Clinton Animal Rescue Endeavor (CARE), who rescued her in July of 2022.

with her two brothers, Sancho, the chihuahua, and Mr. Beefy, the pug," Shelley said.

The ashes will be buried with Shelley when she passes away, she said. The concept of a pet "crossing the Rainbow Bridge" has become a solace to pet owners who have lost a best friend.

The allusion to an ephemeral bridge in Norse mythology that spans the divide between this world and the next, "The Rainbow Bridge" is the title of an essay written by teenager Edna Clyne of Inverness, Scotland, after Major, her Labrador retriever, died.

Edna envisioned a place where Major was waiting for her, to be reunited, and cross the bridge together. As we step over the threshold between the old year and the new year, may we do so in a spirit of joy and love for all who cross our path in 2024.

The Changing of the Guard: Hellos and Goodbyes

Coal Tire and Battery in Coal closed on Dec. 23, 2022, and McCoullough Tire opened in its location.

The Preaching Point held their final service on Dec. 31, 2022. Daniel Dody completed his year as the 2022 president of the Clinton Chamber of Commerce, and Adam Cummings took the gavel as the 2023 president.

Taps sounded for Capt. Robert Richter, USMC (ret) of Clinton, who died at the age of 85 on Jan. 21, 2023. Richter was the founder of the Marine Corps Mustang Association for Marines like him who had served as an enlisted person and earned promotion to officer.

Randy Shipman retired as pastor of First Baptist Church in January 2023. Pat Findley became the new pastor.

Andy Bullock, long-time conservation agent for Henry County, retired. Drew Davis was hired as the new Missouri agent.

The irreplaceable Ann Drury, manager of the Aquatic Center since 2006, retired. Ann did not want any falderol when she left.

Tim Komer retired as Sports editor of the Clinton Daily Democrat. Owen Scoles, a student at CHS, was hired as the Sports Reporter of the CDD.

Roger House, pastor of Allen Street Baptist Church, retired. Justin Wright became the new pastor at Allen Street Baptist.

Joel Long took the controls from Wallace White as manager of the Clinton Regional Airport. Joel grew up in southwest Tennessee near Pickwick Lake, where he learned to fly.

Trophy Continued from page 1 cording to his source, the meeting was "not that long ago," but the source was unable to pin down exactly how long ago the meeting was.

Tim said he believes the trophy made the move from the old high school to the new Clinton High School. The most prevalent theory, however, is that someone stole the trophy as a prank, despite its size, from the old high school as long ago as 2006, before the new high school was built.

The trophy may be gone, but the memories linger on. Patty Russ Waugh, CHS Class of '51, remembers going on a school bus to Columbia to watch a 1950 state playoff game, held in the Brewer Fieldhouse on the UM campus.

She also remembers Don Snyder, who was known as "Big Don," and knew the players that were juniors in her class that year—James Thompson, Jimmie Price and Bob Shoemaker.

Thompson, Jimmie Price and Bob Shoemaker, and possibly our brothers and uncle," Liz said.

Liz sent announcements about the presentation to the surviving team members, she said, and has had responses from Jimmie Price, who plans to be there, and Bob McFarland, who lives in Horseshoe Bay, Texas. She hasn't heard from Jim Fithian, who lives in Port Hueneme, California.

"It was a big deal then," she said, "and although 74 years was more than a lifetime away for many, the fact that it has not been repeated since makes it a big deal still."

Shelby Fellhauer, who lived in Ulrich, passed away last month at the age of 91. Liz's father, Don Snyder died a year ago on Nov. 29 at age 90. After graduating from Clinton High School, Don attended the University of Missouri, where he had been recruited for the basketball, football and track teams.

After a year, he joined the Navy and completed training as a Communications Technician, then was stationed in Pearl Harbor, where he played on the Pearl Harbor basketball team. After his tour of duty, he attended Central Missouri State College, now UCM, taught school and coached sports in Clinton, Windsor and other area schools. Calhoun residents may remember Don from the years he served as a principal.

Price and McFarland were honorary pallbearers at Don's funeral.

Other team members were Charles "Toody" Bath, James Stone, Bill Kimmel and George Cunningham. The coach was Orval Johnson.

The team's names will go down in school history and are being inscribed on the nameplate of the replica trophy. It has a figure of a tall basketball player on it, reaching up for the ball,

COUNCIL Continued from page 1

more personnel. A motion to direct city staff to prepare materials for a potential safety tax to be on the April ballot was approved.

Also at the Public Safety meeting, a discussion was held about reviewing the animal control ordinances. Some of the ordinances are "too loose." Councilman Henry reported Clinton PD hired a new cadet officer and that both Clinton PD and Clinton FD are in the process of adopting their new computer programs.

The Finance Committee report was given by Councilwoman Martha Nichols. A motion to renew the city's property and other insurance was made. "There were no major changes and we recommend staying with the same carriers," said Councilwoman Nichols. Mike Keith, present at the meeting, fielded a question from Councilman Jackson about the cyber security coverage (it covers electronic and data breaches). The council approved the motion to stay with the previous year's insurance coverage and carrier.

A motion to approve the 2024 Airport Capital Improvement program was accepted by the council. A short discussion about plot costs at Englewood (in the newly platted parts) was held: the plot costs will remain \$700 for all buyers.

Mayor Carla Moberly said the new oncology center constructed by GVMH is a huge advantage to the area and encouraged the council to go take a look at it. She also wished everyone a safe and happy holiday season. City Administrator Christy Maggi reported a need for the extension of

plus two smaller players, Liz said. The base will be made of walnut wood from her sister's farm, and is being constructed by Glena's grandson, who is a gifted woodworker.

Tim Komer didn't move to Clinton until 20 years after the championship season. In 2015, he became the Sports editor of the Clinton Daily Democrat, plus wrote a weekly column, "Looking Back," which he continued after he retired in 2022. Tim plans to be at the Feb. 2 presentation, which takes place between the girls' varsity game and the boys' varsity game, to see the resolution of the Case of the Missing Trophy.

He is also looking forward to meeting Liz, as they have become friends while working on the case, he said, although have never met in person.

"It's a story that's been going on for a while," he said.

State basketball tournaments in Columbia have been going on for over a century. The Missouri State High School Activities Association has been holding tournaments since 1927 at UM, which started sponsoring tournaments in 1917.

In 1950, the Missouri State Class A Basketball tournament was won by Joplin, whose team beat Kirkwood by two points after two overtimes.



A SIMILAR TROPHY, he first place trophy won by the Bolivar High School team in 1960.

phase 1 of the conservation grant (Antioch); she also reported that bids for the Artesian Pool parking lot will open soon.

There was no unfinished business, but new business for the council included the pump replacement at the Harris Pump Station.

A foreign object was retrieved (said it looked like a mop head) from the station which prompted the need for the pump to be replaced. Estimated costs for repairs are between \$10,000 and \$15,000, however this has been submitted as an insurance claim.

The Clinton City Council entered closed session at 6:23 p.m.

Chamber cont.....

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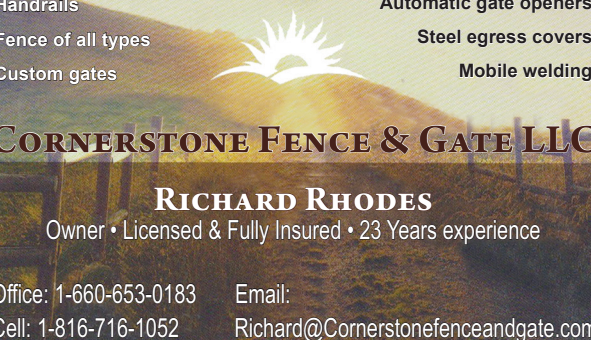
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SHIRLEY JEAN BRIGGS

Shirley Jean Briggs passed away December 12, 2023. She was born October 2, 1932 to Leslie Henry and Novella Mae (Scott) Ringen in Sweet Springs, Missouri. She married Robert Lee Briggs on April 5, 1953 in Clinton, Missouri. Shirley grew up in Sweet Springs and Clinton Missouri. She also attended the University of Central Missouri.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and son, Richard Scott Briggs. She is survived by her daughter, Susan Moorefield; grandchildren, Lindsay Dunsworth, and Lance (Hannah) Moorefield; great-grandchildren, Clark and Harrison Dunsworth, and Charlotte Moorefield; and a sister, Louise Overby. Also, several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Gentiva Hospice Care Foundation, 3350 Riverwood Parkway SE Suite 1400, Atlanta, Georgia 30339, or online at <https://app.etapestry.com/online-forms/GentivaFoundation/GHS.html>.

A visitation for Shirley will be held Saturday, January 13, 2024 at 1:00 PM at Newcomer's White Chapel Funeral Home, 6600 NE Antioch Rd, Gladstone, MO 64119, followed by a Celebration of Life service at 2:00 PM.

Shirley will be laid to rest in White Chapel Cemetery, 6600 NE Antioch Rd, Gladstone, MO 64119.

MARY ANN DIETZ

Mary Ann Dietz, 85, of Sedalia, Missouri, died Tuesday, December 19, 2023, at E. W. Thompson Health & Rehabilitation in Sedalia.

She was born August 29, 1938, in Windsor, Mo., the daughter of Otto A. Kramer and Vera L. (Hewitt) Kramer. On May 19, 1956, she married Clair Le Roy Dietz in Clinton, Mo., and he preceded her in death on March 2, 2003.

Mary enjoyed raising their 4 children, Victoria, Claire LeAnn, Mark, and Michael. She enjoyed sewing, flower gardening, and painting. She loved her dogs and liked to work puzzles and word search puzzles. She was a member of Christ and Trinity Lutheran Church, Sedalia.

Survivors include 4 children, Vikki Swope (Duard "Putt"), Warrensburg, Mo.; Claire LeAnn Dietz (Scott Woolery), Sedalia, Mo.; Mark Dietz (Rebecca), Clinton, Mo.; and Mi-

chael Dietz, Sedalia, Mo.; 7 grandchildren, Timothy Hintenach, Thomas Hintenach, Carrie Huffman, Regan Woolery, Samantha Dietz, Shelby Dietz, and Chelsea Dietz; 14 great-grandchildren, Emaily, Owen, Tyler, Joshalynn, Beau, Triston, Zachary, Brock, Kash, Maverick, Harlow, Leia, Lukas, and Sage; 2 great-great-grandchildren, Kristopher and Eyvey and a great-great-grandchild on the way; 2 sisters, Ila Ray (Ken) Kingsville, Mo., and Alice Watson (David), Warsaw, Mo.; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews. In addition to her husband and father, she was preceded in death by her mother and her step-father who raised her, John Scrogam.

Funeral services were 2:00 p.m., Saturday, December 23, 2023, at the Hadley Funeral Home, Windsor, with Pastor Anne Kyle officiating. Burial was in the Laurel Oak Cemetery, Windsor. The family received friends before the service from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the funeral home. The family suggests contributions to the Sedalia Animal Shelter or the Trinity Lutheran Church in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be left online at www.hadleyfuneralhome.com.

Death Notices

Charles Wallace, 83, died Mon, Dec. 18, 2023. Charles's wishes were to be cremated with no services. Arrangements have been entrusted to Vansant-Mills Funeral Home in Clinton, MO.

Leroy Joseph Mattson, 69, died Wed, Dec. 20, 2023. A memorial service will be held at 2pm on Thur, Dec. 28, 2023 at the Vansant-Mills Funeral Home in Clinton, MO. Arrangements have been entrusted to Vansant-Mills Funeral Home in Clinton, MO.

Pamela Marshal, died Dec. 20, 2023. The family will hold a celebration of Pam's life at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to Vansant-Mills Funeral Home in Clinton, MO.

Patricia Gary, 70, died Sun, Dec. 24, 2023 at her 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.

We woke to an unusually warm day, even though there was a misty drizzle in the air. But this did not dampen the spirits of the ones gathering on this Blessed Christmas Eve.

Tucker and Savannah McNeely did a great job lighting the alter 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 fourth Sunday of Advent. The candles were lit by Debbie and Floyd Joy, Sue Lesmeister and Linda Hawkins, as the congregation sang the Advent Song. Verna Walters blessed us with singing "It Wasn't His Child".

Reverend Jackson Short delivered a message to raise our spirits. When Debbie Joy's Sunday School Class rejoined the congregation, they presented Reverend Short with a Christmas present. The class consisted of Kynzlee Conner and Savannah, Tucker and Mason McNeely. Underneath the tree was a selection of teddy bears, donated by Reverend Jackson and Sondra Short. The children selected a bear and a stocking loaded with goodies. Then they assisted Ms Debbie in delivering gifts to everyone.

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.

Drakes Chapel UMC

As family and friends gathered at Drake's Chapel on a rainy Christmas eve, the light of Christ shown brightly. We were sharing the love for the birth of the Christ child and the love we have as a church family and followers of our Lord and Savior.

We combined our regular service with our Christmas Eve Candlelight service. The pews were filled with many as we listened to the story of the birth of our Savior through narration and music. Master Avery McCloud assisted Pastor Margie with the lighting of the candles. Pastor Margie gave communion to and prayed for each family. This has been a tradition at Drake's Chapel for many years.

The service came to an end as the congregation lit their candles while singing Silent Night.

Our church also received two new members last Sunday. David and Lori Rima became a part of Drake's family.

Our Holiday brunch will be held on January 7th after worship. We look forward to winding down the holiday season by breaking bread with each other. Our time together is always special.

We hope you will join us each Sunday at 9 for Pastor's Margie's message and that you will feel the love of Christ through our service. If you cannot join us in person, please find us on Facebook live, just look for Margie Briggs. You will find our beautiful chapel 5 miles east of Clinton off hwy 52. Just look for the sign on the highway. May your New Year be full of blessings!

First Baptist

On Christmas Eve, Pastor Pat Findley delivered the final message of his Christmas sermon series, 'SENT to Redeem & Adopt'. Speaking from Galatians 4, Pastor Pat described how God fulfilled his promise from the beginning that sin would not have to be our destiny. As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, we reflect on His promise, the reason God sent His son. First, God's gift was a long-awaited moment. The birth of Jesus was not about His beginning, but His becoming flesh as Immanuel, meaning 'God with us'. The miracle of His incarnation was God revealing Himself as fully man, while also being fully God. Jesus offers justification, redeeming us and setting us free from our sin and brokenness. This justification can be considered "just as if I'd never sinned", declaring us righteous. Finally, God invites us to adoption, the highest privilege of the Gospel, as God's child and co-heir with Jesus Christ. As sinners, our only hope is Christ. Even though we are broken, Jesus came anyway, giving us salvation to all who come to Him. The gift is offered, but we must turn to Christ to receive it!

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 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.

First Presbyterian

Throughout this advent season we have prepared our hearts to greet Christ the Lord! He comes to each one of us, healing and restoring our lives. Let us look for hope, peace, joy and love in our family, friends and all we meet this next year. Let us bring His light to a world in need.

Using 11 Peter 3: 8 - 13 Rev. Nancy Gillard delivered the message Santa Clause is Coming to Town from the series "Looking Up for Christmas". Our anthem was "The Earliest Christmas Morn played by Gay Smith.

Several gorgeous red poinsettias lined our platform creating a Christmasy atmosphere in the sanctuary. These beautiful flowers were donated in memory or honor of loved ones.

Another Christmas Eve Chili/Soup Supper is in the books. A candlelight worship service with holy communion followed the meal. Fellowship was enjoyed by the well attended crowd.

A community choir is being formed led by Mark and Gay Smith. Practices will be held at First Presbyterian Church beginning February 1, 2024. If interested please visit website clintoncommunitychoir@gmail.com. All in the community are invited to participate.

There will be no Tai Chi classes this week or next. Classes will resume Monday, January 8. If you're looking for something to help strengthen your core and improve balance then Tai Chi is the right fit. Start your new year off doing something nice for yourself.

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Mt. Calvary Apostolic Pentecostal**"The Name of Jesus is the Greatest Name"**

I needed to give all the scriptures so you can go back and read them for yourself and know that this message is based on the scriptures.

The name of Jesus is the greatest name I know but it seems like it is just another name to some people.

The Holy Ghost is involved in the book of Matthew and Luke and we want to rejoice with the heavenly host. Jesus's name is precious and we call on him almost every day.

Genesis 49:10.

A scepter is a staff carried by rulers.

Shilo means a reference to Jesus, the Messiah, a peaceful one, and a gift from God.

Until Shilo comes, that is when things will begin to happen.

David said 'How excellent is thou name in all the earth.' (Psalms 8:1) and Psalms 72:17, says his name shall endure forever.

God gave Isaiah much insight into Shilo.

Isa 7:14, 9:6-7.

This is pointing to Matthew in the New Testament. God described what Shilo would be like. Isaiah 11:2, 5-7.

Isa 11:2.

He described him as the foundation and stone that we read about in the New Testament. (Isaiah 28:16, Matthew 21:42)

God wanted us to know that a change was coming.

Isa 62:2.

A new name was coming to Shilo that would follow him to Bethlehem. That name will be a name of Joy, Praise, and honor before all nations. (Jeremiah 33:9) When we get there all nations will know it.

Mic 5:2.

We will know that this is the greatest event to ever occur. We will see in Matthew 1:20-25 that Shilo is Jesus, here to save us from our sins.

Mal 1:14.

Shilo is wonderful, but no one to play with be careful.

The glory of the Lord was seen and all eyes were open. The heavenly host praised God. Those things in the Old Testament point to the New Testament.

(Luke 2:8-14)

John 16:23-28

Because he, Jesus was going back to the Father, he would not pray the Father for you. After all, he will be on the throne to receive your prayers because he and the father are one.

We are chosen to bear his name, though we will face persecution. (Acts 9:15-16)

A name above every name. Every knee will bow, and every tongue confesses he is Lord.

(Philippians 2:9-11)

We should do all in the name of Jesus.

(Colossians 3:17)

He, who opens doors, no man can shut and shuts doors no man can open.

(Revelation 3:7-8)

God will wipe away all tears, and sorrow, no more death. The former things will pass away. He is the He that overcomes shall inherit all things. (Revelation 21:4-7)

He is the Alpha and Omega, beginning and the end. (Revelation 22:12-16)

Even so, come Lord Jesus.

Urich Baptist

With love in our hearts we gathered on this Christmas Eve Sunday 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 and celebrated with Robert and Gail Perryman on their 32nd wedding anniversary. Randy Vogt and Clint Keeney collected the offering.

The scripture passage from interim Pastor Steve Sowell's sermon was from Luke 1:26-38 and Luke 2:1-20. This passage and time of year reminds us of the hope, peace, joy, and love that Jesus Christ has given us. These gifts should be remembered throughout the year. Through God's mercy we can live a life forgiven and have eternal life with Him. Bless someone this week.

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"Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Now you will conceive and bear a son and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever and of his kingdom there will be no end."

A warm welcome was given to the many friends and family who came to our Christmas Eve services. For 151 years, Valley Center has opened their doors for the community, our church family and beyond to come here on Christmas Eve to sing the familiar songs and to hear the story of the miraculous birth of Jesus. Stephanie Neuenschwander gave a warm welcome to all! Our choir sang Stille Nacht (Silent Night) and the candles were lit. Special songs were sung by Karen Switzer, Jessica LaFarge and David Maggi. It was a joyful evening! This morning, Rev Dane gave the wonderful message, "The Light Shall NEVER be Extinguished".

Whether we feel lonely, joyful, busy, anxious or peaceful, we know that God is with us. Jesus was born for our sins and died for our salvation. God reached out to us and to all the world in the form of a little baby. We find peace, comfort and hope from knowing that he is the bright light that will never be extinguished.

We came with the Spirit of Christmas and we are inspired to continue to keep that light of God shining, and proclaim that Jesus is our Lord and Savior.

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DECEMBER 20, 2023

A reminder to Appleton City residents that taxes are due December 31. A penalty will be assessed for any late payments. Taxes are now payable to the County Collector at the courthouse in Osceola.

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.

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.

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.

The 40th SW MO Spring Forage Conference will be held Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at the Oasis Hotel and Convention Center, 2546 N. Glenstone Ave., Springfield, Missouri. Keynote presenter Jim Gerrish, independent grazing lands consultant, will address the conference on "Why we can't continue business as usual". For further education, conference participants can attend several breakout sessions, with topics such as: pasture recovery following drought, benefits of annual forages, native warm season grass establishment & management, enterprise options for \$5000/acre pasture, extending the grazing season, managing nitrates in your forage system, understanding beef quality & yield, geo fencing, benefits & economics of liming, black vultures, and stretching your forage through efficient hay feeding. This conference also provides educational sessions specific to sheep and goat producers. These session topics include myths around parasite control, breed selection or crossbreeding, and a multi-species grazing Q&A that includes a key small ruminant industry producer as well as being moderated by an MU Extension Specialist. There will also be a producer panel discussing guard animals that includes local sheep and goat producers. A trade show is held in conjunction with the conference. Agricultural businesses and organizations will have exhibits and representatives available to discuss their products and services. If interested in becoming an exhibitor or sponsor, contact Jody Wade at the Webster County MO SWCD office at (417) 468-4176 ext. 3 or by email at jody.wade@swcd.mo.gov. Conference check-in begins at 8:00 a.m., with sessions running from 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. A banquet luncheon is included with the registration. The cost is \$55 per person. To attend, register by February 9 online at www.springforageconference.com. No walk-in registration allowed. For additional questions, contact Jody Wade at the Webster County MO SWCD office at (417) 468-4176 ext. 3 or by email at jody.wade@swcd.mo.gov.

It is important to provide the latest information on beef cattle production, marketing, economics, nutrition and forage utilization. Extension services from universities of Kansas State, Oklahoma State, Missouri, and Arkansas are providing a joint conference titled the KOMA Beef Cattle Conference. This year's Missouri portion of the conference will be held on February 12, 2024, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the MU Southwest Research Extension and Education Center, 14548 State Rd H, Mount Vernon, MO 65712. This year's conference will update the public on recent research from the 4 universities in cattle feeding, supplementation, reproduction, and grazing management. These presentations will be given by university agricultural graduate students and professors. In addition, there will be a keynote presentation given by James Mitchell who is an extension livestock economist with the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture. A catered lunch will be provided by MERCK Animal Health. In addition, snacks and drinks will be provided throughout the day. Agriculture businesses that support the event will also have booths set up. Attendees can visit the booths and learn how their products can help improve their beef cattle operation. To attend the event, register and pay a \$20 per person fee prior to February 8. No refunds for cancellations after the registration deadline. No walk-in registrations allowed. Register online at https://extension.missouri.edu/events/koma-beef-cattle-conference. For questions related to registration or the conference contact the Cedar County MU Extension Center at (417) 276-3313, ext. 4, or by email at davismp@missouri.edu.

Ellett Memorial Hospital Appleton City offers outpatient specialist services for December and January. Call 660-476-2111 for appointments: 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.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Dec 21-Jan 2 No classes at AC Schools
Dec 31 County and City taxes due

Municipal Court

GARY COVER Arraignments

Sean Christopher Bumm, Exceeded Posted Speed Limit (20-25 Mph Over), Count 1 - Defendant Sentenced To Fine \$155.50
Kenneth Randall Cummin, Property Damage, 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 \$66.50

Alfred Suza Flatow, Illegal/Improper Turning, Count 1 - Defendant Sentenced To Fine \$60.50

Shelia Kay Griffitt, Animal Cruelty, Incarceration Jail (Suspended Execution Of Sentence), Count 1 - Defendant Sentenced To 30 Days Jail Ses 2 Years Probation, Count 1 - Defendant Sentenced To Fine \$66.50

Margaret Ann Gurney, Oper Veh Without Maintaining Financial Responsibility, Count 1 - Defendant Sentenced To Fine \$66.50

Brandon Devon Harris, Defective Equipment, Count 1 - Defendant Sentenced To Fine \$191.50; Defective Equipment, Count 1 - Defendant Sentenced To Fine \$191.50

Aden Le Johnson, Exceeded Posted Speed Limit (16-19 Mph Over), Count 1 - Defendant Sentenced To Fine \$191.50

Donna R Mckeehan, Exceeded Posted Speed Limit (11-15 Mph Over), Count 1 - Defendant Sentenced To Fine \$70.50

Madalynn Faith Miller, Trespass, Incarceration Jail (Suspended Execution Of Sentence), Count 1 - Defendant Sentenced To 30 Days Jail Ses 2 Years Probation, Count 1 - Defendant Sentenced To Fine \$200.00; Trespass, Incarceration Jail (Suspended Execution Of Sentence), Count 1 - Defendant Sentenced To 30 Days Jail Ses 2 Years Probation, Count 1 - Defendant Sentenced To Fine \$200.00

Steven Wayne Reddell, No Headlights When Required, Count 1 - Defendant Sentenced To Fine \$66.50; Oper Veh Without Maintaining Financial Responsibility, Count 1 - Defendant Sentenced To Fine \$66.50; Defective Equipment, Count 1 - Defendant Sentenced To Fine \$191.50

Andrew Gene Rhodes, 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; Oper Veh Without Maintaining Financial Responsibility, Count 1 - Defendant Sentenced To Fine \$166.50

Tamara Ann Rieker, Dwi - Alcohol, Suspended Imposition Of Sent., Count 1 - Defendant Sentenced To, Sis, 2 Years Probation

Jacqueline Jane Schwartz, No Headlights When Required, Defendant Sentenced To Fine \$50.50 And Court Cost; Failed To Register Vehicle, Defendant Sentenced To Fine \$50.50 And Court Cost

Gage Daniel Sublette, Fail To Proceed W/ Cautn/Yld Right-Of-Way/Reduce Spd When Approach Statnry Emergency Veh Dsply Emergency Light, Count 1 - Defendant Sentenced To Fine \$60.50 And Court Costs

John Micheal Thomas, Exceeded Posted Speed Limit (1-5 Mph Over), Count 1 - Defendant Sentenced To Fine \$50.50

Nichlas E Wilson, Exceeded Posted Speed Limit (1-5 Mph Over), Count 1 - Defendant Sentenced To Fine \$166.50

Highway Patrol

MSHP Reports Two Traffic Fatalities Over Christmas Holiday Weekend; No Drownings Or Boating Fatalities

Colonel Eric T. Olson, superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, provides the following preliminary statistics related to the Christmas holiday weekend:

Two people died in traffic crashes during the 78-hour counting period, which began at 6 p.m. Friday, December 22, 2023, and ended at 11:59 p.m. Monday, December 25, 2023.

2023 Christmas Holiday Traffic Statistics

Troopers investigated the following: Traffic Crashes — 124 Traffic Crash Injuries — 71 Traffic Crash Fatalities — 2 DWI — 81

[Note: Last year during the 78-hour Christmas counting period, there were 1,017 traffic crashes statewide. In those crashes, four people were killed and another 318 were injured. During the 2022 Christmas holiday, troopers investigated 306 traffic crashes which included three fatalities and 84 injuries. Troopers arrested 52 people for driving while impaired in 2022.]

There were no boating crashes or drownings over the 2023 Christmas holiday counting period.

Of the two fatality traffic crashes investigated by troopers, one occurred in the Troop D, Springfield, MO, area, and one occurred in the Troop G, Willow Springs, MO, area.

There were no traffic fatalities on Friday, December 22, 2023, during the holiday counting period.

There was one traffic

fatality on Saturday, December 23, 2023. Brian E. Powell, 28, of West Plains, MO, died when the vehicle he was an occupant of traveled off the road in a curve, struck three fences, and overturned. Powell was not wearing a seat belt. The driver of the vehicle was not wearing a seat belt and sustained moderate injuries. Two additional occupants in the vehicle sustained moderate injuries. One was wearing a seat belt, and one was not wearing a seat belt. The crash occurred on Route ZZ, eight miles east of West Plains. Powell was pronounced dead at the scene by Howell County Deputy Coroner Michael Pauly. The Patrol was assisted at the scene by the Howell County Rural Fire Department and South Howell Ambulance.

One fatality occurred on Sunday, December 24, 2023. Mary L. Smith, 70, of Dupo, IL, died when the vehicle she was traveling in failed to negotiate a curve, traveled off the roadway, and struck an abandoned house. Smith was wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash. The driver of the vehicle was wearing a seat belt and sustained moderate injuries in the crash. The crash occurred on Route H in Freistatt, at the south city limits. Smith was pronounced at the scene by Lawrence County Coroner Scott Lakin.

There were no traffic fatalities on Monday, December 25, 2023.

NOTE: The fatality statistics in this news release could change if late deaths occur, if other departments report fatalities after this news release was sent out, or if a fatality is determined to be caused by a medical condition rather than a traffic/boating/drowning incident.

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."

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H.C.

Commission TUESDAY DECEMBER 12, 2023, 19TH DAY OF THE OCTOBER TERM

The Henry County Commission met pursuant to adjournment at the courthouse in Clinton, Missouri.

Those members present were: Jim Stone - Presiding Commissioner, Rick Fosnow - North District Commissioner, Dale Lawler - South District Commissioner, Rick Watson - County Clerk

At 9:09 a.m. Commissioner Stone brought the meeting to order.

The agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes from the Thursday, December 7, 2023 meeting were read; Commissioner Fosnow made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Lawler seconded the motion, motion carried.

Expenditures from the following were approved to be paid: Payroll, General County Government, Coroner, Road and Bridge, Law Enforcement Fund, Elections, DSSF, Court Administration, ARPA, Inmate Security Fund, County Clerk, Commission, 27th Circuit Treatment Court, Victims of Domestic Violence Fund, Assessor

County Clerk Watson pre-

sented the following budgets to commissioners for review: Prosecuting Attorney Training Fund, Admin Handling Cost Fund, Senior Citizens Service Tax Fund, ARPA Fund, Sheriff Training Fund, Inmate Security Fund, Sheriffs Civil Fund, and Sheriffs Revolving Fund.

Dennis Bowers, Road and Bridge Supervisor, met with commission. He shared that NE 100 Rd is ready for build. The Road and Bridge department has beams on the lot, but waiting on the engineering to see if they can be used. Mowing is ongoing, pull type mowing is done and will not resume until the 1st of May. The arm mower will begin again in April. Dennis shared that the boom cylinder will be in tomorrow and put back together as soon as possible.

The group discussed the vacancy on the Senior Citizens Service Tax Board.

After discussion on the 2024 budget, Commissioner Lawler made a motion to approve all the budgets presented: Prosecuting Attorney Training Fund, Admin Handling Cost Fund, Senior Citizens Service Tax Fund, ARPA Fund, Sheriff Training Fund, Inmate Security Fund, and Sheriffs Revolving Fund. Commissioner Fosnow seconded the motion, motion carried with a roll call vote. Stone-Yes Lawler-Yes Fosnow-Yes

The group discussed the Road and Bridge budget and mowing in 2024.

There was discussion regarding the 2024 Holiday Schedule.

Commissioners adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 14TH, 2023, 20TH DAY OF THE OCTOBER TERM

The Henry County Commission met pursuant to adjournment at the courthouse in Clinton, Missouri.

Those members present were: Jim Stone - Presiding Commissioner, Rick Fosnow - North District Commissioner, Dale Lawler - South District Commissioner, Rick Watson - County Clerk

At 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Stone brought the meeting to order.

The agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes from the Tuesday, December 12th, 2023 meeting were read; Commissioner Lawler made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Fosnow seconded the motion, motion carried.

Expenditures from the following were approved to be paid: Employee Benefits, Prosecuting Attorney, Assessor, Court Administration, Emergency Management, Victim Advocate, Administrative Handling Cost Fund, Law Enforcement Department, Sheriff's Civil Fund, Buildings and Grounds, Road and Bridge, Sheriff's Revolving Fd, Law Enforcement Fund, Senior Citizens Service Tax Fund

Tucker Jobes, with Senator Eric Schmitt's Office, met with the Commission to update the group on congress and to take notes on priorities from the Commission.

At 9:30, members from the Walker Township Board met with the Commission to discuss Ranger Power's solar farm development in the area. The board members included Tim Powell, Elaine Parks, Stanley Nold, and Paul Ross. Maps and spreadsheets were distributed to the group by County Clerk Rick Watson. Rick

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SAY WHAT?

By Rob Lee

Word search grid with words like DOME, BODED, CAL, AVI, USAGE, SARA, RECORDINGS, STUDIO, ERR, IDEAS, AIDES, STOPPER, ATTY, FEED, TEPEE, STIR, SIXER, GEM, TALK, INONES, SLEEP, YUM, TALES, INCH, AHYES, SOFT, DELIS, FORELEG, TURIN, KOALA, EVE, SPEAKING, VOLUMES, PECS, COLON, FANS, SST, EWEERS, ONTO

We will be CLOSED Monday, Jan. 1st in observance of NEW YEARS. DEADLINES for the 1/3 Kayo and 1/4 Democrat are as follows: KAYO: Display & Classified Display (Box) - Thursday, Dec. 28 - 12 Noon Classified Line Ads (Words) - Thursday, Dec. 28 - 12 Noon DEMOCRAT: Display, Legal Notices & Classified Display (Box) - Friday, Dec. 29 - 12 Noon Classified Line Ads (Words) - Tuesday, Jan. 2 - 11am

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shared how the Chapter 100 tax exemption process works and the proposed agreement of \$1,000,000 in a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) be paid annually to the taxing entities within the planned development. He also shared that the PILOT would be in effect for 25 years. The distributed spreadsheet indicated that Walker Township would receive annual payments of \$22,464.44, in the first of 25 years. Rick also shared that the current levy, recently set by the township, will only bring in \$40,727.71.

Rick also explained that the development would be a \$500,000,000.00 investment in the county. Provide 10 full-time jobs maintaining the equipment, and many other full-time jobs in mowing and maintenance of the property. Once completed, the project would be the largest investment in the county in decades, and the largest solar farm in the state.

The next step in the development process is for Walker Township to sign a waiver of their Planning and Zoning Ordinance. Both Elaine and Paul didn't feel that they should sign a waiver without first visiting with others in the township. Elaine stated that the question of allowing a solar farm development should be voted on by the residents of the township. Clerk Rick shared that many of their residents have already shown their approval of the project by agreeing to lease their land. He also shared that the board would be taking away their right to lease their land without signing a waiver.

The Walker Township Board discussed having a public hearing with their residents to discuss the Planning and Zoning Ordinance waiver. Clerk Rick stated that he would be more than willing to share information at the meeting. A list of registered voters of Walker Township was provided.

Bruce Dewsberry, Chairman of the Senior Citizens Service Tax Board, updated the Commission on their most recent meeting. He shared that the board confirmed that they meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at noon. He also shared that the Care Connection budget was adopted, and the Health Center contract was renewed for Shingle Shots services. Bruce shared that they are also going to fund the Clinton Senior Center's restroom remodel, but did not budget for it. Clerk Rick stated that Missouri Statutes prohibit county's from going over their budget, so the tax board would need to revise their budget, as they can not over spend their appropriation. Bruce shared that he would revisit with the board.

At 10:35, Judge Brandon Baker, Judge Harold Dump, Prosecutor LaChrisha Gray, and Ann Marie Fritz met with the Commission. Ann Marie was introduced as the new Assistant Prosecutor. LaChrisha shared of a potential violent situation that may occur at the courthouse due to a particular case. Judge Baker recommended to the Commission that there only be 1 entrance into the courthouse manned by security, with a metal detector, on Monday due to the threat. Commissioner Fosnow shared that he supports the proposal. Commissioner Lawler stated that he supports the proposal for this upcoming Monday only. He continued by stating he does not support making the public go through a metal detector, to gain access to the courthouse, on a permanent basis, as those coming in to pay their taxes or have other business at the courthouse should not have to feel like

a criminal to do so. There was much discussion as to security at the courthouse.

Bruce continued his report on the Senior Citizens Service Tax Board's meeting, by sharing that the board is looking into possibly providing emergency radios and / or expanding their vaccination services to seniors. Commissioner Fosnow shared that they should advertise their Shingle Shot vax service, as many seniors are unaware of the service.

Clerk Rick provided the budgets for the Law Enforcement Fund, and a recalculated budget for the Sheriff's Civil Fund. After discussion, Commissioner Lawler made a motion to approve both of the said funds. Commissioner Fosnow seconded. The motion passed with a roll call vote of Lawler – yes, Fosnow – yes, and Stone – yes.

The group discussed the county sick pay policy. The Commission adjourned at 11:45.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 19TH, 2023, 21ST DAY OF THE OCTOBER TERM

The Henry County Commission met pursuant to adjournment at the courthouse in Clinton, Missouri.

Those members present were: Jim Stone - Presiding Commissioner, Rick Fosnow - North District Commissioner, Dale Lawler - South District Commissioner, Rick Watson - County Clerk

At 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Stone brought the meeting to order.

The agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes from the Thursday, December 14th, 2023 meeting were read; Commissioner Fosnow made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Lawler seconded the motion, motion carried.

At 9:05, the Commission met with Mike Keith, Christian Delozier, and Logan Modlin, of Mike Keith Insurance to discuss the 2024 county insurance renewal. Christian shared that Star Insurance Company is the best value for the county. The group discussed the increases due to inflation, claims, and the increase in property limits. The proposal resulted in an increase of \$23,375.00.

The group continued to discuss recent settled claims, that the Commission opposed. Commissioner Lawler stated that he would like another carrier to insure the county's General Liability portion of the policy. Christian shared that he believes that all the companies they represent would have settled the cases as well vs going to a jury trial. Christian continued that if the county were to leave Star Insurance Company, they would not be able to go back, as the company is no longer accepting any counties with jails.

After discussion, Commissioner Fosnow made a motion to accept the 2024 insurance renewal. Commissioner Lawler asked if Christian would be able to address his concerns prior to accepting the proposal. Christian shared that he would not be able to get all that information prior to the 1-1-24 renewal date. After, Commissioner Lawler seconded the motion. The motion passed with a roll call vote of Fosnow – yes, Lawler – yes, and Stone – yes.

Expenditures from the following were approved to be paid: Court Administration, General County Government, Inmate Security, 27th Circuit Treatment Court, Buildings and Grounds, Assessor, Law Enforcement Department, Prosecuting Attorney, Road and Bridge, Emergency Management

The group discussed the county insurance renewal. Clerk Rick began the 2024 budget discussion.

He presented the draft for the 27th Circuit Treatment Court.

Prosecutor LaChrisha Gray met with the Commission to discuss her budget requests. She explained the 3 different options for staffing for a full-time assistant prosecutor, with or without a part time assistant, as well as additional staff. She also shared of the additional security at the courthouse yesterday.

Clerk Rick continued the 2024 budget discussion. He presented a draft for the new 27th Circuit Family Treatment Court budget, as well as the Road and Bridge budget. After discussion, Commissioner Lawler made a motion to approve both the 27th Circuit Treatment Court and 27th Circuit Family Treatment Court budgets. Commissioner Fosnow seconded the motion. The motion passed with a roll call vote of Lawler – yes, Fosnow – yes, and Stone – yes.

Clerk Rick distributed General Revenue worksheets.

Dennis Bowers, the Road and Bridge Supervisor, met with the Commission. He updated the group on the crew's work schedule and how they are preparing for the upcoming rain.

Commissioner Lawler shared of a request from Randy Howell, of Leesville Township, as the board is considering using 2 years of CART funds to make repairs to SE 1051 Rd, the quarry road. All the Commissioners agreed.

Clerk Rick presented the budgets of the General Revenue Fund. The budgets include the offices of the Commission, County Clerk, Elections, Treasurer, Collector, Recorder of Deeds, Circuit Clerk, Prosecuting Attorney, Victim Advocate, Tri County Child Support, Coroner, Public Health and Welfare, Emergency Management, Court Administration, Public Administrator, Juvenile Office, Buildings and Grounds, Employee Benefits, General County Government, Law Enforcement Department, and the Emergency Fund appropriations. The proposed revenues total \$5,331,740.62, with the proposed expenses totaling \$4,808,317.06. Clerk Rick shared that the Commission needed to make decisions on the Prosecutor and Emergency Management requests, as the requests are disproportionately higher as compared to last years appropriations.

The Commission continued to work on the Road and Bridge, Prosecutor, and Emergency Management budgets.

The Commission adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Lakeland School Dist.

REGULAR MEETING - LAKELAND R-III SCHOOL BOARD ROOM, December 19, 2023 3:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mat Meeker - President, Jim Neuenschwander - Vice-President, Renee Baker – Treasurer, Emily Baker, Christl Brownlee, Matt Hughes, Jackson Ketterman

STAFF: Mr. Mitch Towne, Superintendent, Mrs. Lavana Salmon, Secretary, Mr. Adam Collins, High School Principal

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Call to Order – President Mat Meeker called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m. Notice of meeting having notified the local newspapers, and posted at the school building.

B. Roll Call – Absent: None

C. Recognition of Visitors and Guests – None

II. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Agenda

B. Minutes – November 16, 2023 Regular Board Meeting

C. Bills for the Month

of December 2023 - \$987,243.09

D. Substitute List

Christl Brownlee made a motion; Jackson Ketterman seconded it, to approve the agenda as presented. Voice vote taken: Yes –7, No – 0. Motion carried.

Jim Neuenschwander made a motion; Emily Baker seconded it, to approve the November 16, 2023

Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. Voice vote taken: Yes –7, No - 0. Motion carried.

Matt Hughes made a motion; Christl Brownlee seconded it, to approve the December bills except #036395, #036402, and #036444 as presented. Voice vote taken: Yes-7, No -0. Motion carried.

Matt Hughes made a motion; Renee Baker seconded it, to approve the December bill #036395 as presented. Voice vote taken: Yes-6, No -1- Jackson Ketterman. Motion carried.

Matt Hughes made a motion; Renee Baker seconded it, to approve the December bill #036402 as presented. Voice vote taken: Yes-6, No -1-Jim Neuenschwander. Motion carried.

Matt Hughes made a motion; Renee Baker seconded it, to approve the December bill #036444 as presented. Voice vote taken: Yes-6, No -1-Mat Meeker. Motion carried.

Renee Baker made a motion; Christl Brownlee seconded it, to approve the Lakeland and EPCO

Sub List as presented. Voice vote taken: Yes-7, No -0. Motion carried.

III. CORRESPONDENCE

None

IV. STUDENT PRESENTATION

None

V. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

A. Superintendent Report – None

Adam Collins entered the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

B. Elementary Report –

• Current Enrollment: 200
• Preschool Enrollment: 16

• Attendance: 93%
K = 25 (14 M 11 F)
1 = 32 (16 M 16 F)
2 = 28 (15 M 13 F)
3 = 28 (19 M 9 F)
4 = 29 (14 M 15 F)
5 = 28 (13 M 15 F)
6 = 30 (15 M 15 F)

• Students Enrolled 4
• Students Withdrawn 0
Dates:

December 18: Monday School

December 20: End of 2nd Quarter 12:30 Dismissal

December 21-January 2, 2024: No School

January 3, 2024 Students Return

C. High School Report –

Enrollments:
• Total Enrollment: Currently 177 (same as last month)

84 Males / 93 Females
7th-27 Total(13 M / 14 F)
8th-28 Total(9 M / 19 F)
9th-29 Total(15 M / 14 F)
10th-34 Total(16 M / 18 F)
11th-31 Total(15 M / 16 F)
12th-28 Total(16 M / 12 F)
Attendance:

• All students at any time:
o Students with 90% attendance or better: 72.2%
o Overall attendance rate: 91.44%

• Current Students:
o Students with 90% attendance or better: 76.8%
o Overall attendance rate: 92.87 %
-7th Grade is top at 96.6 %
Happenings in the High School:

• School is in session Monday 12/18/23
• High School Christmas Concert 12/18/23 @ 7:00 pm

• Early Dismissal (12:30 pm) and End of 1st Semester 12/20/23
• Christmas Break- 12/21-1/2—School Resumes 1/3/24
• FFA Greenhand Conference 1/9/24
• Lakeland Archery Tournament 1/13/24
• Homecoming / FFA Chili Supper 1/19/24

• Deven's Beat Heart Screening 1/20/24

Upcoming Events:--Home dates in bold

• HS Basketball: 12/19, 1/3, 1/5, 1/8-1/13 (AC Tournament), 1/15, 1/16, 1/19

• JH Quiz Bowl: 1/17, 2/1, 2/15 (WEMO)

• HS Quiz Bowl: 1/11, 1/18, 2/1, 2/12, 2/29 (WEMO), 3/23

D. Special Education - None

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Program Evaluation

a. Gifted Program

b. Parents As Teachers Jackson Ketterman made a motion; Christl Brownlee seconded it, to approve the Gifted Program Evaluation as presented. Voice vote taken: Yes-7, no – 0. Motion carried.

Christl Brownlee made a motion; Jackson Ketterman seconded it, to approve the Parents As Teachers Program Evaluation as presented. Voice vote taken: Yes-7, no – 0. Motion carried.

B. COVID-19 Guidance and Protocols

Matt Hughes made a motion; Jim Neuenschwander seconded it, to approve the COVID-19 Guidance and Protocols as presented. Voice vote taken: Yes-7, no – 0. Motion carried.

Adam Collins left the meeting at 3:56 p.m.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Bond Issue Ballot

Christl Brownlee made a motion; Matt Hughes seconded it, to approve the Bond Issue Ballot as presented. Voice vote taken: Yes-7, no – 0. Motion carried.

Emily Baker left the meeting at 3:57 p.m.

B. MOCAAT Resolution

Jim Neuenschwander made a motion; Renee Baker seconded it, the board authorizes the use of MOCAAT as an investment option by approving the attached Resolution and Instrument of Adoption and directs the superintendent

and board officers to execute all necessary documents on behalf of the district. Voice vote taken: Yes-6, no – 0. Motion carried.

VIII. CLOSED SESSION

Jim Neuenschwander made a motion; Matt Hughes seconded it, to move to closed session. Roll call vote taken: Yes- 6, No -0. Motion carried.

Emily Baker and Adam Collins enter the meeting at 4:02 p.m.

Jim Neuenschwander made a motion; Christl Brownlee seconded it, to approve the minutes of November 16, 2023 as corrected. Roll Call vote taken: Yes- 7, No -0. Motion carried.

Christl Brownlee made a motion; Renee Baker seconded it, to hire Kasey Kentch as paraprofessional for the 2023-24 school year. Voice vote taken: Yes- 7, No -0. Motion carried.

Renee Baker made a motion; Christl Brownlee seconded it, to approve the resignation of Shawn Casey as Custodial as presented. Voice vote taken: Yes- 7, No -0. Motion carried.

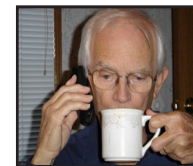
Renee Baker made a motion; Matt Hughes seconded it, to approve the resignation of Seleste Mendoza as EPCO as a para educator for the 23-24 school year. Voice vote taken: Yes- 7, No -0. Motion carried.

Christl Brownlee made a motion; Renee Baker seconded it, to go out of closed session, record, and vote, and to close any and all personnel and student records which may have been opened. Roll call vote taken: Yes- 7, No -0. Motion carried.

IX. ADJOURN

Matt Hughes made a motion; Christl Brownlee seconded it, to adjourn. Voice vote taken: Yes- 7, No -0. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

Next Scheduled Regular Meeting January 18, 2024 at 7 p.m.



The Shepherd Calls by Dr. H. Wade Paris

PRAYING IN THE NEW YEAR

Someone, out there somewhere reading this column, will want to establish a daily prayer vigil with Jesus. You may even make a New Year's resolution to do so. I would like to help you, encourage you.

Not all New Year's Resolutions are worthy, but this one is. Establishing such a discipline can be difficult. It is like exercising---easy to begin but difficult to continue. Prayer is more like a marathon than a sprint. In this day of instant pudding, instant coffee, and texting, we expect quick results from our prayers. To use a kitchen metaphor, prayer is more like cooking something in the oven than making a bowl of Ramen noodles.

Here are suggestions from proven prayer warriors. Begin by asking God to help you. Our will can be very weak, especially when developing ongoing difficult disciplines. Ask God to remind you to spend time with Him. "Lord, put 'signposts' in my way."

Let your expectations be realistic. We hear that someone won the lottery because they prayed. Their winning may be true, but it is doubtful God directed it. Jesus did instruct us to ask for our wants and needs, but He answers in accordance with our best interest. And He knows that better than we do.

Establishing a time and place to pray is always helpful. That usually takes some adjustment to our lives. One should not expect to succeed in any discipline without life adjustments. After all, that is the purpose of the discipline.

Often people trying to develop a prayer life are successful for a few days and then experience difficulty. Let me use the "fall off the bicycle" cliché, just get up and try again, and again.

At first you may wonder if God is listening. I assure you the Lord hears every sincere prayer. If when you pray you doubt God is listening, tell Him so, "Lord, are you really listening to me?" I assure you He will not get mad.

Present your needs/problems to God and trust His answer. Pray like this, "Lord, here is my need/want." Do not pray, "Lord, here is my need; and here is how I want you to fix it." God always answers better than we ask.

This week's column is a bit different, but it is timely. A new year is dawning; and if reading the column helps you find time to spend with God, it will be more than worth the time you have spent reading it.

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