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Truman The Tiger Rides Again: Carousel Displays School Spirit

BY JENNIFER JACKSON
Staff Reporter

On the Saturday before Christmas, the University of Missouri Tigers arrived in Texas by jet to play in the Ohio State Buckeyes in the 88th Cotton Bowl. The game took place last Friday.

Truman, the Mizzou mascot, hopped a ride on a carousel horse. At least, the tiger that Linda Lampkin made in honor of the occasion did. He is the only tiger on the carnival ride, she said, which has a lion, giraffe, an elephant and 10 other animals, plus eight horses.

Truman chose a steed on the Appleton City Carousel, which Linda bought after the carnival that brought it to town closed. After building an octagonal gazebo to enclose it, she reopened the carousel last May on the town's main street. The MU mascot is visible through the window, which is strung with school pennants. Linda is also displaying the covers of the MU football programs her father collected.

Neither she nor her father, Philip Lampkin, were MU alum, but he loved



DRAWING INSPIRATION from Mizzou banners in storage, Linda Lampkin decided to make the team mascot, Truman, to display on the Appleton City Carousel in honor of the football team playing in the Cotton Bowl.

Mizzou football, she said. "It was his only hobby," Linda said, "He had season tickets over 50 years."

Her father did play football, at Appleton City High School, then as a student at Central Methodist College in Fayette. That was back in 1929, she said.

"He would hitchhike to Columbia and sit in the

pecan trees to watch the game," she said.

When she searched through her storage, Linda found she had more than four dozen football game program covers her father had collected. They feature cartoons by Amadee Wohlschlaeger, a self-taught artist who was a sports cartoonist for the St.

Louis Dispatch. Amadee, as he signed his work, drew the covers of the MU football programs starting in 1959, when Missouri was in the Big 8 conference. The programs, which sold from 50 Cents to \$2, feature Amadee's cover art of the Mizzou Tiger assaulting the mascots of the other **Carousel Page 3**

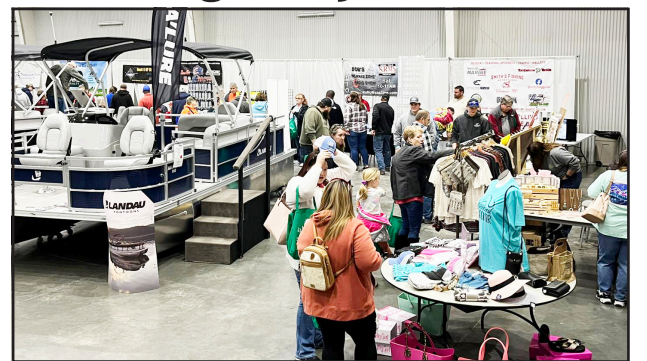
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The Missouri Farmers Care Foundation has awarded eleven Missouri FFA chapters 2024 Drive to Feed Kids grants. This is the fourth year the Missouri Farmers Care Foundation has provided matching **FFA Page 7**

Fishing Expo Back In In A Big Way For 2024



THE HIGHLY POPULAR Truman Lake Fishing Expo will get underway in February. The event will bring anglers from seven states to Clinton.

The third annual Truman Lake Fishing Expo will take place on February 9th and 10th, 2024, at the Benson Community Center in Clinton, MO. The event will feature over 30 exhibitors, some local to the Truman Lake region, as well as many more who will travel to Clinton solely for the Expo.

The group of exhibitors is diverse, including such categories as conservation and water safety; boats; fishing equipment including lures, baits, tackle, rods and reels, electronic equipment, and more; outdoor accessories of interest to anglers; guides and services, and many others. The expo will also feature multiple guest-speaker **EXPO Page 7**

Paw-Cack! Storytellers Make Tracks To Clinton

BY JENNIFER JACKSON
Staff Reporter

If you see people running around the Clinton Square in chicken hats on the third weekend in January, don't be alarmed.

The Chicken Festival is in town. Specifically, the 31st Annual RAPS Chicken Festival.

RAPS stands for the River And Prairie Storyweavers, a regional group based in Kansas City. Every year, RAPS holds a Chicken Festival, choosing a different community in the Midwest to hold the festival for the next two years.

"We call it the Chicken Festival because one year we were telling all kinds of animal stories, and Tim Manson pointed out we had not told any chicken stories," said Linda Kuntz, RAPS event coordinator.

The purpose of the group is to promote the art of oral storytelling and help communities develop story-telling resources. A combination festival and winter retreat, the festival draws 40 to 50 storytellers each year, Linda said, to hone their storytelling skills, try



A CLUCKING GOOD TIME will get underway during the 31st Annual Chicken Festival in Clinton January 19-21. Ready for the event are Linda and Gary Kuntz who displayed the RAPS signboard festooned with chicken cheer.

out new stories and have fun. RAPS has members who live all over the Midwest, Linda said, plus one in the Netherlands and one in Japan, which they acquired when they held meetings on Zoom.

Connie Grisier, who organizes programs for the Henry County Museum,

suggested RAPS hold the festival in Clinton after she met RAPS member Joyce Slater who was in town as one of the "Civil War Women Come Alive" portrayers at a museum-sponsored program in 2022. As the one-time Baby Chick Capital of the World, Clinton was a natural choice for

the Chicken Festival, Connie said.

To hear a sample their stories, go to the Clinton Senior Center, 970 Sedalia Ave., on Friday, Jan. 19, where the Storyweavers will be holding forth from 10:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

In partnership with the **Storytelling Page 3**

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Have I Got A Line For You!

By James Mahlon White



Welcome to January 2024 everybody. We're just a few days into the New Year and I wonder how many resolutions have already been broken? According to the Washington Post, the most popular New Year Resolutions are to lose weight, eat right, get fit, pay off debts, save money, get a better job, drink less alcohol, get a better education, quit smoking, take a trip, reduce stress, volunteer to help others and be less grumpy. To be less grumpy is one that we don't often hear. But if there is a grumpy month, January it is. The holidays are over and the Christmas bills are pouring in. I've been a bit grumpy too, but I did run across (on the internet) a medieval prayer from England which dealt with the horrible carnage the Vikings hurled at them. "Oh Lord, protect us from the Fury of the Norseman." How about a new version, "Oh Lord, protect us from grumpy people."

Ran across a documentary on Presidential funerals and part of the footage was from President Reagan's service at Washington National Cathedral. I started wondering how long it will be until someone objects to this magnificent structure being called "The National Cathedral" and want to add Mosque or something else to the name? Or call it "A place for BIG funerals?" Wouldn't surprise most of us....would it? The ACLU used to be an organization that helped the little guy who was being abused, seems they've gone nuts. Like saying the tiny cross

in California's state seal should be obliterated, as it's a "Religious symbol." What in hell will they come up with next! Just as Westminster Abbey, notable people are interred at the National Cathedral, including President Woodrow Wilson. His daughter Jessie was the wife of Frances Sayre, former dean (Head Honcho) of the church. Ah well, it's a beautiful place and I hope a few people don't ruin it for the rest of us.

Speaking of President's, Joe Biden's New Year's interview was something. When asked what some of his favorite foods are, The First Lady had to remind him that he likes ice cream. How can he forget he loves ice cream? It's a big part of Uncle Joe's brand. This was one the damndest Presidential interviews I've ever seen.....since the last one where he stopped taking questions early. Something was going wrong with the teleprompter, or maybe he didn't have his ear piece in correctly. A voice from somewhere (I don't think it was God) was telling him what line to say next. I wonder how Abe Lincoln and William Jennings Bryan ever got along without a teleprompter. For that matter, how did they get along without television and the internet? Answer: Just fine.

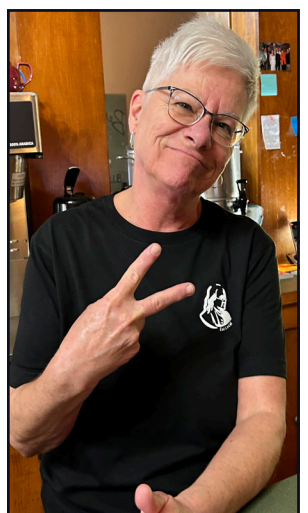
It's so quiet in the office today that I'm going to ask the next person who walks in to "Please sign the guest book." Hang in there Old Buddy and I'll do the same.

Word on the Street

In a few words, sum up your 2023 year?



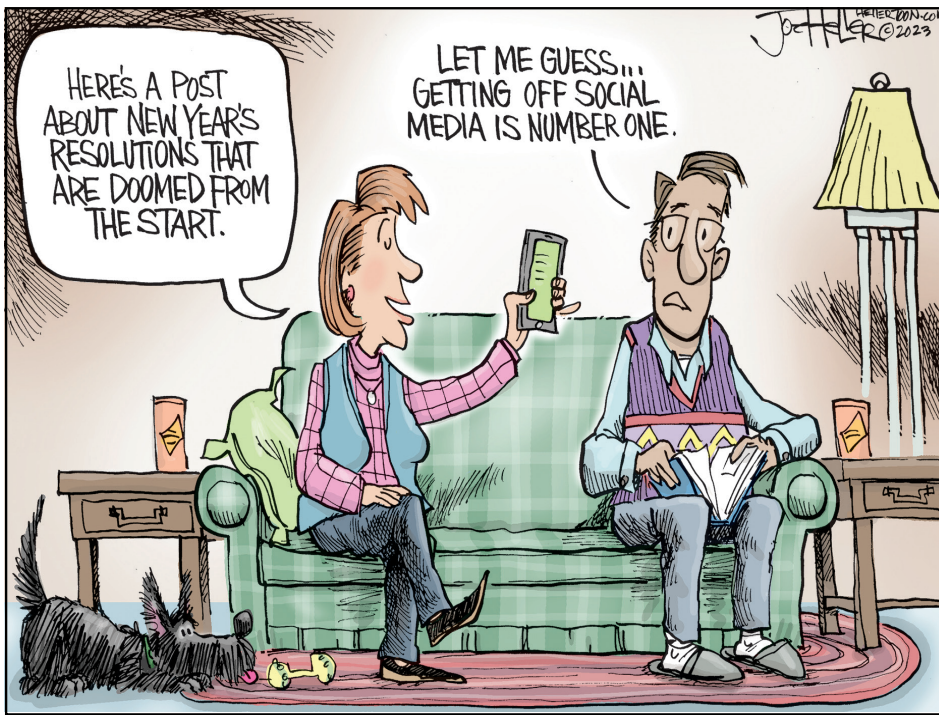
"Extravagant." -Sophia Long



"Thankful, we are still kicking." -Cindy Tillman



"Blessed to see 2024." -Stanley Nold



Get to Know Clinton, MO.

NAME: Stephanie Link.
 BIRTHPLACE: Iowa.
 YEARS IN CLINTON: 1
 FAMILY: None here.
 THE BEST THING ABOUT LIVING IN CLINTON IS: Local small shops.
 OCCUPATION: Teacher.
 WHAT I WANTED TO BE WHEN GROWING UP: Teacher.
 FIRST JOB: Telemarketer.
 FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY: Going to Niagara Falls.
 THE BEST TIME OF MY LIFE WAS WHEN: I had my baby.
 MOST EMBARRASSING moment: In 3rd grade I laughed so hard on the play ground I peed my pants.
 WHAT DO YOU VALUE MOST IN YOUR FRIENDS: Honesty.

YOUR GREATEST FEAR IS: Death.
 I HOPE I NEVER: Get into a car accident.
 I'VE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO: Go sky diving.
 IF I WON THE LOTTERY, I WOULD: Build my family's homes and donate to some charity.
 MY DREAM TRIP WOULD BE TO: Ireland.
 HOBBIES: Singing.
 FAVORITE BAND OR MUSICALIAN: Fleetwood Mac.
 FAVORITE MOVIE: 'Wedding Singer'
 FAVORITE DRINK: Chi Tea Latte
 FAVORITE SNACK: Saltine crackers.
 FAVORITE CANDY: Nerd ropes.
 FUTURE GOAL: Be a princi-



pal.
 WHICH PERSON DO YOU ADMIRE MOST: Jesus.
 ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE YOUR YOUNGER SELF: Don't worry so much.
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teams, including the Oklahoma Cowboys and the KU Jayhawks.

The Jayhawk is usually depicted being served on a platter.

"They always played KU around Thanksgiving," Linda said.

Linda is trying to get the University of Missouri to do a book of Amadee's cover art, and has talked to the university archivist.

The son of a printer, Amadee was born in 1911, and started at the paper as a copy boy at age 14 in 1925, then was promoted to the art department. Amadee was one of six artists who drew the St. Louis' Post-Dispatch Weatherbird. A cartoon character that originated in 1901, the Weatherbird was originally a cigar-smoking crow whose sketch served as a weather forecast, depending on if he was holding an umbrella or wearing a coat, and is the oldest continuously-running daily cartoon in American journalism.

Amadee stopped creating cartoons for the MU programs when the football coach wanted pictures of his team's players on the covers instead. Linda learned from the MU archivist, who was working with the team coach, that Amadee was not happy about the decision, as he already had a drawing ready to go.

She finds his cover art intriguing, and does not feel the team photographs have the same dynamic vibe.

"I'd like the alumni group to pick up on it, but haven't found a connection there yet," she said of getting Amadee's program art published.

Linda remembers going to the Cotton Bowl in 1962 in Texas with her parents when she was in high school. Two things stand out: it was cold as the dickens, she said, and they drove past Lyndon B. Johnson's limo in the parking lot and parked near it. She also went to four other bowl games: the '68 Gator Bowl in Jacksonville, Fla., the '78 Liberty Bowl in Memphis, Tenn., and two Orange Bowls, including when KU played Penn State, and one of the last calls of the game was reversed, flipping the score.

Linda decided to revive the carousel as a way to thank Appleton City residents for supporting her father and her uncle's business, Lampkin Bros. Grain Company, which they owned for 20 years. Her great-uncle owned the Appleton City hardware store for almost forty years. She has old signs from the businesses on the back wall of the carousel building, but a few weeks ago, decided to transform the carousel's main window into a paean to the MU team.

The MU team's name was chosen in 1890 to honor a home guard unit called the Tigers that formed during the Civil War to protect Columbia from bushwhacker. MU used to have two tiger mascots, but they were consolidated into one tiger, named Truman, in 1984, when a contest was held to choose a name. Linda's Truman is based on the original depiction of the mascot, she said.

"They change him about every 30 years," she said.

This is the fourth appearance of the MU Tigers at the Cotton Bowl, which has been held annually since 1937. The Tigers had a 2-1 record in the Cotton Bowl going into last week's game. They lost to the Texas Longhorns in 1946, but beat the Arkansas Razorbacks in 2008, and the Oklahoma State Cowboys in 2014.

Last Friday, the Tigers rallied in the fourth quarter to score two touchdowns, beating the Buckeyes 14

to 3. Another Appleton City connection, once removed: Abby Dodge, granddaughter of Pat Artz Bauer of Appleton City, helped broadcast the Cotton Bowl. Abby's mother grew up in Appleton City. Abby worked the Super Bowl broadcast last year, Linda said, and now is at KMBC/Channel 41.

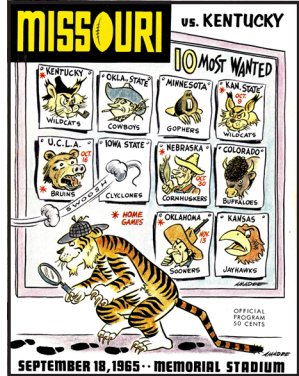
"I just saw her on the news," Linda said.

The Weatherbird still appears on the front page of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, and is the mascot of the newspaper, which owns a Weatherbird costume that an employee dons for promotional events. The Weatherbird also remarks on current news. In the years Amadee drew him, 1932 to 1981, the Weath-

erbird commented on D-Day and the assassination of John F. Kennedy.

Operated as a non-profit, the Appleton City Carousel was open last summer on weekends from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day Sunday. It attracted riders from 12 states, Spain and South Korea.

Linda said Truman and the display of Tiger football memorabilia has drawn media attention from around the state. To create more awareness, Linda hopes people will go online and vote for the Appleton City Carousel as "Best Children's Attraction" in Rural Missouri magazine's annual "Best of" contest. Deadline is Jan. 15 to vote at ruralmissouri.org/best-of-2024.



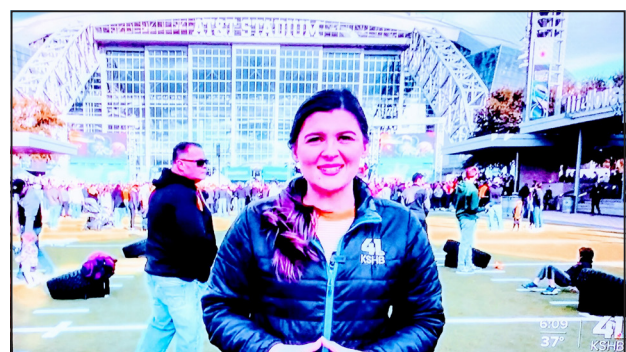
AN MU FOOTBALL GAME program cover, with caricatures of all the rival team mascots by sports cartoonist Amadee, who drew the MU program covers from 1959 into the mid-1990s.



LINDA'S COLLECTION of MU memorabilia includes this MU Santa figurine.



THE APPLETON CITY CAROUSEL is closed for the season, but Truman is visible in the front window.



ABBY DODGE, who works for KMBC/Channel 41, at AT&T Stadium. Abby is the daughter of Tanya Bauer Dodge, who grew up in Appleton City and graduated from ACHS in 1990, and the granddaughter of Pat Artz Bauer of Appleton City, ACHS 1953.



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Henry County Museum, the Storyweavers will present a children's program at the museum, 213 W. Franklin, that afternoon from 12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.

On Friday night, January 19, the Storyweavers will give a storytelling concert from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. as a benefit for the Henry County Museum's restoration of the Dorman House.

The project is now in phase two of a three-phase effort to save the historic home. Dorman family history encompasses local and American stories from the American Revolution to the California gold strike and the steamboat era through the Civil War and two world wars.

On Saturday, Jan. 20, the Chicken Festival starts at 8 a.m. with registration. It concludes on Sunday, Jan. 21. Genres include tall tales, ghost stories, Ozark folklore and frontier history, and are further broken down by time: three-minute stories, eight-minute or less, and epic tales, which are longer.

On the schedule for Saturday morning is "Chicken News and Chicken Stories," followed by the "Chicken Socks Give-Away."

The Saturday afternoon auction starts at 1 p.m. on Jan. 20, and includes a music break for the Chicken Dance. If you've never seen the Chicken Dance, you're (a) not from the Midwest or (b) never attended a wedding in the Midwest. For the uninitiated, the

dance consists mainly of flapping your arms like a chicken, preceded by opening and closing your hand like a beak, and followed by wiggling your tail, each motion done four times, then clapping and spirited partner-swinging.

Another part of the festival covers "Gigs from Heck," about story-telling jobs that have gone wrong and how to avoid them. "Pies" is literally that, Linda said, pies that a RAPS member brings to share at the end of the day.

Linda's husband, Gary Kuntz, is director of the RAPS Storyweavers' board. The last time the festival was held in Clinton, about 16 years ago, Gary told a story called "The Little Princess," recruiting volunteers from the audience of students to act out the parts of the fairy tale. For the prince, chose a boy who seemed a little reluctant to come up. When Gary got to the part where the boy had to go down on one knee and ask the princess to marry him, the prince froze.

"Everybody realized, except my husband, that this is an unrequited 8th grade crush," Linda said. "That was maybe in 2008, and we've often wondered what happened. Now it's a story of its own."

Folk tales and fairy tales are part of the mix, Linda said, plus this year they've added a new category, "Death and Taxes."

Local residents can reg-

ister for the Chicken Festival for \$15, the same rate as for members. You can come and tell a story if you wish, or just sit back and listen, she said. The drill if you want to tell a story: write your name on a slip of paper and the type of story you are going to tell, and they put the slips in a bucket and draw names and write them on a chart. They also ask the members to prepare a one-minute humorous story to share during the auction on Saturday afternoon.

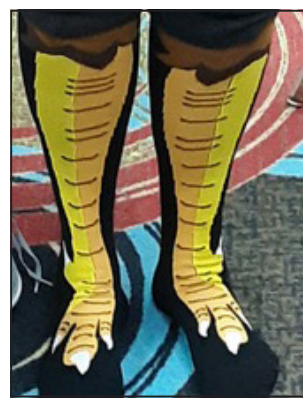
Warning: judging from the videos on the RAPS website of people talking about how they got involved in the group, story-telling can be addictive.

Because the festival is meeting in a building on the Clinton Square, RAPS members will be dining at local restaurants and staying in local motels. Look for the people in the rubber-chicken hats with the red combs on top, posing in front of the baby chick wall mural downtown.

Go to www.riverandprairiestoryweavers.org. RAPS makes a two-year commitment to the festival's meeting place, so will be returning to Clinton next year.

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- Former ruler of Iran
- One and the other
- Earthenware stew pots
- It may follow a million
- Distinctive atmosphere about someone
- Playing hooky
- In the back of the boat
- Horseshoe site
- Part of a swap?
- Has trouble with S's
- Dependable
- Dream-time acronym
- Three times, in Rx lingo
- ___-friendly (simple to operate)
- "Famous" cookie maker
- Officers in blue
- Strong rope fiber
- Eagerly seize an opportunity
- Item in black
- Edible root of taro plants
- Geiger of radiation detection
- First half of the alphabet?
- Prominent rock on a hill
- Acquire
- Europe's ___ Peninsula
- Automaton of Jewish legend
- Brouhaha
- Highlands family
- Ducks and dodges
- Short distance
- It's known by its fruit
- Basketball Hall of Famer Archibald
- One mother
- Dry to the bone
- "Born Free" lioness
- Does a nightly ritual, for some

DOWN

- Santa ___, Calif.
- Types
- Move like a hummingbird
- Place for a boutonniere
- ___de corps (morale)
- Start of several California city names
- Weather map notations
- With the bow, musically
- They were bound to the land
- Common college degrees, briefly
- Tosses from office
- Halloween choice
- Premature, as a decision
- Fly or mosquito, e.g.
- From the beginning
- For an interim
- Dickens character Heep
- Rani's spouse
- Birds as tall as people
- Two mothers
- Quite familiar with
- Express aloud
- Advanced college deg.
- Knit goods problem
- Teen spots?
- Obsolete "for fear that"
- "Sic 'em, Spot!"
- Put in the fridge
- Like some banking
- Organize anew
- Thai money
- Just love to pieces
- One running casually
- Irksome swarm
- The main course?
- "Be ___!" ("Help me out, friend!")
- Russian legislative assembly
- TV award
- Aquatic resorts
- Use one's peepers
- Largest U.S. union

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VFW Award Winners From Clinton Christian Academy



DAVID SEE, Allie Thornton, Clara Hyke, Kennedy Vaughn, & Arik Wilson all received VFW awards.

Many Award Winners were presented certificates and awards at the December 15th VFW Christmas Dinner. Among these winners were four students from Clinton Christian Academy.

Aric Wilson was an award winner from the VFW Post in Clinton, MO for his Voice

of Democracy Speech and he presented his VOD speech during the Christmas Dinner. CCA Juniors, Kennedy Vaughn and Clara Hyke were also awarded for their Voice of Democracy Speech through the Belton and Adrian VFW posts. CCA 8th grade student Allie Thornton was

awarded for her Patriot Pen essay by the Belton VFW post. Clinton Christian Academy would like to thank the VFW for the opportunity to express our gratitude for all who serve our country. Congratulations to all those students recognized!

CCA Teacher Recognized For Outstanding Service



CCA Science Teacher David See was recently announced as a VFW Teacher of the Year.

Mr. David See was recognized for being a Clinton VFW teacher of the year. He received a certificate and award. Mr. See attended the University of Central Missouri receiving a variety of degrees throughout the years—a Bachelor of Science in Education with a major in Biology in 1969, a Master's of Science in Biology in 1972, and a Specialist Degree in Administration in 1974. Mr. See began his teaching career in 1969 at Raymore Peculiar School District as a high school biology teacher. Mr. See served as an educator in several area public schools during his career including Lakeland, Montrose, and Warsaw where he taught a variety of middle school and high school science courses, as well as serving as a Principal. Currently, Mr. See is completing his 54th year in education as a science teacher in the Upper School (grades 7-12) at Clinton Christian Academy. David See also served for 34 years in the Missouri

National Guard, ranked as an E8 First Sergeant, whose accomplishments included teaching leadership courses (BNOC, ANOC, and ISG School) and Combat Engineer, 110th Battalion, Kansas City, MO. Mr. See was awarded the Army Achievement Medal two times and the Army Commendation Ribbon three times. Mr. See was nominated for the Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award by his colleagues, administration and students at Clinton Christian Academy. Mr. See is known for challenging students with hands-on learning experiences that made science come alive, creating not only a classroom with high expectations for learning, but also a classroom that made learning fun. CCA graduates describe Mr. See as "a teacher who saw the potential in what we (students) could be and pushed us towards that while at the same time providing

the help and encouragement that we needed to be successful." The CCA Administration believes that what truly sets David See apart is his passion for teaching. He goes above and beyond to inspire his students not only academically, but also in their personal and spiritual development. Mr. See instills a love for science and learning that extends far beyond the classroom. He is known for spending countless hours mentoring students, providing additional resources, and encouraging them to explore their own scientific interest. Mr. See has a special compassion for students that struggle with their school work. His unwavering commitment to the betterment of all of his students is a testament to his dedication as an educator. Clinton Christian Academy is proud to recognize David See as an outstanding educator and US Veteran! Congratulations!

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Missouri Department of Conservation

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Drop Off Used Christmas Trees To MDC This Holiday Season

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) invites Missourians to drop off their live Christmas trees to be used for habitat improvement around central Missouri. MDC will accept trees at the following locations from Dec. 26, 2023 through Jan. 31, 2024:

- MDC's Central Regional Office at 3500 E. Gans Road in Columbia
- Washington Park near Vivion Field in Jefferson City
- Proctor Park in California

To donate your tree (real trees only), please remove all decorations and bring the tree to the drop-off site of your choosing. Signage at this location will direct donors to the proper drop-off spot. MDC fisheries staff collect discarded natural trees to submerge in area lakes and ponds. Once submerged, these trees offer habitat for a variety of native fish species. "Submerged Christmas trees make great underwater cover for

smaller fish and aquatic invertebrates," said MDC Fisheries Biologist Brian McKeage. "Larger fish then congregate around these structures to prey on fish and other food sources, so these trees become hotspots for fish and for anglers." Trees may also be dropped off at city mulch sites in Columbia or may simply be placed under bird feeders in your backyard to provide cover for birds and other wildlife. For questions about Christmas tree donation, please call (573) 815-7900. Used Christmas trees can be used as wildlife habitat. Donate your used tree to MDC for repurposing this year.

MDC reports 18,904 deer harvested during late antlerless portion

Preliminary data from the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) shows deer hunters harvested 18,904 deer during the late antlerless portion of firearms deer season, Dec. 2-10. Top harvest counties were Callaway with 565 deer harvested, Pike with 513, and Lincoln with 385. Last year's antlerless portion harvest total was 16,241. For current ongoing preliminary harvest totals by season, county, and type of deer, visit the MDC website at https://extra.mdc.mo.gov/widgets/harvest_table/. For harvest summaries from past years, visit <https://mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/species/deer/deer-reports/deer-harvest-summaries>

runs Dec. 23 through Jan. 2, 2024. Find more information on deer hunting from MDC's 2023 Fall Deer and Turkey Hunting Regulations and Information booklet, available where permits are sold and online at <https://mdc.mo.gov/about-us/about-regulations/fall-deer-turkey-hunting-regulations-information>.

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**MARY FRANCES
BRAND**


Mary Frances Brand, 87, passed away Sunday, December 17, 2023, at Ridge Crest Nursing Home in Warrensburg, Missouri.

Mary was born in Kansas City, Kansas, on February 17, 1936, to George Utter and Elizabeth (Fleshman) Utter. She sang in the choir at Brown Road Methodist Church at the age of three and enjoyed singing throughout her life. She was baptized at the age of 12, at the 1st Central Church of the Brethren, Kansas City, Kansas. She played the violin until she was in the ninth grade, she studied with Dr. Young of the Philharmonic.

Mary graduated from Central Missouri State University, with a bachelor's degree in psychology and a minor in business administration. Mary was an independent contractor for Home Interiors & Country Peddler. She began her career as a social worker in Kirksville, Missouri. She was a Child Advocate, Investigator and Home Services Representative for Missouri, Division of Family Services. She served in Johnson County, Vernon County and Cass County.

In the 60's she was a volunteer for the American Cancer Society. She served as President and Campaign Chairman for Henry County. She served as a Grey Lady and on the American Red Cross Board for several years. She volunteered at the old Wetzel Hospital and Golden Valley Hospital. In 1963, she became a member of Beta Sigma Phi. She received the Order of the Rose, and Life Membership awards. Through the years she served several chapters and enjoyed the wonderful friendships she made and retained.

She is survived by her daughter, Cindy (Lyle) Walters of Warrensburg, son, Mark (Tammy) Smarr of Newfield, New York; grandchildren, Davy Smarr, Stacey Kala Nyx, Charlotte Hollingworth, Craig Walters, Robert Walters, Dustin Smarr, Nathan Smarr, Amber Collins and Jacob Smarr; siblings, Ginger Scott of Lake Lotawana, Missouri, John Utter of Kansas City, Kansas and

Arthur Utter of Olathe, Kansas.

She was preceded by her parents, George and Elizabeth Utter; 2 sons, David Smarr and Charles Smarr; sisters Opal Paine, Ruth Scheuler, Dorothy Nixon, Anna Lynch and Carolyn (Susie) Blomquist, and brother, Richard Utter.

Visitation Friday, January 5, 2024, at 12:00 PM. Funeral Service, Friday, January 5, 2024, at 1:00 PM, Consalus Funeral Home, 209 S. 2nd St., Clinton, MO. 64735. Burial at Englewood Cemetery following Chapel Funeral Service.

Condolences may be left online at www.ConsalusFuneralHome.com.

**MARY KATHRYN
DEMMING**

Mary Kathryn Demming, 94, of Clinton, Missouri passed away peacefully at her home on Friday, December 22, 2023. She was born April 28, 1929 in Brainer, Mo., the daughter of William Charles Wheeler and Hazel Mae (Phillips) Wheeler.

She married Robert Monroe "Bob" Demming on December 30, 1974 in Kansas City, Mo. He preceded her in death on October 22, 2010. Mary retired as office manager for the Prudential Life Insurance Company in 1975 after 27 years of service. She was a member of the Clinton Methodist Church, Clinton Country Club, Meadow Lake Country Club and the Golden Valley Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, where she served as a longtime volunteer. She was a graduate of Polo High School, Polo, Mo.

She is survived by nieces and nephews, Ted E. Wheeler, Claudia Terra Bradley, Brenda Kay Ashworth, Leslie Wheeler Flora, Charles Alan Wheeler and Brian M. Wheeler; and numerous great-nieces and great-nephews.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, William Charles Wheeler, Jack C. Wheeler and Wilbur Leslie Wheeler; and three sisters, Evelyn Ashworth, Avenell Terra and Lois Tarwater; a niece, Linda Lea; and one nephew, Michael Terra.

Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 9, 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. Interment will be in the Forest Hill Cemetery, Kansas City, Mo. The family suggests memorial contributions to the Golden Valley Memorial Hospital, and these donations may be left in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be left online at www.bradleyhadley.com.

**Death
Notices**

Patricia Gary, 70, died Sun, Dec. 24, 2023. Funeral services were held at 11:30am on Sat, Dec. 30, 2023 at Vansant-Mills Funeral Home in Clinton, MO., visitation was 10:30-11:30am prior to the service. Burial followed in the Green Lawn Cemetery Rich Hill, MO. Arrangements have been entrusted to Vansant-Mills Funeral Home in Clinton, Missouri. ***

Howard L. Cupp Jr., age 82, died Tues, Dec. 26, 2023. Howards wishes were to be cremated with a Celebration of Life to be held at 11am on Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at the Clinton Christian Church. Visitation will be from 10-11am prior to the service. Arrangements have been entrusted to Vansant-Mills Funeral Home in Clinton, Missouri. ***

Mary A. Coulter, 94, died Wed, Dec. 27, 2023. Funeral services were Wed, Jan. 3rd, 2024 at 11am the Vansant-Mills Funeral

Home, Clinton, MO. Burial took place following the services in the Englewood Cemetery, Clinton, MO. Family received friends on Tues, Jan. 2nd, 2024 from 5-7pm at the chapel. Arrangements have been entrusted to Vansant-Mills Funeral Home in Clinton, MO. ***

Claude E. Robertson, 51 died Fri, Dec. 29, 2023. A Memorial Visitation will be held Fri, Jan. 5th, 2023 from 3-5pm at the Vansant-Mills Funeral Home, Clinton, MO. Arrangements with Vansant-Mills Funeral Home in Clinton, Missouri. ***

Michael Eugene Rash, 72, died Sat, Dec. 30, 2023. Celebration of Life services will be Thur, Jan. 4th, 2024 at 2pm at the Vansant-Mills Funeral Home, Clinton, MO. Family will receive friends from 1-2pm at the chapel. Burial with Military Honors will follow in the Englewood Cemetery, Clinton, MO. Arrangements have been entrusted to Vansant-Mills Funeral Home in Clinton, MO. ***

Calhoun Community Church

Welcome to the Good News from Calhoun Community Church, our church family gathers at 9:30 a.m. for pre-church food and fellowship. We use this special time for visiting one with another, welcoming Guests as they arrive for Worship, and signing cards of encouragement for our card ministry. We ring the church bell at 9:45 a.m. Tucker McNeely, who usually rings the bell, and family arrived just in time for church this morning so Tucker rang it again, just because we can.

We extend our sympathy and Christian love to the family and friends of John Trolinger who passed into the arms of Jesus on Christmas day. Others on our prayer list include Amber and Patrick Dittmer and baby daughter, Carol Lane, Shelby Bicknell, Millie Redding, Charles Green, Johnny and Mary Antwiler, Eddie Roth and family, Rev. Jackson and Sondra Short, Patty Dump, Jean Dittmer, and Dave Burson. 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 to grow, here on the southeast corner of the Calhoun square.

Joys to celebrate: Savannah and Tucker McNeely lit the altar candles this morning. Debbie Joy commented on what a wonderful Christmas Eve service we had last Sunday. It is such a joy to have children in our church and they are so willing to do whatever is asking of them. The children don't go down stairs for Sunday school until after the offering is taken. Tucker is our usher and is ready to pass the offering plate without prompting when the time comes. Sue Lesmeister was pleased to have her sister-in-law Corrine Lesmeister as her guest this morning. The Colwells expressed their joy to be home after spending time with the sons, grandsons, and their families and friends at the farm at Round Top, Texas. It's always great to go and equally pleasant to be home with our church family. Rev. Jackson's message this morning was about remembering, "The Reason for the Season." It is important as Christians we don't let the events of the Christmas Celebration (decorations, trees, songs, gifts, etc.) out shine the event of Christ's birth. The most important celebration is in the hearts of God's people.

A group joined Rev. Jackson at the Rock Island Cafe in Leeton for lunch after church and the fried chicken dinner was delicious. An impromptu group met in the church fellowship hall, played skip-bow and worked on our repurposed glass projects New Years Eve. At midnight Tom went upstairs and rang the church bell to proclaim our presence on the square here in Calhoun. God is good all the time and blesses those who believe.

Should you be looking for a new place to grow your faith come by for a visit, dress as you are comfortable, bring the youngsters and be prepared to receive a blessing for your effort. We are a Concerned and Praying Nondenominational Church. We will be blessed by your presence.

First Baptist

On Sunday, guest Pastor Frasier Armstrong delivered a special message to remind us that we are running out of time. Beginning with 2 Peter 1, which encourages us to grow in our faith, Pastor Frasier reminded members and guests that His Word is sufficient, providing all we need. He offered 3 reminders regarding His Word:

1. The Gospels are eye-witness accounts of the ministry of Jesus.
2. Every Old Testament prophesy is fulfilled in the person of Jesus.
3. The primary ministry of the Word and Spirit of God is to remind us of the teachings of Jesus.

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Our predisposition is to forget these things, so God leaves us with the Bible as reminder. The authors spoke through the power of the Holy Spirit. The Bible is the Word of God, spoken through the Spirit of God. We are all running out of time, so we should all get into the habit of reading scripture, modeling this habit for those around us. Don't run out of time to choose Jesus!

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

Christmas is God's plan for our salvation. God brings divine good will to all humankind. Because of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our hope is complete. Rejoice and praise God for his amazing grace.

Romans 8: 18 – 25 was the scripture text used by Rev. Nancy Gillard in the message Forever and Four – ever. This was the last sermon in the series "Looking Up for Christmas". Our anthem on the last Sunday in 2023 was brought to us by our hand chimes choir. They played two hymns "O Christmas Tree" and "O Come, All Ye Faithful". We are blessed to have musical talent in our congregation.

This was the last Sunday for the gorgeous red poinsettias in our sanctuary. Thank you to everyone who donated these beautiful flowers in memory or honor of loved ones.

A congregational meeting was held after the worship service. Our new Elders and Deacons will be installed on Sunday, January 14, 2024 followed by the monthly fellowship.

Mark and Gay Smith will lead a community choir that is being formed. 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 are no Tai Chi classes again this week but classes will resume Monday, January 8. Strengthen your core and improve your balance with Tai Chi. Start the new year off doing something nice for yourself.

The temperature outside may be cold but at First Presbyterian Church you will find a warm, friendly, welcoming congregation. Come join us. If you are unable to attend in person, the worship services are available online at our website: fpccintonmo.net. You will also find a monthly newsletter and calendar of happenings. Be sure to check them out.

Mt. Calvary
Apostolic Pentecostal

"Is Church Important to God?"

Scriptures: 1Samuel 4:7, 1Kings 5:3-5, 1Kings 8:10-11, Jeremiah 5:1-11, Ezekiel 8:14-17, Luke 2:46-49, Matthew 20:6, Acts 2:47-48, Acts 20:28,30, Hebrews 10:25, Revelation 22:16, 1Timothy 3:15

For the longest time, God dwelled in a tent. However, he wanted a house.

1Ki 5:3-5.

David could not build God's house because he had blood on his hands. God told Solomon, David's son to build him a house.

1Ki 8:10-11.

God was pleased to have a house. The glory of God filled the house, it says in getse 11, that the priest could not stand to minister because of the cloud of God's glory.

Therefore we should not say that a church is just a building. Though it would happen later, the Medes would make Babylon pay for destroying God's temple.

The Lord showed Ezekiel the abominations of the men behind closed doors in the temple. They said God would not see.

Ezk 8:12-13.

People always believe they aren't seen behind closed doors but God sees everything. It tells us what God showed him in Ezekiel 8:16-17

Just as these men turned their backs away from God and were worshipping the sun.

People today do the same thing. They turn their back on God and worship other gods.

Like in the present day, we, like David question God about the wicked who seem to always prosper in their wickedness. If the devil can make us think that the wicked is continuously winning, he can persuade some to follow him.

David went to the temple, he did not fall for that deception. The result of the wicked is hell. For Christians, it will be heaven. We should keep our focus on God and the rewards he has for us.

The house of God is so important to him that his parents searched for him for three days when he was down here. They found him in the temple.

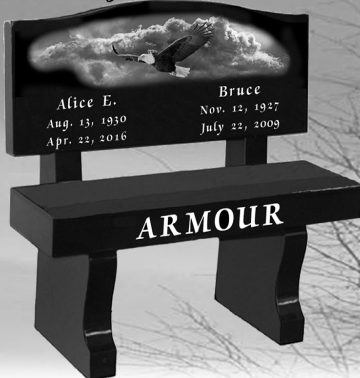
God added to the church daily: (Acts 2:47-48) and he purchased the church with his blood. (Acts 20:28 & 30).

1Ti 3:15.

We need to come together to strengthen one another because people are leaving the church. In chapter one of Revelation Jesus told John to write to the seven churches.

Rev 22:16.

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grants for Missouri FFA chapters to fund efforts addressing local food security needs. In 2023, recipient FFA chapters raised resources to provide 114,850 meals in their local communities from grant-funded projects.

The Missouri FFA chapters receiving 2024 Drive to Feed Kids grants are:

- Ballard FFA, Butler
- Cass County Career Center FFA, Harrisonville
- Climax Springs FFA, Climax Springs
- Concordia FFA, Concordia
- Farmington FFA, Farmington
- Newburg FFA, Newburg
- Otterville FFA, Otterville
- Pleasant Hill FFA, Pleasant Hill
- Pilot Grove FFA, Pilot Grove
- Union FFA, Union
- West Platte FFA, Weston

"Missouri agriculture is honored to help Missouri FFA members fulfill their 'Living to Serve' motto," said Ashley McCarty, executive director of Missouri Farmers Care Foundation. "The Missouri Farmers Care Drive to Feed Kids, presented with ADM and Brownfield Ag News, equips youth to positively impact their communities. The activities funded by these grants impact the lives of FFA members and make brighter days for children and families facing hunger in our communities."

Drive to Feed Kids matching grants of \$250 are offered competitively to chapters hosting service-learning projects focused on the mission of addressing food insecurity. FFA chapters raise matching funds or generate in-kind contributions to support the projects. A second round of grant applications will be accepted from Missouri FFA chapters for activities impacting food insecurity held between January 1 and August 1, 2024. Applications are available at <https://mofarmerscare.com/drivemigrant/>.

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"Missouri FFA's Motto is 'Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve'" said Keith Dietzschold, Missouri Agriculture Education Director, and State FFA Advisor. "Opportunities like this grant program provide experiences for our members to practice learning, doing, and serving and along the way our members impact their local communities. This is such a win for our Missouri FFA members. Thank you to Missouri Farmers Care and their members for the support with this grant program and the additional activities during the year. Being a small part of this partnership, which brings Missouri agriculture together for the benefit of the citizens of Missouri, is an honor."

Missouri Farmers Care Foundation's Drive to Feed Kids and Missouri FFA join forces annually to raise awareness and resources to address needs faced by families facing food insecurity. The Missouri Farmers Care Food Drive Tuesday and Missouri FFA State Day of Service is August 13th at the Missouri State Fair. The organizations will again partner as hundreds of FFA members pack over 150,000 meals and fairgoers make a difference through their donations. In 2023, the Drive to Feed Kids collaborative effort raised 1,200,389 meals for Feeding Missouri, a coalition of Missouri's six Food Banks working to provide hunger relief to every county through a network of more than 1,500 community feeding programs.

Companies, organizations and individuals interested in joining the Drive to Feed Kids can find details and a link to give at www.mofarmerscare.com/drive. All donations support the Drive and the work of Feeding Missouri network food banks who work daily to alleviate hunger.

EXPO
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seminars on the unique characteristics of Truman Lake that make it stand out from other venues as a fishing destination. Truman Lake has been ranked among the top 10 locations in the US for fishing crappie, and also provides excellent opportunities for catfish, bass, and walleye.

Although a relatively new event, the Truman Lake Fishing Expo has gained a loyal following among attendees and exhibitors alike, and its hosts at Radford Media Group take pride in sharing the many advantages Truman Lake has to offer, and in providing the opportunity to enhance and strengthen community ties among anglers.

Radford Media Group first began the Truman Lake Fishing Expo in 2021 to develop and strengthen the many opportunities available in/among the Truman Lake fishing community and local businesses and organizations. Co-owned by husband-and-wife team Clayton & Brittany Radford—who are themselves natives of Clinton, MO—Radford Media Group manages 95.3 FM KDKD and 104.9 FM KXEA radio stations. The company's motto is "We are Commu-

nity First!"

Upholding that spirit of community and connections, Truman Lake Fishing Expo brings together businesses and organizations—from the surrounding Truman Lake area and from farther afield—who share a common interest in fishing or associated areas of industry such as conservation, tourism, camping, marinas, boats, baits and lures, rods and reels, guided tours, equipment and supplies, and apparel and accessories.

The expo itself draws visitors to the area, and brings together groups which otherwise might not meet, allowing an opportunity for networking and development that benefits the Truman Lake community in myriad ways.

Creation of the Harry S Truman Reservoir, also known as Truman Lake, was completed in 1979, encompassing 55,600 acres of water and 122,784 acres of land during normal lake elevation.

The US Army Corps of Engineers reports that recreational visits associated with Truman Lake ranged from .97 to over 1.74 million visits per year from 2014-2021.

Truman Lake is known in particular for its exceptional populations of black and white crappie, in addition to populations of blue, channel, and flathead catfish; white bass, hybrid striped bass, walleye, paddlefish, largemouth bass, spotted bass, and bluegill.

Many local businesses benefit from or rely upon tourism associated with fishing and with connected activities such as camping, boating, and other outdoor recreation.

In addition to exhibitors, Truman Lake Fishing Expo is pleased to host speakers for guest seminars on topics important to Truman Lake and our anglers. In 2024, our presentations will include:

- Crankbait Fishing on Truman Lake, David Ryan of Dave's Custom Baits
- Guided Fishing on Truman Lake, Jeff Faulkenberry of Faulkenberry's End-

less Season Guide Service

- Fightin' Wipers: Hybrid Striped Bass on Truman Lake, Jim Cuda of Hybrid Mania Guide Service
- Catchin' Crappie, Barry Morrow & Chad Maupin,

Crappie National Champions

- Fisheries Management, Chris Brooke, MDC Fisheries Management Biologist
- Boat to Kayak, Chad Davison, professional kayak

angler

- Boating Safety, Master Captain Bob May of Bob's No-Wake Zone radio show Seminar titles and presenters may be subject to change.

Jennifer Ruff Receives Grant to Pursue Degree in Nursing



DEBBIE SIEGER, Member, Jennifer Ruff, Recipient, Brenda Ford, Member, Kim Shields, Member and Peggy Arthur, Member.

Jennifer Ruff, a student at Crowder College, Nevada, MO, was awarded a P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education Grant from the P.E.O. Sisterhood. She was sponsored by P.E.O. Chapter IU of Clinton, MO.

The P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education was established in 1973 to provide need-based grants to women in the U.S. and Canada whose education has been interrupted and who find it necessary to return to school to complete a degree or certification that will improve their marketable skills for employment to support themselves and/or families.

Jennifer Ruff is pursuing a degree in nursing. She has already received her certification as a licensed practical nurse as a stepping stone to reach her ultimate career goal of being a registered nurse.

P.E.O. (Philanthropic Educational Organization) has been celebrating women helping women reach for the stars for more than 150 years. Since its inception in 1869, the nonprofit organization has helped more than 122,000 women pursue educational goals by providing nearly \$415

million in grants, scholarships, awards and loans. The Sisterhood also owns and supports Cottey College. Through membership, the P.E.O. Sisterhood has brought together more than half a million women in the United States and Canada who are passionate about helping women advance through education while supporting and motivating them. In addition to the educational philanthropies, the P.E.O. Sisterhood provides a framework of support and community for all members.

What started with a bond

of friendship among seven women in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, is now one of the oldest women's organizations in North America with close to 5,600 chapters.

To learn more about P.E.O., its powerful educational philanthropies and see stories of women who have benefited from the programs, visit peointernational.org.

You can also join us at: [@PEOInternational](https://facebook.com/peointernational) on Instagram [@PEOSisterhood](https://twitter.com/PEOSisterhood) on Twitter.com

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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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Ellett Memorial Hospital are now excepting applications for the following. Benefit eligible, paid Life Insurance plan and much more. Available Full Time: Certified Respiratory Therapist, Dietary-Cook/Aide, Licensed Practical Nurse Available PRN Positions: RN, LPN, Rad. Tech, Paramedic, Housekeeping. Please submit Resume' to Heather.Payton@ellettmemorial.com or in person @ 610 N. Ohio St. Appleton City, MO. au9xtfn

HELP WANTED

Farm help needed taking care of cattle for small operation. Duties include: tending cattle, working and feeding cattle, setting out hay and checking fences. In Coal, MO. area. Need a self starter and motivated person. Pay is \$15-20+, depending on abilities. (660)492-3527 n22x8p

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Pyrenees Anatolian mix puppies available February 1. Call 816-289-8328 for more information. j3x3p

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THE LITTLE APPLE

DECEMBER 27, 2023

Due to the holidays, trash pickup for Appleton City will be Friday, January 5, (not on Thursday).

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. Possible local ideas are available in the December 22 issue of "The Appleton City Journal" and on the AC City Hall webpage, <https://acmogov.com/city-hall>. On the webpage, select "Home" on the white bar on top. The drawing shows a Christmas tree being decorated with forest animals. The second picture (click the right arrow or the second circle at the bottom of the picture) will bring up some suggestions and a link to the Rural Missouri survey. 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 website to vote is: <https://ruralmissouri.org/best-of-2024>. By voting, it can bring attention to our area to others who may not be aware of what this area has to offer.

Funds are needed for the "Backpack Program". The backpacks have kid friendly food that goes home with 25 needy school kids weekly. Trinity United Methodist Church in Appleton City houses this project, which is funded by community donations. At this time, with the increase in cost of groceries, they are reaching out for your help. Donations are accepted at the church. For more information, call 660-492-7591

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

The following is a list of unacceptable items not allowed in the weekly trash: universal waste (yard waste), animal waste, asbestos containing materials, closed barrels, cans or drums, compressed gas cylinders, explosives, anything highly flammable or volatile, hazardous waste, industrial waste, incinerator residual, infectious waste, liquid waste, motor oil, pesticides, pcb's, radioactive waste, septic tank pumping's or sludge, no electronics (televisions, computers, microwaves, etc.)

The Ellett Memorial Hospital Foundation was established in 2000 by a local couple to benefit and carry out the purposes of Ellett Memorial Hospital. The Foundation has played a major role in the Hospital's recent renovation/expansion project. The Foundation is a 501c3 organization and plays an important role in ensuring the future of the Hospital by providing an avenue for individuals, groups and corporations to lend their financial support through tax-deductible contributions. The Ellett Memorial Hospital Foundation would like to extend an invitation to the community to assist with this project. They would like to welcome all current and past members of the community and service area to make a donation to the Ellett Memorial Hospital Foundation. Donations can be restricted or non-restricted for use as the donor

identifies. Recognition will be given for all contributions. For further information, contact Julee Snyder, Ellett Memorial Hospital, 660-476-211.

New Year's check hint: Go ahead and write 2024 on the next several checks in your checkbook. That way, you won't write the wrong year on them during the first few days of 2024.

"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 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 If you have changed your email address, please send the current address, so the list can be updated.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan 5 Trash pickup in Appleton City
 Jan 8-13 ACHS Invitational Basketball Tournament



The Shepherd Calls by Dr. H. Wade Paris

LUKE, THE UNIVERSAL GOSPEL

As you may know, The Gospel of Luke is the third of four gospels in the Bible. The book is known by numerous adjectives---the gospel for the Gentiles, the gospel for women, the gospel of prayer, the gospel of praise, the universal gospel, the beautiful gospel, the gospel for the poor. Any one of those descriptive titles would be fitting. I choose to call this column Luke - The Universal Gospel because it is so inclusive.

Each of the four gospel writers had a target group they wished to reach or an agenda to get across. Luke's gospel is directed to an important friend, His Majesty Theophilus, a high official in the Roman government. In the process of giving his friend Theo an accurate account of Jesus, Luke pens a very readable story of who Jesus was and what He did.

Luke writes from the perspective of a layman. He was a physician. He accompanied the Apostle Paul (who wrote two-thirds of the New Testament) on many of Paul's journeys. Luke is a Gentile, the only Gentile author in the New Testament. Luke seldom quotes the Old Testament. His readers would not be familiar with it. There is nothing in Luke's gospel that Gentiles could not understand. For example, Luke never uses the Jewish term, "Rabbi." Instead, he refers to Jesus with the Greek equivalent, "Master."

William Barclay, the noted theologian and author, said, "It is as if Luke said to himself, 'I am writing the greatest story in the world; and nothing but the best and most accurate is good enough.'"

All the gospels teach us about Jesus, but Luke was impressed with events still important to us today---events the other gospel writers did not deem important for their audience.

If you are planning to begin a Bible reading discipline, reading Luke is a good place to begin. If you read one chapter a day, you could finish the book in less than a month. Meanwhile, you will get a beautiful and accurate picture of Jesus.

CHURCH cont.....

The church is not just another building. The church is important to God.

Urich Baptist

It was a cold New Year's Eve Sunday as we worshipped 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 Lonny and Tracy Bramell on their wedding anniversary. Randy Vogt and Clint Keeney collected the offering.

We were blessed to have Joshua Sowell to bring the sermon. The scripture passage was from Psalm 24. In this passage David describes the Lord's sovereignty because He created the heavens and the earth and everything in them. Our faith in the Lord should shape our thoughts, attitudes, and behaviors in all that we do. Have a healthful and faithful New Year!

Valley Center United

Happy New Year to all!! We open our doors wide open for all to come here, to our church at the brow of the hill, to worship!

Our Christmas Eve service was full of love and the celebration of the birth of Jesus! Our sanctuary was full as the familiar carols were sung and the Christmas story was read and watched the Nativity scene unfold! It is always a joyous and happy evening together!

Next Sunday we will observe Holy Communion. Our annual church meeting and the celebration of new members will be on January 28th, with a basket lunch to follow.

We send our prayers for those who are in need of his loving hands. We pray for peace everywhere. We remember all those who are facing such war atrocities. We pray for all the children and families in the world who are without homes and nowhere to go.

Our candle-lighters this morning were Raelynn Stinnett and Grace and Alexis Maggi. The congregation sang, "Joy to the World" to begin worship services.

The lyrics in the song, "The little drummer Boy," tells us that he was summoned by the Magi to the Nativity of Jesus. Because he was poor, he came without bringing a gift. But, just as the Magi who had offered their best gifts for the baby Jesus, the young boy offered his best gift of talent with his music with drums.

Today, we humbly stand before Jesus and ask what do we have to give in return for his wonderful grace and forgiveness. Just as in the story, we each have our own special gifts to give. But, will we give just a little or will we give a little more?

We are reminded that we are the ones to step up and share these gifts and talents with others and to make that difference. We can't leave it for others to do, because we are the "others"! We need to let go of the things that weigh us down and no longer serve us. Don't let our interaction and caring for others just be in a text or an online message.

We are to be a force of love, hope and healing instead of opinions and judgement.

Almighty God, you are the light and hope to all nations and all people.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HENRY COUNTY, MISSOURI

AT, INC., SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE, Plaintiff, vs, ESTATE OF DAVID W. NICKERSON; KARMEN MARIE NICKERSON A/K/A KARMEN MARIE MCINTOSH; WYATT NICKERSON; JESSIKA NICKERSON; COURTNEY L. NICKERSON; CAITLYN S. NICKERSON; ALL OF THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNS, DONEES, ALIENEES, LEGATEES, ADMINISTRATORS, EXECUTORS, GUARDIANS, MORTGAGEES, TRUSTEES, LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES, ALL OTHER PERSONS, CORPORATIONS, OR SUCCESSORS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, OR UNDER ANYONE OR MORE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED DEFENDANTS AND ALL OTHER PERSONS AND ENTITIES UNKNOWN, CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN THE PROCEEDS DESCRIBED IN THIS PETITION ("UNKNOWN DEFENDANTS"), Defendants.

NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION STATE OF MISSOURI COUNTY OF HENRY

TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED DEFENDANTS: (a) Wyatt Nickerson and Jessika Nickerson; (b) All of the unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, assigns, donees, alienees, legatees, administrators, executors, guardians, mortgages, trustees, and legal representatives and all other persons, corporations, or successors claiming by, through, or under any one or more of the afore named defendants, and; (c) All other persons and entities unknown, claiming any right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the proceeds described in Plaintiffs Petition.

- 1. You are hereby notified that a Petition for Interpleader has been commenced against you in the Circuit Court of Henry County, Missouri, the object and general nature of which is for excess proceeds subsequent a foreclosure, which said real property is located in Henry County, Missouri having a legal description: LOT THIRTY-TWO (32) IN BROCK'S SUBDIVISION TO CLINTON, HENRY COUNTY, MISSOURI (the "Property"). 2. The name of the Court and the names of all parties to this civil action are listed in the caption of this Notice. 3. The name and address of the attorney representing the Plaintiff is: Gregory D. Todd, 2345 Grand Boulevard, Suite 1500, Kansas City, Missouri 64108. 4. You are further notified that unless you file an answer or other pleading or otherwise appear and defend yourself against this action within 45 days after 1/4/2024, judgment by default will be taken against you. 5. The newspaper to be published in is the Clinton Daily Democrat. 6. The date of the first publication is 1/4/2024.

/S/ WENDI MCGHEE, BY SD Deputy Clerk Administrator December 20, 2023 DATE

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Clinton School District is accepting bids for our transportation services contract for the next 5 years. The School District invites qualified consultants and firms to respond to this RFP, which can be located at https://www.clintoncardinals.org/news/what_s_new/request_for_proposal-student_transportation.

Notice is given that the School District will select bids based on qualifications. Please submit two (2) original binders of your response to the RFP, along with a USB drive with an electronic copy for the full response no later than 1:00 pm CST on Friday, January 19, 2024 to:

Clinton School District 701 S. 8th Street Clinton, MO 64735 Attn: Brian Wishard, Superintendent Full RFQ proposal and necessary documents can be found at https://www.clintoncardinals.org/district/_connect_with_us/requests_for_proposals_bids_and_qualifications.

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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 Seven-Thirteen 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

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:

A TRACT OF LAND DESCRIBED AS COMMENCING AT A POINT THIRTY-TWO (32) RODS FIFTEEN AND ONE-FOURTH (15 1/4) FEET SOUTH AND TWENTY-TWO (22) FEET WEST OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE 1/4) OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (NE 1/4) OF SECTION FIFTEEN (15), TOWNSHIP FORTY (40), RANGE TWENTY-SIX (26), HENRY COUNTY, MISSOURI, BEING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE HOWARD TRACT AS SHOWN IN HILLS ADDITION TO DEEPWATER, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK C AT PAGE 218; THENCE WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE HOWARD TRACT, A DISTANCE OF ONE HUNDRED NINETY (190) FEET; THENCE SOUTH EIGHT (8) RODS TO THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 8, BLOCK O OF SAID HILLS ADDITION TO DEEPWATER; THENCE EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 8 AND LOT 7, BLOCK O OF SAID HILLS ADDITION TO DEEPWATER, A DISTANCE OF ONE HUNDRED NINETY (190) FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 7, BLOCK O OF SAID HILLS ADDITION TO DEEPWATER ALSO BEING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID HOWARD TRACT; THENCE NORTH EIGHT (8) RODS ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID HOWARD TRACT, A DISTANCE OF EIGHT (8) RODS TO POINT OF BEGINNING;

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LYON COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE INTEREST OF: CHLOE MURRY, MINOR CHILD YEAR OF BIRTH: 2013 A FEMALE CARSEN MURRY, MINOR CHILD YEAR OF BIRTH: 2012 A MALE Case No.: LY-2022-JC-000127 Case No.: LY-2022-JC-000128

NOTICE OF HEARING-Publication

Pursuant to K.S.A. 38-2237

TO: Heather E. Vandenberg, Natural Mother; Frieda Calivere, Paternal Grandmother; Douglas Murry, Paternal Grandfather; Andrea Harris, Maternal Aunt\

A Motion for Finding of Unfitness and Termination of Parental Rights has been filed in this court requesting that the court terminate parental rights.

You are required to appear before this court on the Thursday, January 25, 2024 at 10:30 am in Courtroom #5 or prior to that time and file your written response to the pleading with the clerk of this court. If, after a child has been adjudged to be a child in need of care, the court finds a parent or parents to be unfit, the court may make an order permanently terminating the parent's or parents' parental rights.

Tracy McDaniel, an attorney, has been appointed as GAL for the children. Each parent or other legal custodian of the child has the right to appear and be heard personally either with or without an attorney. The court will appoint an attorney for a parent who is financially unable to hire one.

Meghan Morgan, #23102 Assistant Lyon County Attorney 430 Commercial, Ste 202 Emporia, KS 66801 620 341 3263

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Into On 12/27/2023 Between Bell, Billy J & Bell, Micheal L, Grantor, And Sherrill, Robert L & Sherrill, Jennifer R & Sherrill, Latham W & Sherrill, McCallister H, Grantee, Lt 46 Weavers Addition

Warranty Deed Entered Into On 12/27/2023 Between Stitt, Gregory W & Stitt, Kelley J, Grantor, And Akins, Christopher L & Akins, Lauren, Grantee, Lt 1 Winding Woods Repla T Of Lot 1, Phase 7 Str, 24-41-24

Warranty Deed Entered Into On 12/28/2023 Between Lower, James R, Grantor, And Schildknecht, Morgan J, Grantee, Lt 4 Bl 3 Bodine's Second Addition

Warranty Deed Entered Into On 12/28/2023 Between Shel Ton, William J & Shelton, Bonnie A, Grantor, And Alberty, Daniel J, Grantee, Lt 42 Original Town Of Clinton

Warranty Deed Entered Into On 12/28/2023 Between Michael Elite Properties, LLC, Grantor, And Meadows Property, LLC, Grantee, Lt 67 Jamestown Subdivision

Warranty Deed Entered

Quick, Brenda K, Grantee, Lt 3 Shadow Hill At Deer Creek

Marriage Licenses

GAIL A. PERRYMAN 12/27/2023, Williams, Tyler Wayne, 25, Deepwater, And Daniels, Melanie Ruth, 23, Deepwater 12/27/2023, Baumgarden, Gary Dean, 61, Chilhowee, and Purinton, Jeannette Raye, 48, Chilhowee 12/28/2023, Mullen, Billie Clinton, 46, Harrisonville, And Churchill, Kristina Leigh, 42, Ulrich

GVMH Board Report

NOVEMBER 20, 2023

The Golden Valley Memorial Hospital District Board of Directors met at 5:00 PM in the Board Room.

The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 5:00 PM by Tim Glasscock, Chairman.

One of the hospital Board members shared a story of his recent visit to the Emergency Room. He told of what great care he received from the staff and providers.

The minutes of the October 25, 2023 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The agenda was reviewed. Following review, a motion was made to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

The LEAN Six Sigma Green Belt Project Team did presentation. The presentation was Reduction of Blood Culture Contamination Rates and presented by Shawn Walters, Director of Laboratory, and Earlene Pipes, Executive Director of Nursing Services. Their findings were shared and goals for improvement. Other LEAN Project Teams will be reporting to the Board in the future.

Tara Dull, Chief Compliance Officer, presented the Compliance report as well as a patient privacy report.

Christine Faulconer, RN, Director of Quality, Risk & Patient Safety, presented the quarterly Patient Safety report to the Board, as well as, a review of Sentinel Event RCA's and grievances.

Kyle Adkins, COO, provided an update on radiation oncology construction project -

- Furnishings are complete and photos were shared of the furniture.
• The project is on time and on budget.
• Landscaping complete.
• Staffing on track.
• First patient by end of year.

Events -

- o December 9 is donor recognition in the new facility.
o December 10 - open house for employees from 2:00-3:30 PM
o December 11 - public open house in the evening from 5:00-6:30 PM.
There was no quality re-

port.

Thompson reported on Facility Expansion and Renovation.

• Therapy services in Warsaw renovation of facility underway.

Thompson informed the Board of providers requesting hospital privileges and change/increase in privileges. He stated the Executive Committee of the Medical Staff had a special meeting to review the applications for tonight's meeting. They recommend that the requested privileges be granted. A motion was made by G. R. Lowe III to grant the privileges as recommended. Bill Kelsay seconded the motion. The motion carried. The applications approved were -

Roshani R. Desai, M.D. - Courtesy - Hospitalist (Saint Luke's)

Soran A. Mahmood, M.D. Telemmed-Imaging (vRad) Matthew Mallory, M.D. - Active - Radiation Oncology

Adkins reported on provider manpower development -

- OB/GYN position open.
• Family Practice position recruitment underway
• A pediatric candidate was just interviewed and went well.

• Dr. Kim Jones, general surgeon, has just signed contract and will be starting August 2024.

Healthcare issues were discussed.

• December 14 is the Staff Christmas luncheon.

• The hospital has received the Missouri Community College Association Award for Distinguished Business and Industry. We were nominated by State Fair.

• Tree lighting ceremony (exterior) will be November 30 at 5:30 PM. We will also turn outside lights on buildings at this time.

• Open House for the Radiology Oncology building will be December 9. This is for donors, Hospital Board, Foundation Board and a few dignitaries. December 10 open house for all staff and families. December 11 will be open house for the community.

• An old memo from 1983 was shared.

• A press release from the National Rural Health Resource Center was shared. This indicates that our hospital is in the 75 percentile across the country for our patient outcomes.

There were no committee reports.

Tammy Nadler, Chief Financial Officer, presented the October financial report. Following discussion and review of the financial statement, a motion was made by Jim Johns to approve the financial report. Seconded by Bill Kelsay. Motion carried. Service Report reviewed.

There was no Physician Peer Review Report.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM. There was no Executive Session.

MOVE IT ALONG

By Raye V. Glasgow

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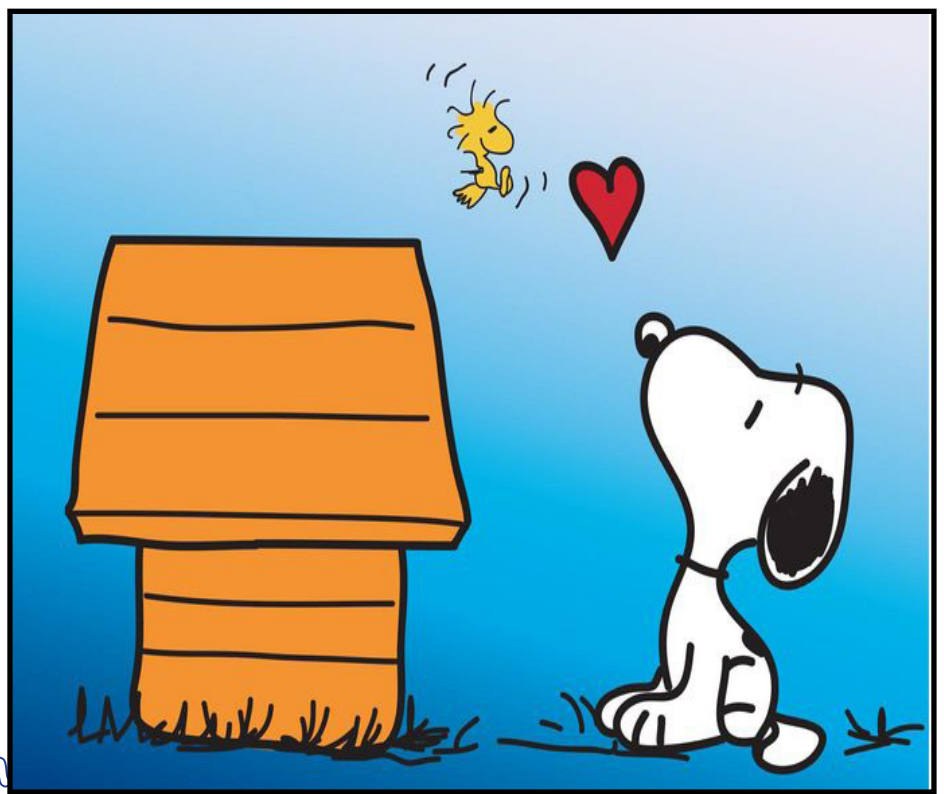
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