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The War Of The **Roses**: Holidays Keep Florist Hopping

BY JENNIFER JACKSON
Staff Reporter

On Christmas Eve, Scott Brooks worked all morning and into the afternoon, making his last delivery at 2:36 p.m. in Windsor.

He took Christmas Day off, but on Dec. 26, he was back in his shop, getting ready for the next holiday — Valentine's Day. The challenge: to estimate in December how many long-stemmed roses people will want to buy in February, so that he has enough to meet demand.

The order had to be in by Dec. 29.

Valentine's Day is one of the two biggest days of the year for sales at the Clinton Flower Shop, where Scott has worked for 30 years. When he bought the flower shop in 1996, he was 33 years old and had never owned a business

"It was a big leap," he said. The Clinton Flower Shop is the oldest continuously operating retail florist in the area, but the florist business was new to Scott when friends hired him to manage the flower shop in 1993. Scott had been working at the Sheriff's Office as communications officer and dispatcher for eight years. The Williams hired him to keep the books.



A LEAP OF FAITH has led to a colorful career for Clinton Florist Scott Brooks. With orders for Valentine's Day roses due at the end of December, Brooks hasn't had time to take down Christmas decorations at the Clinton Flower Shop.

"That was all I was supposed to do," he said.

Scott said he learned floral design out of necessity when someone came into the shop and needed flowers for a funeral.

"All the designers had left when the call came in," he said. "I had to make one, and I did."

"I still have a picture of it somewhere."

The arrangement was presentable, he said, and with

practice, he got more confident with his skills. Three years later, he bought the flower shop, which has had a variety of locations, names and owners. Wayne and Virginia Williams started the Clinton Flower Shop in 1977. They sold it in 1990 to Jeff and Cindy Lytty, who were part owners of Consalus Funeral Home. They sold it to Scott's friends, Jim and Connie Fowler.

The shop was located on

Ohio Street, then moved to Washington, where it was Mary Ann's Flower Shop on the Square. Mary Anne's and the Clinton Flower Shop eventually merged, and in 2007, Scott moved the Clinton Flower Shop to its present location, 218 S. Third. Formerly the Sickman and Dunning Funeral Home, it has more elbow room to arrange flowers and cooler space to store

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Chamber Director Asks City Council For Feedback

BY LUKE EDWARDS
Staff Reporter

The Clinton City Council met in open session, January 2, at City Hall.

All members of the council were present. Following roll call and the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance, the previous meeting's minutes were accepted. Reports by Chamber Director David Lee and Economic Development Director Mark Dawson were heard.

Director Lee reported celebrating the 10 year anniversary for Mallards; he also welcomed new chamber member Running Wild Barbecue to the chamber businesses. Director Lee took a moment to congratulate the city on the ground breaking for the new Clinton Regional Airport terminal.

Director Lee asked for feedback about the musical holiday lights on the downtown square. Consensus from council members was



MAKING an appearance at the Clinton City Council meeting, Chamber Director David Lee passed out membership booklets and updated the council on this year's Olde Glory Days schedule.

that most liked the light set up this year, but there were a few nay-sayers: some heard they liked the old "solid and on" version from years past, and at least one person had said to a council

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Fly Tying Classes Fight Winter Blues



TIE 'EM UP! Nathan Bettencourt will lead this year's Fly-Tying Classes that will be held at the Clinton MDC Office.

BY KEITH JACKSON
Staff Reporter

As winter's cold and shorter days close in, there's respite. The Missouri Department of Conservation is once again offering free fly-tying classes, a way to be fishing oriented when being on the water is uncomfortable.

The classes will feature two fly patterns each ses-

sion with participants learning the necessary techniques to complete each fly.

The good news is that those who attend only have to show up. The tools and materials needed to tie the various flies are provided, and there is no charge for the classes.

Unfortunately, the first class for beginners to be

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Mother-Daughter Duo Helps Solve Family Mysteries

BY JENNIFER JACKSON
Staff Reporter

Many mothers and grown daughters like to spend time together, meeting for a day out of shopping and lunch, to visit a museum or go to a movie.

Elaine Moore and Becky Mullen share a mutual interest in cemeteries.

Elaine and Becky are both registered members of Find a Grave, an online database of graves available to the public at no charge. Elaine, who lives in Clinton, concentrates on cemeteries in Henry County, while her daughter, Becky, focuses on St. Clair County, mainly the Appleton City Cemetery. They also cover Bates and Cass counties.

"Mom is really into genealogy," Becky said. "For me, it's not so much the genealogy as the history."

Their goal: to document and maintain accurate records, then make that information available online to people who are researching their family tree. Verifying information and the location of graves requires getting out and walking the cemeteries, comparing what's



A PASSION FOR THE PAST, Elaine Moore and Becky Mullen spend 8-10 hour days in cemeteries where they document information on gravestones and take photographs to post online.

inscribed on tombstones with death certificates, and posting photos of the grave markers on the Find a Grave website.

Indexing cemeteries, as it's called, is an interest that grows to fill your free time, Becky said.

"It's not a hobby as much as an obsession," Becky said. Given the magnitude of the project, it's one that will keep them occupied for a

long time. Englewood has almost 15,000 burials. Appleton City has more than 4,500.

Then there's the 157 family or chapel cemeteries in Henry County.

So they set doable goals. Becky recently completed the goal of getting all the veterans' graves in the Appleton City Cemetery marked on Find a Grave. She also wants to make sure

all the veterans' graves are marked on the ground, and notes that the Veterans Administration will provide a marker free of charge.

Elaine said she is about a tenth of the way through marking veterans' graves on FindaGrave with a "V." Making sure people's military service is not forgotten is important, she said, as is proper flag etiquette—only

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THURSDAY	
HIGH	42
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FRIDAY	
HIGH	29
LOW	6
SATURDAY	
HIGH	16
LOW	-1
SUNDAY	
HIGH	3
LOW	-9
MONDAY	
HIGH	4
LOW	-10
TUESDAY	
HIGH	14
LOW	6
WEDNESDAY	
HIGH	26
LOW	12

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

By James Mahlon White



Well, the President gave his first campaign speech for the 2024 election. It was all about January 6 and The Donald. Uncle Joe said January 6, 2020 at the Capitol was a “Dagger at the heart of democracy and we nearly lost the country.” This, coming from a President who’s attempting to imprison his top political opponent, destroy his family business and keep him of the ballot because he’s a “Threat to democracy.” UNBELIEVABLE! If the January 6 crowd had burned parts of downtown DC and looted the 7-11 it would have been considered a “Peaceful protest.” President Biden needs President Trump. Without him, he’d have no one else to blame for his self created disasters.

There is other news from D.C. The Secretary of Defense was hospitalized on New Year’s Day and placed in ICU. The Commander-In-Chief wasn’t informed until Thursday. Let’s be honest here, the Pentagon and State Department are the ones really running the show. President Trump was stymied at every turn. With President Biden they don’t feel the need to keep the White House in the loop. Our Defense Secretary in the hospital and his Deputy on vacation while we have two wars going on. This would never happen in any other work place.

Ran across an article about how today’s students don’t know much about history, especially of World War II. It highlighted a Montgomery County, Maryland student. Montgomery County is an upscale suburb of our Nation’s Capitol. At one time the school’s there were among the best in the country. Anyway, the writer noted that a current student got a B in history. But he was not sure when World War II ended (1945). The writer continued, “He

can’t name a single general (Eisenhower, MacArthur, Marshall) or one battle, such as D-Day, Corregidor or Bataan. He didn’t know who was President when the war started.” However, take good cheer! The student knew about the Japanese-Americans who were sent to internment camps, which he called “Concentration camps.” Political correctness seems to have taken over many classrooms. The author suggested that somebody take the student to see the World War II Memorial on the National Mall. It’s not far from where he lives. He also asked, “Is this what we are getting for education spending, kids who know more about the few wrongs America has committed than they do about the many rights?” A very good question and I’m glad it was asked.

Ah well, it’s a crazy world that may blow up at any moment. Hang in there Old Buddy.

Til Next Week:
J.M.W.

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cil person “they were hard to take pictures of” [because of the blinking]. At any rate, Director Lee said the chamber sold many gift certificates this season (with the promotion in place) and he reported the dates for two events: January 18 is the annual Chamber banquet, and March 18 is the Chamber Ambassador event which will feature several prominent speakers – or at least, attendees.

Lee concluded his report by updating the council on Olde Glory Days scheduling/programming: This year it will be held from July 3 – 7 which, because July 4th falls on a Thursday this year, will give an extra day for festivities on the square for entertainment, vendors, and the carnival. The mega-firework display will be on Sunday night.

Economic Development Director Mark Dawson reported three new projects opened this month: Project Sparky, Project Parker, and Project Blacksheep. He reported Project Diversify is “extremely close” to coming to fruition and that Project Sprocket looks favorable.

Currently Dawson is working on a chapter 100 item for a business which could be located in the county. He also reported that five businesses have stepped forward to give tours and/or mentor CHS students in the coming year. The idea is to provide information to outgoing students about careers available to them. This will be available to Juniors and Seniors.

Dawson concluded by reporting there were 42 projects met last year, 40 the year before and 18 the year previous to that. “Things are going really well,” said Dawson.

There were no second readings of bills and no Public Works report.

Councilman Gene Henry gave the Public Safety report. He reported that Deputy Chief Paul Abbott has reported he will be conducting a review of the local animal control ordinances in relation to the already present state laws. Also to ensure compliance. Salary increases and staffing were determined (during the public safety meeting) to be the lion’s share of any money a public safety tax would generate.

Comparisons to other



Get to Know Clinton, MO.

NAME: Stacey Genesse.
BIRTHPLACE: Kansas City.
YEARS IN CLINTON: I live outside of Clinton and have been here for 7 years.
FAMILY: 2 kids and a fiancée.
THE BEST THING ABOUT LIVING IN CLINTON IS: Great community.
OCCUPATION: Nurse.
WHAT I WANTED TO BE WHEN I GREW UP: Nurse.
FIRST JOB: Fast food.
FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY: Baking with my grandma.
THE BEST TIME OF MY LIFE WAS WHEN: I had my babies.
WHAT DO YOU VALUE MOST IN YOUR FRIENDS: Honesty.
YOUR GREATEST FEAR IS:

Something happening to my kids.
MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT: I’m not sure.
I HOPE I NEVER HAVE TO: Move to another state.
I’VE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO: Blow a bubble.
IF I WON THE LOTTERY, I WOULD: Give to the church and retire somewhere tropical.
MY DREAM TRIP WOULD BE TO: Paris.
HOBBIES: Baking and puzzles.
FAVORITE BAND OR MUSICIAN: Greta Van Fleet.
FAVORITE MOVIES: Any 80’s brat pack movie.
FAVORITE DRINK: Iced tea.
FAVORITE SNACK: Trail mix.
FAVORITE CANDY: Snick-



ers.
FUTURE GOAL: To be a grandma and spoil my grandkids.
WHICH PERSON DO YOU ADMIRE MOST: My dad.
ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE YOUR YOUNGER SELF: Stay true to yourself.
WORDS TO LIVE BY: If you want it, work for it and make it happen.

communities of similar size have been made to gauge staff size, salary range, etc. Also, the CIIEG grant application is still in progress. The grant would potentially allow the City of Clinton’s fire department to utilize about \$1 million dollars towards the construction of a fire training center; also important is that it would not require any “hard” money from the city as previous purchases of fire trucks and like equipment can be used as a comparable match according to the grant.

Mayor Carla Moberly’s recommendation for the re-appointment of Scott Bernard to the Personnel Board was accepted by the council. City Administrator Christy Maggi reported that an issue to proceed had been given to Do-Rite Construction in regards to the Community Drive Project. The estimated time of project completion is June 3.

A sizable discussion regarding Bill No. 2023-39 pertaining to the submission of the ½ of a cent sales tax to appear on a ballot this year was held. The main point of discussion was about the timing of the measure’s appearance. Councilman Henry pointed out that two school district issues will appear on the April ballot which may make the passing of the sales tax proposal difficult. Councilman Roger House voiced the opposite, supporting the measure be placed on the ballot in April. “We’ve been talking about this for a long time,” he said. “We desperately need more personnel.” Staffing levels in other cities, comparable to Clinton, indicate two per shift shortages. Fire Chief Mark Manuel said he was very concerned about the lack of staff. “Right now the max crew size for a response is four. That leaves three to operate the equipment and one person to go in to a rescue alone.”

Chief Manuel said: “We can only keep people safe so long with these levels of staffing.”

Assistant Chief Matt Willings said he believed the

tax would do fine on the April ballot and that it is simply a matter of educating the public as to the need. Councilman Daniel Wilson believed the tax should appear on the April ballot because of the political interference that could happen in August – or even November. “April is the city’s best shot to pass this in 2024,” he said. He further commented that the matter of staffing shortages has been brought to the council’s attention for three years now. “Mark [Chief Manuel] is not an alarmist,” he said, indicating it would not have been brought up at all if it were not necessary.

Chief Manuel also said that the tax increase, which would give the city additional staffing resources, would also improve the ISO rating.

The ISO rating, which affects insurance rates – and makes communities more attractive to businesses seeking to locate somewhere in general, plays a role in the economic growth of communities. If the fire training center is able to be constructed (pending the CIIEG grant) it could improve even further.

Councilman Gene Henry remained the sole “no” vote for the first reading of the bill: “I am not against the bill, I just don’t think it should be in April,” he said.

With no new business to discuss, the Clinton City Council adjourned to executive session at 6:33 p.m.

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held at the MDC’s Clinton office is fully registered, but there is a waiting list, so there’s a chance of last-minute openings. It will take place January 16th, 18th, 22nd and 25th

from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Kara Entrop said that the class likely “filled up due to our text alerts” or to a news release that ran on the Missouri Department of Conservation’s Facebook page. Entrop is a Community Education Assistant based at the Lost Valley Hatchery in Warsaw.

On the upside, while the beginner’s class currently is full, a class for intermediate fly tyers is scheduled for February with the start currently scheduled for the 13th running in four sessions until the 22nd. This is a series of classes, and those who attend need to have some experience and have the basic skills necessary.

The dates haven’t been finalized yet, but the classes are tentatively set to run in the afternoons and will be held at the Lost Valley Hatchery in Warsaw.

There also is a class planned for those who are interested in tying crappie jigs, using some of the same techniques used in tying flies, according to the Kara Entrop. This class will “probably be in March or April”.

The beginner’s class will follow last year’s format with easy-to-tie fly patterns. While the flies are fairly simple, they are fish catchers, according to Clinton’s Nathan Bettencourt, leader of the class. The intermediate classes will work on patterns that take more skill or require more advanced techniques.

Entrop says that to receive text alerts you need to type MDC in the message and send the text to 468311. It’s also possible to follow the MDC on Facebook or go to the MDC website at www.mdc.mo.gov/events and select for county or region.

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Did you stay up and watch the ball drop on New Years?



“No, we were in bed by 10 pm!”

-Lori Tritz



“I have 5 munchkins, I don’t stay up that late any night!”

-Allie Hudgins



“Nope. I’m old and can’t stay up past 10:00.”

-Tom Brodnax

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STARTING HIS 31ST YEAR working in the florist business, Scott Brooks at his shop in Clinton.

them, and also has living quarters on the second floor, where Scott lives.

Scott is not far from where he grew up in Calhoun. He graduated from Calhoun High School in 1981. His mother was an organist, and Scott inherited her ear for music. He started playing for services at Calhoun Baptist Church, he said, then was the organist at First Assembly of God for 13 years, at First Baptist Church for 15 years, and at the UMC in Windsor. He is now the keyboardist at Grace Fellowship in Cole Camp.

The other big day in the florist biz is Mother's Day, Scott said. With few exceptions, he doesn't do weddings on Valentine's Day or Mother's Day, but never says no to funerals. One year, the shop handled flower arrangements for 17 funerals in one week, he said, which is still a record.

"It was also the week of Valentine's Day or Mother's Day, I don't remember which," he said

Florists like to plan, he said, but funerals turn plans into chaos. Normally, he has two part-time designers and another delivery driver working with him. But Valentine's Day and Mother's Day require 20 people working at the shop, he said. Extra people are needed to take phone orders and schedule the seven or eight delivery vans.

"People like Valentine's Day roses to send to them at work, so everybody can see them," he said.

To make all the flower arrangements, Scott has friends who are floral designers and help him out. One time, he said, they worked through the night, and went home to shower and change. Then they came back to work at 8 a.m. and stayed until 5, he said.

Scott also makes road trips at night to his wholesalers in Springfield and Kansas City to pick up flowers, he said. When the police officers were killed in Clinton, he called his suppliers and said, "I don't know what I'm going to need, but I'm going to need a lot of it."

Calls came as far away as New York, from a florist who ordered flowers on behalf of the New York Yankees. The team sends flowers whenever a police officer anywhere in the country is killed in the line of duty, he learned.

During the Gulf Wars, Scott got calls from soldiers on satellite phones ordering Valentine Day bouquets for wives and girlfriends. The Clinton Flower Shop provided the flowers at no charge, he said.

"It was the least we could do," he said.

Years later, a young man came into the shop and said he was one of the soldiers who had ordered flowers and was not charged. The man said he had always remembered that and was back to order flowers for his wedding, Scott said.

The wedding market is not what it used to be, Scott said, due to people doing their own flowers or having the venue do them. But he keeps busy providing flowers for business openings, anniversaries, retirement parties, birth of a child and birthdays. He also provides floral services for eight funeral homes, he said, including in Appleton City,

Warsaw, Windsor, Lincoln and Osceola, which no longer has a florist shop.

"We never know what's going to come through the door," he said of the business. "It's a roller coaster of emotions."

November is also a busy month for Scott. He can't remember how long he has been part of the Turkey Talkers, who arrange for Thanksgiving dinners to be delivered in the community. He started out delivering dinners when the meals were prepared at the Holy Rosary Church kitchen in the basement, he said. It's now prepared at the Clinton Senior Center, which has the benefit of not having stairs. Scott is now part of the Turkey Talkers committee of six who start planning on November 1.

"That's when we start taking reservations for deliveries and lining up donations," he said.

His order for Valentine's Day: 2,675 long-stemmed roses — 64 packs of red, 25 roses per pack, and 43 packs in other colors. When he started working at the flower shop, there were probably six or seven colors of roses, he said. Roses now come in more than 35 colors, including multi-colored: yellow with red edges, white with hot pink edges, red and white, and royal blue and white.

How many roses people will buy for Valentine's Day depends on two things. One is the weather, he said, which you can't predict -- bad weather puts a damper on sales.

The other factor is what day of the week Valentine's Day falls on. This year it's on a Wednesday, which is the biggest day of the week for rose orders, Scott said

"It's not a day people celebrate in other ways, like going out to eat or going away for the weekend," he explained.

Two years ago, Scott ran out of roses before Valentine's Day, and had to drive to Bolivar to a supplier on the evening of Feb.13th to get more. The roses that had been ordered ahead of time had already been logged in, arranged and routed to go out for delivery, but he needed some in the cooler for people who called or came in on the actual day.

"It's part of the job," he said of the long days and late-night road trips, "and I live above the shop, so I don't have far to go home."

What he values about being a florist is being a part of people's lives, and making contacts he wouldn't have made in another job.

"It makes it all worthwhile, whether the occasion is joyous or otherwise," he said of the multi-generations of friends he had made. "I did their weddings, or their kids' weddings, or their parents' funerals."

With the help of co-workers, including Janis Harrison and Donna Meyers, he has fine-tuned his skills at flower arranging. He also credits his stint as president of a three-state florist association, which sponsors two to three design shows a year. Other florists taught him techniques that make flower arranging easier, he said.

When he used to teach flower arranging at the Clinton Technical School, he told his students to keep playing with the arrange-

ment until it is appealing to the eye, and don't stress about it being perfect.

"Flowers make people happy," he said, "That's what's important."

"Every day is a good day to send flowers."

To see the different colored roses available, go to the Clinton Flower Shop Facebook page. To consult with Scott about Valentine's Day, call 660-885-6921. Interested in learning more about flower arrang-

ing? Scott will be the featured speaker at the February 20 luncheon of the Christian Women's Club. The CWC meets at the First Assembly of God, 1506 E. Ohio, at 11:45 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Make reservations for lunch by Feb. 16 by emailing debdolly.30@gmail.com or calling 660-885-5918. Cost is \$12 for catered lunch (hot entree, side dish, salad, dessert and drink) by Melinda Dehn.

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DUNNING CEMETERY was moved to Englewood when Truman Lake Dam was built. When cemeteries are relocated, sometimes only the gravestones are actually moved.

military veterans are entitled to have flags on their graves, she said.

Most of Becky's ancestors are buried in the city cemetery in Appleton City, where she grew up, except her maternal grandparents, who are in White Oak Cemetery. Between Urich and Montrose, White Oak is named for the nearby creek, and has 751 graves, the oldest dating to 1851.

Elaine said she got into cemetery records 13 years ago when she started tracing the roots of her family, the Miller, Allen, White and Vickers clans. To connect the branches of her family tree, she used photographs and genealogy research other people had posted on FindaGrave, so she thought she'd return the favor.

"If it's warm outside, I'm in a cemetery," Elaine said.

If it's cold out, she and Becky are inside, posting information on Find a Grave. If she and Becky are traveling together, the cemetery is the first place in town they go.

"It tells the whole town's story," Becky said.

Elaine has visited cemeteries in every state except Hawaii and Alaska, and said the best ones are in Colorado, because the grave markers have the cause of death on them — "gun shot in a saloon," or "mining accident." The Silverton, Colorado, cemetery has a separate section for the ladies of the evening, she said, who are buried under the sobriquet "Sacred Dove."

Elaine has also visited cemeteries in Puerto Rico, where the graves are above ground, graveyards in Aruba, and has been to the grave of a witch in Louisiana.

According to MOGenWeb, there is no dearth of cemeteries to visit close to home. Of the 157 in Henry County, most are family cemeteries, from Adkins to Woirhaye. Others are associated with chapels. The oldest grave in Henry County is in Stones Chapel Cemetery in Walker Township, which dates back to 1826.

Most old family graveyards are small, and some have been moved and consolidated with other cemeteries. Graves originally in the Drakes Family Cemetery, the oldest dated 1836, were moved to Drakes Chapel Cemetery in 1988. Cecil Cemetery in Springfield Township, south of Calhoun between Calhoun and the Tebo, has only 12 records dating back to 1836. Two people are buried in Harper Cemetery in Tebo Township.

Oak Grove Cemetery, west of the Clinton Square, has graves dating from 1841 to 1899. Cemeteries were frequently named for the type of trees, a creek or other feature of the landscape. In Seven Trees Cemetery in Windsor Township, the trees outnumbered the solitary grave, recorded in 1845.

trose Mound Cemetery in Deepwater Township, with 18 records dating from 1857 to 1902. Elaine and Becky haven't explored it yet, but said that according to the Missouri Cemetery Association, landowners cannot deny access to graveyards.

"We don't push it," Becky said.

Part of the job of indexing graves for FindaGrave is posting the names of the parents of the deceased on the entry, so that genealogy computer programs can connect that person to records of their siblings, Becky said. She also likes to post a copy of the death certificate, so that families researching their family tree have access to the actual document. If the certificate is 50 years old or older, it's a public record, she said.

Becky lives down the road from the Appleton City Cemetery, south of town. The map for the A.C. cemetery divides it up into areas called wards, but the wards are not marked on the grounds.

"If you don't know where the grave is, you have to walk that cemetery," Becky said. "There are 4,576 graves."

Elaine and Becky have spent months mapping GPS locations of graves by walking a cemetery and dropping a pin at each gravesite. Then they spend long hours on their computers, posting the coordinates on Find a Grave.

People who have the FindaGrave app on their phone can go directly to that location, she said. Their advice to people visiting a cemetery: don't touch or take things from the gravestones. It is common for people to leave pennies on graves of military veterans as a message to the family that they visited the grave and paid their respects. Rocks are left on graves for the same reason.

People are allowed to cut back vegetation that has grown over a tombstone to make the inscription more visible, Becky said. But there are rules about what can be used to clean headstones, as many chemical substances corrode stone. Their advice to make sure family history isn't lost: put up a stone, even if the person is cremated. The most durable stone to use is marble, but don't use household cleaner on it, or you'll pit the marble.

Putting chalk on a gravestone to make a rubbing of the lettering is also taboo, as chalk is a corrosive material. What you can do: put a piece of paper on the tombstone and use a pencil to rub over the paper, another way to raise the lettering on old gravestones.

The oldest grave in Appleton City Cemetery, just inside the gate, is dated 1862, Becky said, and there are

many graves of Civil War soldiers.

The FindaGrave website can also tell you what famous persons are buried in a cemetery. In Englewood, that's Clement Cabell Dickenson, who moved to Clinton in 1872 and served as a U.S. Congressman in the 1910s, '20s and '30s.

In addition to indexing cemeteries, Elaine is involved in volunteer work in Clinton with her husband. Both are volunteers with "Operation Barbecue Relief," based in Peculiar, who deploy to natural disasters to provide food, and also prepare meals for firefighters.

Becky works from home as a clinical care manager. She has been working on the Appleton City Cemetery for four years, she said, and feels like the records are getting into some type of correct shape. She works with the city clerk, and has help from AC Historical Society members and from another person who is interested in documenting the cemetery. "It's all volunteer work," she said.

A census of the A.C. Cemetery was done in 1999, she said, but like immigration, household census and military enlistment records, spelling errors and poor handwriting result in names being changed or being difficult to decipher. She has concerns that no one really knows where all the bodies are buried.

And that is an issue for the community.

"Are we selling plots that have already been sold?" she said. "Are we burying people on top of other people?"

For a break from untangling records in Appleton City, Becky likes to help her mother index Englewood Cemetery, which has beautiful ornamental urns. Another of her favorite cemeteries is Green Lawn, the Rich Hill cemetery, because it holds a lot of history, including the graves of miners who died in accidents. Elaine said she likes White Oak Cemetery best, but Bethlehem Cemetery in Henry County is a favorite with both of them.

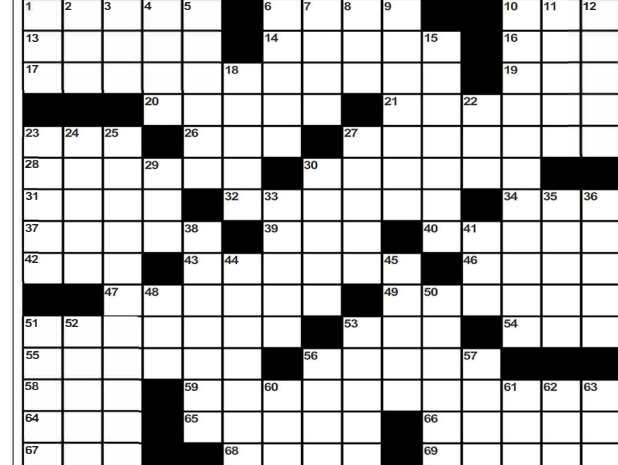
Find a Grave, which was created by community volunteers, has more than 226 million memorial records. To find an ancestor, go to findagrave.com, and enter the full name of the person. Additional biographical information will narrow down the search: the year the person was born and the date of death, either the exact date, approximate or best guess within parameters. Where the person was residing at the close of their life also provides a clue to the cemetery where they, hopefully, rest in peace.

THIS WEEK'S PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1) Place for a spouse's first kiss
- 6) Onetime Russian ruler
- 10) Place for a trapped rat
- 13) "___ porridge hot ..."
- 14) Actor's parts
- 16) 90-degree shape
- 17) Correctly positioned, in a way
- 19) "Friend or ___?"
- 20) State flower of New Mexico
- 21) Some are self-evident
- 23) Web address
- 26) Agile deer
- 27) Eastern entertainers
- 28) Negative contraction
- 30) Pupil protector
- 31) Far from certain
- 32) Feel the need to drink
- 34) "SNL" network
- 37) Solution strength, in chemistry
- 39) Mature
- 40) Tea cart item
- 42) Numerical ending, sometimes
- 43) Groups of eight
- 46) Kind of curve, in math
- 47) Hero worshiper
- 49) Neighbor of South Sudan
- 51) Like some sources
- 53) H.S. support group
- 54) Exercise place
- 55) Gave silent approval
- 56) Ancient Roman senate
- 58) "Now ___ seen it all!"
- 59) Perpendicular formations
- 64) At a great distance
- 65) Ermine, in summer
- 66) Backspace over
- 67) Word of agreement
- 68) Nimble
- 69) "Inferno" writer

YOUR TURN



DOWN

- 1) Financing abbr.
- 2) Hilo souvenir
- 3) "It" game
- 4) Covered with soot
- 5) Typewriter key
- 6) Short time
- 7) Carbonated drink
- 8) Pub offering
- 9) AP alternative
- 10) In limbo
- 11) "Toodle-oo!" in Honolulu
- 12) "God ___ America"
- 15) Runs
- 18) "Rob Roy" writer
- 22) Avail oneself of
- 23) Labor leader's watchword
- 24) Overhaul, as a factory
- 25) Some pitchers
- 27) Wounded at the corrida
- 29) Change the color of
- 30) Cuban export
- 33) Abhorred
- 35) Toss words back and forth
- 36) Dairy department item
- 38) They pay for quarters
- 41) "Anytown, ___"
- 44) Ledger entries
- 45) Hindu aphorism
- 48) Mom's mate
- 50) Rose up the charts
- 51) Consolidate
- 52) Fading stars?
- 53) Glazier's need
- 56) Devon domestic
- 57) City in India
- 60) "Red state" grp.
- 61) Linked-computers acronym
- 62) "Guinness World Records" suffix
- 63) "What did I tell you!"



January Employee of the Month



JOSHUA HAYNES

Golden Valley Memorial Healthcare (GVMH) is pleased to announce that Joshua Haynes is the January Employee of the Month.

Haynes has been an employee of GVMH since 2019 and works as a Systems Administrator in the IT department. In his role, he is responsible for installation, configuration, maintenance and operation of systems hardware and software. Haynes installs and builds physical and virtual servers, provides technical assistance in the implementation and planning of various projects, and creates detailed documents of proce-

dures and configurations of hospital information technology systems.

In his nomination, it stated Haynes has exceptional skills, commitment and reliability. He is always willing to perform tasks at times that are most convenient for patient care areas and has helped on numerous projects to resolve cybersecurity risks. Haynes continuously receives accolades from other departments and the IT team for his professional attitude, personal

service and dedication.

As the Employee of the Month, Haynes received a GVMH gift and her name will be engraved on a plaque to be permanently displayed in the main campus. He is also one of 12 finalists for the 2023-2024 Employee of the Year award.

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GVMH Opens Bourland Radiation Oncology Center



Golden Valley Memorial Healthcare (GVMH) is pleased to announce that the Dr. James and JoAnn Bourland Radiation Oncology Center is open and seeing patients.

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ogists and other specialists. Together, they provide a unique, compassionate program of care during every stage of treatment — and beyond.

“We are extremely proud of our new facility and delighted to bring these services to our surrounding area,” said Craig Thompson, CEO at GVMH. “A diagnosis of cancer can be frightening. It is important to have a network of trusted caregivers in a familiar setting closer to home.”

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HCMF Sponsorship Opportunity

Henry County Memory Fund was founded in 2014 to help people with Alzheimer’s and Dementia. The fund was established to assist caregivers by paying for items such as prescriptions, durable medical equipment, respite care, transportation, and providing housing assistance as needed. The costs for the items or services are paid to the vendors only. At the end of the year, a donation of up to a 10% of the funds raised will be donated for research for Alzheimer’s and Dementia to continue in the fight for a cure.

The 2024 Committee Members are: Christa Atchison, Jenny Bradley, Stephanie Brister, Tonya Dody, Kathy Garnett, Suzanne Kohl, Amanda Long, Nichole Morales, Crystal Norris, Bretta Plumlee, Ranae Walrath and Steven Ward.

Our 10th annual fundraising event, The Big Purple Party, will be Saturday May 4th, 2024, at Hawthorn Bank in Old Country Club Park with registration at 9am and walk at 9:30am. The Party will be complete with a walk, contributor tables and a ceremony dedicated to those affected by Alzheimer’s and dementia. We will also be celebrating 10 years of assistance with lots of purple at the end.

There are four different levels of contributions:

- Bronze is \$250-\$499. Your company name will go on the event t-shirts and HCMF social media.
- Silver is \$500-\$999. Your company name will go on

the printed materials, event t-shirts and HCMF social media.

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To obtain a contributor’s packet or for more information, please contact Crystal Norris at 816.878.7372 HC-

MemoryFund@gmail.com or find us at www.facebook.com/HCMemoryFund or on Twitter @HCMemoryFund. The deadline for being a contributor for the event is February 1, 2024.

Donations to the fund can be made online at http://cfzarks.org/donate At the bottom of the page, type Henry County Memory Fund into the box and select the name when it shows in the list. It will take you to a new page to donate. If you would like to donate by writing a check, please make it payable to Henry County Memory Fund and mailed to PO Box 741, Clinton, MO 64735.



David Lee, Joyce Carr and Mark Dawson at the Clinton Chamber would like to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year. They would like to thank Adam Cummings (American Family Insurance) for his Presidency of the Chamber in 2023 and they are all looking forward to working with Amber Hansen (Seeds of Faith Preschool) as she becomes Chamber President for 2024.

David, Joyce and Mark are excited to work with Amber and the Board of Directors as they strive to make this Chamber stronger year after year. Employees of the Chamber would also like to thank outgoing Board members Larry Dawson (Hawthorn Bank), Tim Deskins (White River Marine Group), Bruce Limpus (Schreiber Foods), and Jim Smith (OakStar Bank)... and welcome Steve Bradley (Bradley and Hadley Funeral Home), Matt Douglas (Schreiber Foods), John French (Price Cutter) and Logan Modlin (Mike Keith Insurance) as they begin their new terms on the Chamber Board.

Clinton Chamber of Commerce Board members for 2024 will be Kyle Adkins (GVMH), Steve Bradley, Adam Cummings, Daniel Dody (Dody Legacy Group), Matt Douglas, John French, Tonya Gilley (Bucksaw Resort and Marina)(President-elect), Amber Hansen, Sabrina Harris (TC-Transcontinental), Jim Huenefeldt (A&K Railroad Materials), Logan Modlin, and Jeff Stone (W & S Doors). All are looking forward to a great

2024! Stacy Hinkle with Bernard Tax and Bookkeeping, Christy Maggi from the City of Clinton and Roger House from the City Council will also continue to provide their services to the Chamber in 2024.

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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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ROBERT (BOB)**A. BROCK**

Robert (Bob) A. Brock passed away Dec 15, 2023 at Clinton Healthcare. Arrangements are under the direction of the Bradley & Hadley Funeral Home in Clinton, MO.

Bob was born June 21, 1937 in Cawker City, KS, the son of Frank & Bess Brock. He began his higher education degree in music at Fort Hays State College in Hays, KS. His first teaching job was in Otis, KS where he met and married his wife of 63 years, Patricia Miller; she survives. He was band director in Cimarron, KS from 1961 to 1963. He received his Masters degree in education from Wichita State University in 1964. He taught Jr. High band in Liberal, KS from 1965 to 1967. The family moved to Garden City, KS where he enjoyed teaching High School band to many students from 1967 to 1982. Following, he moved to Marion, KS, where he served as High School Principal from 1982 to 1988. He then served as Superintendent in Cuba, KS from 1988 to 1991, and in Horton, KS from 1991 to 1993. He ended his career in education service as middle school principal in Ellsworth, KS from 1993 to 2002. The family moved to Clinton, MO upon his retirement.

Bob is survived by his wife of 63 years and four children, seven grandchildren, and one great granddaughter. Children: Layne and wife Lesa of Oro Valley, AZ; Jody Donaldson of Weatherford, TX; Craig and wife Kris of Lawrence, KS; Randy and wife Casey of Leawood, KS. Grandchildren: Gage and Colby Brock; Dru and Dusty Donaldson; Lucy, Lauren and Carter Brock. Great Granddaughter: Addy Donaldson.

He is also survived by his siblings. Sisters: Mary Ann Davis (Jerry) of O'Fallon, MO; Betty Moore of Arlington, TX; Fran Paxton (Jack) of Overland Park, KS; Jeanie Munsch of Russell, KS; Kathy Blau (Mike) of Olathe, KS; Doris Tomp-

kins (Mark) of St. John, KS. Brothers: Gus Brock (Bernice) of Albuquerque, NM; and John Brock (Cathleen) of Tempe, AZ.

A celebration of life will be held at 10am, January 27, 2024, at the First Presbyterian Church in Clinton, MO. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations can be made to the Bourland Radiation Oncology Center, Clinton, MO; <https://www.gvmh.org/about/foundation/> or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital; https://www.stjude.org/give/memorials-and-dedications.html?sc_icid=wtg-mm-memorial-giving.

JEFFERY ALAN "JEFF" SIMONSEN

Jeffery Alan "Jeff" Simonsen, age 79, passed away on Friday, December 8, 2023 at his home in Calhoun, Missouri.

Jeff was born October 12, 1944, in Fort Dodge, Iowa, the son of Ted and Joyce Simonsen.

He is preceded in death by his mother, father, and father-in-law.

Jeff is survived by his wife Janet, daughter Mona Reid and husband (Jim), and daughter Rachael Edmunds; grandchildren, Metthea Jones, Lane Reid (Amanda), Steven Walker, Hannah Wells (Benjamin), and Matthew Walker; 3 great-grandchildren, Nico Reid, Tatum Wells, and Laney Jones; his sister Cheryl Blaine (Bill), along with several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Jeff grew up on a farm outside of Humboldt, IA, where he loved to ride his horses Brownie and Dan Patch everywhere from haircuts in town to the middle of his parent's living room. He graduated from Humboldt High School in 1962.

After high school, Jeff enlisted in the Army where he served 3 years as a mechanic stationed in Germany. Once he was back stateside he moved to Kansas City where he attended US Trade School for Diesel Mechanics. He stayed in the city where he worked as a general mechanic at

Sheffield Steel for 4 years. Those four years were filled with friends, motorcycles, and an Olds 442.

Jeff was then introduced to the town of Leeton, MO by one of his friends from Kansas City. He then began his career as a truck driver where he worked until retirement at the age of 62. In true Jeffrey fashion after retirement, he found another job as a farm hand until his second retirement in 20.

He was united in marriage to Janet Simonsen on July 24, 1982. Together they enjoyed going on motorcycle rides and everything that had to do with spending time with friends at Stockton Lake.

Beyond motorcycles and the lake, he loved Model A's, hunting, fishing, tractor pulls, tinkering in his shop, and a hot cup of coffee and conversation. Jeff was a man who could make trash into treasure with a few scraps and an amazing idea. That kind of thinking is what brought along his Facebook famous bike/truck "trike" or as Janet would call it "The Thing" as every so often someone sees it for the first time and is bewildered by such a creation.

Jeffrey has spread his creativity, humor, joy, and his knowledge and passion for God not only throughout his family, but his community. He will truly be missed but his legacy and memory will carry on. We love and miss you Grandpa!

A memorial visitation was held December 14, 2023 at Life Ministries Church, Clinton, MO.. Military honors were under the direction of VFW Post #1894 and the US Army.

Services were under the direction of Vansant-Mills Funeral Home, Clinton, MO.

CATHY L. BLACKABY

Cathy L. Blackaby, age 69, of Clinton, Missouri passed away on Friday October 20, 2023 at Research Medical Center in Kansas City, Missouri surrounded by her loving family.

Cathy L. Blackaby was born on May 19, 1954 to

Wilma (Landall) and Marvin Hudgens in Clinton, MO. On July 25, 1980 she married Bobby Blackaby and to this union of 43 years, they were blessed with four children.

Growing up, Cathy enjoyed coon hunting with her dad and uncles. She also enjoyed going to garage sales with her mother and enjoyed nature and reptiles with her brother. Cathy and Judy enjoyed attending family reunions together and gardening.

Cathy enjoyed attending fairs and carnivals and met the love of her life at a carnival in Clinton. They have been inseparable since. The two enjoyed attending truck and tractor pulls, fishing and hunting together and wood working. She loved planting and growing flowers and Bobby made her numerous stands and flower beds.

Cathy loved her kids and grandkids. She enjoyed going to auctions and garage sales with all of them. She could always find a good bargain (especially wind chimes). She enjoyed baking with her daughters and granddaughters and teaching them all her secrets. She really enjoyed sewing and making things for the whole family. She was very proud of her grandkids and never missed a single event they had.

Cathy was preceded in death by her parents, Marvin and Wilma Hudgens and her brother Jim Hudgens.

She is survived by her husband of 43 years, Bobby Blackaby. Four children, Eddie (Lindsey) Simpson, Jenni Blackaby, Kim (Derik) Park and Eric (Ashley) Blackaby. Eight grandchildren, Derrick (Shelby) Simpson, Cheyenne Lee, Savannah Lee, Kuaden Lee, Matthew Park, Morgan Park, Emersyn Blackaby and Weston Blackaby. One great grandchild, Rozlynn Simpson. One sister, Judy Yoss and two nieces, Rachael Yoss and Misty Yoss, as well as many other friends and family.

She never knew a stranger and was the most selfless and loving Wife, Mom, Nene and friend. She was loved by all and will be greatly missed.

Funeral services were held October 27, 2023 at the Vansant-Mills Chapel, Clinton with Pastor Anthony Velazquez officiating. The casket bearers were Dennis Parmalee, Harold Blackaby, Kevin Disney, Mike McCandless, Gary Disney and Brian Disney. Special music included "Please Remember Me." Interment followed in Englewood Cemetery, Clinton, MO.

Services were under the direction of Vansant-Mills Funeral Home of Clinton, MO.

SANDRA L. HUEY

Sandra L. Huey, 79, of Clinton, Missouri passed away Wednesday, November 29, 2023 at the Warsaw Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center in Warsaw, Mo. She was born August 3, 1944 in Atchison, Kansas, the daughter of Ralph Woodrow Griffin and Marjorie Ann (Witt) Griffin.

Sandra married Michael Lee Huey on December 21, 1963 in Leavenworth, KS. He preceded her in death on October 13, 2021.

A 1962 graduate of Lansing High School, Lansing, Ks., she was employed as a loan officer with Commerce Bank for many years. She was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church and the Lutheran Women's Missionary. Sandra enjoyed quilting, sewing, reading, word search puzzles, playing cards and teaching Bible study classes.

Surviving are two sons, Michael Huey (Bobbie), Carthage, Mo., and Mark Huey (Wendy), Clinton, Mo.; one daughter, Christine "Sis" Johnson (Lance),

Clinton, Mo.; grandchildren, Bryan C. Lutgen (Krystal), Justin M. Lutgen (Melissa), Chelsey L. Funk (Aaron), Clay Huey (Makenzee), Jordan Huey, Devin Huey and Mark Lavigne (Shannon); great-grandchildren, Bryce, Claire, Wyatt, Wrenlee, Hunter, Emily, Asher and Savanna.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, and step-mother, Kathryn E. Griffin.

Memorial services will be at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, January 13, 2024 at the Trinity Lutheran Church. The family will receive friends from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. just prior to the service. Interment will be in Englewood Cemetery. The family suggests memorial contributions to the Golden Valley Hospice or the Trinity Lutheran Church. Services are under the direction of the Bradley & Hadley Funeral Home, Clinton. Condolences may be left online at www.bradleyhadley.com.

Death Notices

Charles Wesley "Chuck" Wyatt, 87, died Fri, Jan. 5, 2024. Masonic services and celebration of life will be at 2 p.m. Sat, Jan. 20, 2024 at the Lucas United Methodist Church, Ulrich, Mo. The family will receive friends from 1-2 p.m., just prior to the services. Services are under the direction of the Bradley & Hadley Funeral Home, Clinton.

Carol Katherine Rukes, 83, died Fri, Jan. 5, 2023. A Celebration of Life will be from 2-4 p.m. Sun, Jan. 14, 2024 at the Bradley & Hadley Funeral Home, Clinton. Mrs. Rukes will be cremated following the celebration.

Lucille Emily Winger, 86, died Sat, Dec. 30, 2023. Lucille's wishes were to be cremated. With each person's heart should be a celebration of life. Arrangements are under the direction of the Bradley & Hadley Funeral Home, Clinton.

Judith Anne Laisure, 60, died Fri, Jan. 5, 2024. Judith's wishes were to be cremated. No services are planned at this time. Arrangements are under the direction of the Bradley & Hadley Funeral Home, Clinton.

Matthew Aaron Smith, 38, died Sat, Jan. 6, 2024. No services are planned at this time. Arrangements are under the direction of the Bradley & Hadley Funeral Home, Clinton.

John Trolinger, 65, died Mon, Dec. 25, 2023. Funeral services were 1 p.m., Fri, Dec. 29, 2023, at the Hadley Funeral Home, Windsor, with Dr. Dennis Wisstrom officiating. Burial will take place at a later date. The family received friends Thur. evening, Dec. 28, at the funeral home from 6-7 p.m.

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, rang the bell.

We extend our sympathy and Christian love to the family and friends of Beverly (Bev.) Igo, who passed into the arms of Jesus this week. Others on our prayer list include Amber and Patrick Dittmer and baby daughter, Heather Hollinger, Carol Lane, Barbara Sales, 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. It is such a joy to have children in our church and they are so willing to do whatever is asked of them. Tucker is our usher and is ready to pass the offering plate without prompting when the time comes. The children are Shirley Cardwell's great grandchildren. We sang Happy Birthday to Barbara Colwell this morning and wishing her many more. Special music today was "How long has it been," by our Ms. Verna. We are always pleased to have her sing. We were pleased to have Jeremy Reid join us for worship this morning. Rev. Jackson Short had the misfortune to have a flat tire on the way to church this morning. So Shelby Bicknell stepped-up-to-the-plate and gave us a wonderful impromptu lesson. We live in a generation where folk depend on themselves instead of depending on God when situations arise. Our world is a rude place to live. We need to be extra courteous to folk we encounter, showing our upbringing by being extra courteous and meeting them face on with a smile reflecting an example; not a reflection of their rudeness. Always using the example "What would Jesus say or do" when uncomfortable situations arise. Shelby said he came to Calhoun as a last resort, a broken spirit. He and his mother came to church because he had heard Calhoun UMC was looking for a guitar player. Shelby reflected; most of you don't understand "This is God's house and is a life changing place". He said, "The first time I stepped in the building I could feel God's presence here." Something as simple as welcome we're glad you're here; a simple statement that changed my life forever. We all struggle with good days and bad. "Knowing God is with us," can change a heart and a life. Now I know God was with me all my life; I just wasn't aware of it. I'm a changed person and you folk have shown me the way. We are pleased for the kind words, give God the glory, and thank Shelby for the lesson.

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.

Drakes Chapel UMC

On this first Sunday of the New Year, we at Drake's Chapel celebrated Epiphany, the holy time when the wisemen reached the Christ child. The warm spirit of our church family filled the sanctuary amid the cold January weather.

During our Joys and Concerns Pastor Margie shared the good news of the generosity of Drake's giving through outreach ministry. The past year besides our apportionments (our part of our global ministry) We gave \$6,436.30 to local mission projects in our own community. Margie also shared that on a recent doctors visit she received the good news that she was 100% cancer free! God is so good!

Pastor Margie's message captured our attention. "I Can See Clearly Now", the song written and recorded by Johnny Nash in 1972 inspired Margie's message. Can we see clearly now? Can we envision God's plans for us? Are we near-sighted and unable to see people and situations that

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God gave us all vision. It is different for each of us, but it is our obligation as His children to reach out to others no matter where we may find them. Jesus meets us where we are. As His followers we must do the same, look for ways to minister to others. Near or far.

Following worship, we enjoyed a holiday brunch. We celebrated the Christmas past and the New Year with all the exciting plans to be the hands and feet of Christ in our community.

There was a brief meeting following brunch. There was also discussion of planning Bible studies in the near future. Our vision is very clear. We are going to be the church that ministers to all. To find ways to show God's love and grace in our community.

Looking for a place to worship? We welcome you to visit our beautiful chapel in the woods. It is our hope you will find what you've been looking for. If you can't be with us in person, please join us on Facebook live, just look for Margie Briggs. Worship begins at 9:00. You will find us 5 miles east of Clinton off 52 hwy. Just look for the sign. We hope you find your New Year to be full of blessings and good health. And may you always find a way to be a blessing to others

First Baptist

On Sunday, Pastor Pat Findley began a three-week series titled 'Here Is Your God'. Considering the new year, members and guests were offered four renewing reminders about who God really is.

1. He comforts His people. Isaiah 40:1-2
2. He reveals His glory. Isaiah 40:3-5
3. He speaks eternal words. Isaiah 40:6-8
4. He announces good news. Isaiah 40:9-11

Speaking from Isaiah 40, Pastor Pat described the hope and peace of God's comfort, even in dark, uncomfortable times. While our suffering is not always of God, His discipline is purposeful in restoring us to who He has called us to be. When our connection with God weakens, His comfort comes quickly to those who return to Him. Sometimes, even as believers, we fall out of sync with God. However, the more we grow closer to Him, the more His glory is revealed. In order to grow closer to Him, we must spend time with Him. Have a conversation with God through His Word. The goal of reading the Bible should be to spend time with God. The good news of God is to be shared. That's His plan! The good news of Jesus is only good if it is received in time. Let us get excited about who God is! Do not be afraid! Live boldly for the Lord! Our God is King!

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. 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

God's love is always offered to us freely, joyfully and for all eternity. Forgiveness and healing are also available to us for the offering. We should feel blessed to know that we are loved and forgiven in Christ's name. In this new year, open your heart to receive God's words and ways. What a difference you will experience in your life.

Rev. Nancy Gillard spoke on the message New Year New Journey. Her chosen text was Matthew 2: 7 - 12 concerning the wise men and their journey to Bethlehem following the star. Our anthem "We Three Kings" was beautifully played on the piano by Gay Smith.

The installation of our new Elders and Deacons will be Sunday, January 14, 2024 followed by the monthly fellowship. Make plans to attend.

A community choir is being formed 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.

Tai Chi classes will resume this Monday, January 8 in Fellowship Hall. Do something nice for yourself in the new year. Tai Chi will help strengthen your core and improve your balance.

Outside the temperature is cold but inside 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: fpcclintonmo.net. You will also find a monthly newsletter and calendar of happenings. Be sure to check them out.

Mt. Calvary

Apostolic Pentecostal

"If Thou Knowest the Gift of God"

John 4:10.
When we look at living water there is more to it. How is that water going to be alive? What is Jesus talking about regarding living water?

- Isaiah 12:3.
He is saying God is his salvation, out of the well of God.
Isaiah 44:3.
Isa 44:6.

God is speaking about us, we are the dry ground and he will pour water upon the seed. He will pour his spirit upon us.

In Jeremuah, he says his people have committed two evils, They have forsaken him, the living water, and they are broken cisterns. (Jeremiah 2:13) God is the fountain of living water.

Jesus told his disciples he needed to go to Samaria. There was a reason for him to be at the well alone. He knew the Samaritan woman would come to the well.

God has things planned out. He was opening the way of salvation to the Samaritans. (John 4:1-10)

God's focus is salvation for us. He said, If thou knowest the gift of God. He focused on water because people understand the need for water.

He is telling us he is God, the living water. He can dwell within us.
Jol 2:28.

God who is a spirit and is Holy will dwell within you. He is the Holy Spirit that dwells within us. Anyone who thirsts, out of his belly shall flow living water.

(Acts 2:37-38 and Acts 8:5-25)
As we have the living water in us we should be able to share with others.
Revelation 7:16-17.

For all who have the Holy Ghost, we are the fountains of the living water. Many people do not believe that the Holy Ghost is for the present day. However, having the Holy Ghost dwell within us is for us today as it was in ancient days. God Bless.

Urich Baptist

Sunshine brightened our hearts as we gathered to worship the Lord. Clint Keeney rang the church bell. Mrs. Julia Klinefelter led in the congregational singing with Mrs. Dixie Collins playing piano. Randy Vogt and Clint Keeney collected the offering.

The scripture passage from interim Pastor Steve Sowell's sermon was from John 20:1-18. In this passage Jesus had been crucified, buried, and now is describing His resurrection. Those close to Him saw His suffering, being mocked, and cruelly crucified and were feeling a great loss. Then Jesus appeared to the Disciples before He ascended to heaven. Now they understood what Jesus was telling them, Jesus is always there for us. He is with us in times of despair, loss, struggles, and doubts because of His love and grace. Spread the blessings.

Valley Center United

We are an open and affirming church and welcome all to come worship with us next Sunday morning at 9 am.

This week, several from Valley Center came together to build a ramp for a very special church member. On January 28th, our church's annual meeting will be held. We will have a celebration of new members with a lunch following also on that day.

We observed Holy Communion on this First Sunday of Epiphany, with Consistory members Andy Lasswell and Christy Maggi as servers.

"Even the darkness will not be dark to you: the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you."

Jesus is the light of the World. The people in the temple knew immediately that it was Jesus. His light illuminated through them.

Today, we are the people that bring God's light and glory into the world as it is revealed to us. We have good things to do. We need to be intentional and let the light of the Lord shine through us.

How much light do we bring into the world? Do we dig deep and seek out those who are afraid, alone and perhaps rejected? Or maybe we are too passive and connect only with some, but not others? God expects us to be his messengers and radiate his light in the darkness and show the glory of the Lord to all people.

"Hope is empowerment and bright light brings glory. Faith brings us the understanding that there is something beyond us with which we can connect with and believe in." Praise the Lord!



JANUARY 3, 2024

River of Life Fellowship, 2nd and Vernon Streets in Rockville, will host a Deliverance Seminar the weekend of January 13 - 14. They will have a meeting at 3:00 p.m. with Steve Highlander and Cody Persell both sharing about deliverance, followed by a light snack meal. They will then have an evening worship meeting followed by teaching and a time of individual prayer for healing and deliverance. Regular Sunday morning includes Sunday School and fellowship at 9:30 a.m. followed by worship service with Cody ministering and praying over needs, beginning around 10:15 a.m. The weekend concludes with an evening service 6:00 p.m. that will have a time of worship and teaching, as well as a mass deliverance meeting. There is no cost associated with any of these meetings and all are welcome to attend any or all of them.

The Knights of Columbus will have their monthly pancake and sausage breakfast at the Knight's Hall in Montrose on Sunday, January 14 from 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. Treat your family to a hot breakfast you don't have to cook or clean up. A free will donation will be greatly appreciated

St. Mary's School will have their annual dinner on Saturday, February 3 from 5:00 - 8:30 p.m. in St. Mary's

School basement. The dinner consists of spaghetti, salad, breadsticks, dessert, tea, and lemonade. The dinner is a free will donation. They will also be having a silent auction, 50-50 raffle, and 2 basket raffles. Names will be drawn for everything at 8:30 p.m. You do not need to be present to win. Please come and enjoy a delicious meal while supporting St. Mary's School.

The St Clair County State Bank has limited services on Saturdays as of January 1, 2024. The Appleton City and Lowry City locations will be Drive Thru only on Saturdays. Access to safety deposit boxes will be available. They encourage all St Clair County State Bank customers to call ahead (660-476-5453) and make arrangements for other services, such as new accounts.

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. REA customers who received their magazine this week can refer to page 33 for details, but remember anyone, anywhere can vote. 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. 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.

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 the fee prior to February 8. Fee for the event is \$20 per person. 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 January. Call 660-476-2111 for appointments: Jan 4 - OB/GYN, Dr. Kallberg, Jan 9 - Rheumatology-Dr. John, Jan 12 - Ortho-Dr. Gray, Jan 17 - Upper GI, Colonoscopy-Dr. Namin, Jan 18 - Podiatry- Dr. Pace, Jan 23 - Rheumatology-Dr. John, Jan 24 - Ortho-Dr. Gray, Jan 24 - Ophthalmology-Dr. Soni.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan 8-13 ACHS Invitational Basketball Tournament
- Jan 13-14 River of Life Fellowship in Rockville Deliverance Seminar

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Lady Cards Ride Win Streak, Roll Past Lexington, Odessa



SHAKE AND BAKE, the Lady Cardinals Skyte Wilson used a crossover to elude her Lexington opponent in Clinton's resounding 57-34 home win over the Minutewomen last Thursday evening.

The Lady Cardinals made easy work of the Lexington Minutewomen on Thursday night, easily dispatching the Lexington group by a final of 57-34.

Clinton got out to a fast start, never looked back and was in control for the entire contest as they cruised to yet another win in the heart of their schedule.

Skyte Wilson rallied for 21

points to lead the Lady Cardinals while Ava Potter also hit double digits with 10.

CLINTON (57): A. Little, 2; V. Brown, 5; L. Kenney, 2; A. Dutcher, 0; C. Berry, 5; S. Wilson, 21; A. Goucher, 3; A. Potter, 10; L. Brauer, 2; B. Wishard, 7.

LEXINGTON (34): Z. Earnest, 11; A. Sawyer, 2; L. Davis, 15; B. Grosso, 2; Unknown, 4.

On Friday, the Lady Cardinals extended their win streak to five with a 49-29 win over the Lady Bulldogs at Odessa.

Clinton managed what they needed to early and then relied on a fierce and stingy defense down the stretch to dispose of the Lady Bulldogs.

Briley Wishard pounded out 14 points for the Lady Cardinals while Skyte

Wilson and Ava Potter followed closely behind with 13 and 12, respectively.

CLINTON (49): A. Little, 3; V. Brown, 5; S. Wilson, 13; A. Goucher, 2; A. Potter, 12; B. Wishard, 14.

ODESSA (29): C. Adams, 3; K. Thomas, 2; K. Byrd, 6; B. Stevens, 4; B. Burks, 6; H. Alexander, 8.



Golder, Switzer, Dubina All Make Podium For Cards Wrestling At Butler Invite

106
Evan Dubina (8-8) placed 4th and scored 19.0 team points.

Round 1 - Evan Dubina (Clinton) 8-8 won by fall over Jaxon Combs (Adrian) 1-9 (Fall 2:57)

Round 2 - Athan Briggs (Father Tolton Regional Catholic) 19-3 won by major decision over Evan Dubina (Clinton) 8-8 (MD 16-6)

Round 3 - Donovan Walters (Lathrop) 16-4 won by fall over Evan Dubina (Clinton) 8-8 (Fall 1:13)

Round 4 - Evan Dubina (Clinton) 8-8 won by forfeit over Phineas Goertz (Butler) 3-21 (For.)

Round 5 - Brayden Ortiz (Lone Jack) 14-7 won by fall over Evan Dubina (Clinton) 8-8 (Fall 4:13)

126
Connor Bramell (9-7) placed 5th and scored 34.5 team points.

Round 1 - Connor Bramell (Clinton) 9-7 received a bye () (Bye)

Round 2 - Connor Bramell (Clinton) 9-7 received a bye () (Bye)

Round 3 - Christopher Ankenman (Father Tolton Regional Catholic) 16-0 won by fall over Connor Bramell (Clinton) 9-7 (Fall 1:53)

Consolation Bracket - Connor Bramell (Clinton) 9-7 won by decision over Abe Morris (Lafayette County) 7-12 (Dec 7-0)

5th Place Match - Connor Bramell (Clinton) 9-7 won by fall over Andrew Sims (Lone JackJV) 8-11 (Fall 1:32)

138
Brody Barnhart (11-9) placed 6th and scored 35.5 team points.

Round 1 - Brody Barnhart (Clinton) 11-9 won by fall over Gerard Costa (Holden) 2-14 (Fall 3:57)

Round 2 - Brody Barnhart (Clinton) 11-9 received a bye () (Bye)

Round 3 - Grant Anderson (Father Tolton Regional Catholic) 21-1 won by fall over Brody Barnhart (Clinton) 11-9 (Fall 0:57)

Consolation Bracket - Brody Barnhart (Clinton) 11-9 won by medical forfeit over Gage DeShon (Lathrop) 11-5 (M. For.)

5th Place Match - Landon Willis (Lafayette County) 12-10 won by decision over Brody Barnhart (Clinton) 11-9 (Dec 10-5)

150
Payton Goth (11-3) placed 5th and scored 39.5 team points.

Round 1 - Payton Goth (Clinton) 11-3 won by fall over Wyatt Oliphant (Lone JackJV) 6-9 (Fall 3:36)

Round 2 - Payton Goth (Clinton) 11-3 received a bye () (Bye)

Round 3 - Kyler Simon (Lathrop) 9-9 won by fall over Payton Goth (Clinton) 11-3 (Fall 3:06)

Consolation Bracket - Payton Goth (Clinton) 11-3 won by tech fall over Cooper Ray (Maysville) 6-5 (TF-1.5 4:06 (15-0))

5th Place Match - Payton Goth (Clinton) 11-3 won by decision over Kian Carpenter (Lone Jack) 16-8 (Dec 6-5)

157
Triston Switzer (16-4) placed 3rd and scored 51.0 team points.

Round 1 - Triston Switzer

(Clinton) 16-4 won by fall over Jordan Oliver (Clinton3) 3-3 (Fall 0:38)

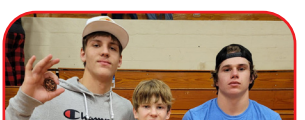
Round 2 - Triston Switzer (Clinton) 16-4 won by fall over Matteo Calabrese (ClintonJV) 0-4 (Fall 0:34)

Round 3 - Triston Switzer (Clinton) 16-4 won by medical forfeit over Beau McAdams (LATH) 17-5 (M. For.)

Championship Bracket - Drake Murrell (Warsaw) 19-4 won by decision over Triston Switzer (Clinton) 16-4 (Dec 7-6)

3rd Place Match - Triston Switzer (Clinton) 16-4 won by decision over Benjamin Breeding (Sherwood) 20-6 (Dec 2-1)

165



Will Golder (12-2) placed 2nd and scored 54.0 team points.

Round 1 - Will Golder (Clinton) 12-2 received a bye () (Bye)

Round 2 - Will Golder (Clinton) 12-2 won by fall over Kameron Keesaman (Maysville) 4-13 (Fall 0:38)

Round 3 - Will Golder (Clinton) 12-2 won by fall over Shelby McCleary (Lone Jack) 9-16 (Fall 1:07)

Championship Bracket - Will Golder (Clinton) 12-2 won by fall over Wade Green (Sherwood) 19-7 (Fall 3:40)

1st Place Match - Braxton Ernst (Lafayette County) 21-1 won by fall over Will Golder (Clinton) 12-2 (Fall 3:55)

175
Ryan Custer (4-8) placed 9th and scored 26.0 team points.

Round 1 - Gavin Crump (Sherwood) 12-12 won by fall over Ryan Custer (Clinton) 4-8 (Fall 1:30)

Round 2 - Blake Esparza (El Dorado Springs) 14-8 won by fall over Ryan Custer (Clinton) 4-8 (Fall 0:40)

Round 3 - Ryan Custer (Clinton) 4-8 received a bye () (Bye)

Consolation Bracket - Ryan Custer (Clinton) 4-8 won by fall over Tyler Todd (AdrianJV) 1-5 (Fall 0:12)

9th Place Match - Ryan Custer (Clinton) 4-8 won by decision over Jim McKee (Diamond) 1-3 (Dec 6-4)

215
Ezekiel Velazquez (3-10) placed 11th and scored 18.0 team points.

Round 1 - Andrew Johnston (Holden) 8-6 won by fall over Ezekiel Velazquez (Clinton) 3-10 (Fall 1:20)

Round 2 - Max Heintz (Maysville) 17-3 won by fall over Ezekiel Velazquez (Clinton) 3-10 (Fall 1:27)

Round 3 - Ezekiel Velazquez (Clinton) 3-10 received a bye () (Bye)

Consolation Bracket - Manny Henriquez (Warsaw) 4-11 won by decision over Ezekiel Velazquez (Clinton) 3-10 (Dec 6-3)

11th Place Match - Ezekiel Velazquez (Clinton) 3-10 won by fall over Michael Denton (LafayetteC1) 0-10 (Fall 0:35)

Meeting Reminder



Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter #67 Butler, Missouri invites all Disabled Veterans to attend our monthly meeting.

The chapter meets the third Wednesday at 1:00 PM in the Bates County Museum on Elks Drive.

Our next regular meeting is January 17, 2024, at 1:00 PM.

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL MISSOURI Announces Two Spring Exhibitions, Creative Workshops



MISSOURI SCULPTOR Gary Staab has a display at the University of Central Missouri's Gallery of Art and Design for the "Second Nature" exhibition that opened Jan. 8.

The University of Central Missouri Gallery of Art and Design rings in the new year with two exhibitions and two creative workshops, one for kids and one for grownups. All of these exhibits and opportunities are open to the public, and are in addition to opportunities to meet and hear from individuals who are helping to make the main exhibits possible.

The two exhibitions in the main art gallery are on view Jan. 8 to Feb. 1. This includes "Empowered by Design," an exhibition produced by Scott Barton, guest curator, and "Second Nature," which highlights the artistic processes of a Missouri sculptor, Gary Staab.

On Monday, Jan. 8, Staab will talk about his work as part of the Kleppe Visiting Artist Lecture Series at UCM. His presentation takes place at 4 p.m. in Wood Building, Room 100. Individuals who cannot attend in person, are invited to participate virtually. Free Zoom registration is required. Immediately following, there will be a meet-the-artist re-

ception for Staab from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in UCM Art Center Gallery, Room 115.

Barton will moderate a virtual panel discussion at 4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 22, which can be seen in Wood Building, Room 100. This program is also available online. Free Zoom registration is required. A public reception celebrating the exhibition is planned from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24, with remarks by Barton beginning at 4 p.m.

According to Gallery Director, Jamie Platt, Barton is an architect in the truest sense of the word with an integrated philosophy of design that reaches across disciplines to look at what design is and what it does. He currently serves as Assistant Professor of Interior Architecture and Industrial Design at Kansas State University. Barton has practiced nationally and internationally sharing his expertise in areas ranging from educational environments to international hospitality, from large-scale mixed-use projects to small-scale crafted objects. Most recently, he served as Vice President and Senior Partner at Hollis and Miller Architects, leading firm-wide design strategies and developing industry-leading integrated design practices.

Barton earned a Bachelor of Architecture from Kansas State University in 1996. After working in New York City and Kansas City, he developed a passion and focus on education. In 2019, he earned a Master of Education in Learning Design and Technology from Arizona State University.

Barton believes in an integrated design approach, blurring the lines between disciplines to create more impactful design solutions. As an active member of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) and the International Interior Design Association (IIDA), he received the IIDA Mid-America Vision Award in 2021. He served on the Board of Directors for the KC Social Innovation Center and held advisory leadership positions for the University of Missouri and Pittsburg State University.

The "Empowered by Design" exhibition includes an impressive roster of creative contributors, some of whom refer to themselves as artists and some as designers. Among such individuals is Brian Lee, a designer who fabricates interactive elements that operate at the intersection of architecture, furniture, body scale, and urban scale. He holds

a patent for an articulated chair that is the subject of a viral video that garnered 39 million views. Exhibition visitors can see one of his creations in person.

When speaking about his curatorial process and the new UCM exhibit, Barton noted, "Empowered by Design" is an exceptional art exhibition that seeks to illuminate the profound impact of design on individuals. Through a captivating collection of artworks, this exhibition celebrates the ability of design to inspire, motivate, and empower. It explores how understanding the design process can transform how designers think and feel, shaping their thoughts, feelings, and outlook on life, highlighting the powerful connection between creativity and personal growth."

He added that the artists featured in this exhibition are storytellers of transformation. They harness their unique visions to reveal the transformative potential of design, and their creations serve as visual narratives, giving visual testament to the notion that design is not just about aesthetics. "The artists' creations allow viewers to reflect on how design can empower and uplift individuals, catalyzing change in one's perception of the world and allowing them to envision new possibilities and imagine a different future," Barton said.

"Empowered by Design" is an invitation to explore the world of art and design from a fresh perspective, to appreciate how design can ignite change, spark inspiration, and pave the way for personal growth and exploration. Through diverse artistic expressions, this exhibition invites individuals to embark on a journey where creativity knows no bounds and design is the driving force behind personal evolution.

"Empowered by Design" is a delight," said Gallery Director, Jamie Platt. "This is exactly what is needed at the beginning of the year, when minds are already primed to look afresh at familiar things. If you're a designer, prepare to be reinvigorated. If you're not a designer, get ready to think about the design of things around you in a whole new way."

"Second Nature" gives gallery visitors a look at the lifelike models of creatures from prehistory and beyond that Staab has created in his studio. His work is in the collections of institutions such as the Smithsonian and the National Geographic Museum, and com-

missions have taken him into such rare places as King Tut's Tomb, according to Platt. Some of Staab's sculptures are intimate in scale, including a small bronze body of a baby bird visitors can see in the exhibition at UCM. Sometimes they are monumental in scale, the kind that hover over visitors at natural history museums.

"Have you ever wondered how these get made? Are you wondering now? 'Second Nature' is a small exhibition that opens a large window into this process," Platt noted. "Visitors to 'Second Nature' will see examples of Staab's models along with process graphics and video."

In addition to these gallery exhibitions, the popular workshop, "Gallery Kids" is back for the 2024 spring semester. This free event is from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the gallery. Children ages 5 to 15 years old are invited to join UCM Art Education students for a Saturday morning of creativity and art. The workshop size is limited, and registration is required. Interested individuals should call the gallery at 660-543-4498 for more information.

Rounding out its spring semester offerings, from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, the Gallery of Art and Design will introduce a new workshop for adults. With the theme, "Crafternoon," Gallery Grownups is a fun exhibition. Registration is required, and there is a \$5 admission fee that will be collected at the event to cover materials, instruction and treats. Visa/Mastercard debit/credit cards and cash are accepted.

Free parking is available in the Faculty and Staff lot across Clark Street from the Art Center. Gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and noon to 4 p.m. on Saturdays. Free parking is available at the visitors lot at Clark and Holden streets. For more information contact the Gallery Director by phone at 660-543-4498 or by email to jplatt@ucmo.edu.



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Community Discussion To Be Held Tuesday

Ever wonder why people of different racial or ethnic backgrounds live in separate communities in the U.S.? Or why most of our close friends share our race or ethnicity?

Barbara Sellars and John Rudolph have joined the nationwide effort to encourage a National Day of Racial Healing by hosting a community discussion on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM at the Friends Room of the Henry County Public Library, 123 E. Green St. in Clinton, Missouri. This event is part of an effort by the WK Kellogg Foundation and NBC Universal News Group to promote racial healing. It was established in 2017 to promote racial healing as a critical path for ending racial bias and creating a society in which all children can thrive.

SEPARATION: We might think it's all personal choice. However, racial separation was part of the American design, with colonization and enslavement setting the stage for centuries to come. The devastating effects of our separation continue today, with many communities of color cut off from access to essentials like jobs, transportation, safe housing, healthcare and good food.

About W.K. Kellogg Foundation: The W.K. Kellogg Foundation (WKKF), founded in 1930 as an independent, private foundation by breakfast cereal innovator and entrepreneur Will Keith Kellogg, is among the largest philanthropic foundations in the United States. Guided by the belief that all children should have an equal opportunity to thrive, the Kellogg Foundation works with communities to create conditions for vulnerable children so they can realize their full potential in school, work and life.

Based in Battle Creek, Michigan, the Kellogg Foundation works throughout the United States and internationally, as well as with sovereign tribes. Special attention is paid to priority places where there are high concentrations of poverty and where children face significant barriers to success. WKKF priority places in the U.S. are in Michigan, Mississippi, New Mexico and New Orleans; and internationally, are in Mexico and Haiti. For more information on the Foundation go to: <https://www.wkkf.org>

John Rudolph and Barbara Sellars are residents of Clinton, MO and both have extensive personal knowledge of racism and its devastating effects. Both have volunteered to share their knowledge and to serve as a resource to their community.

We can't heal or create greater racial equity if we don't know each other. Ra-

cial healing involves building trusting relationships that help us work together to address the impact and damage caused by racism. Changing the systems that separate us starts with challenging our individual impulses to separate. On this National Day of Racial Healing – and year round – find a way to connect across racial and ethnic differences with people who share your city, town or organization.

The Clinton community, both young and old, are invited to join them at the Friends Room on Tuesday evening to participate in this discussion.

State Fair Community College SFCC To Close For Martin Luther King Jr. Day

All State Fair Community College campus locations (Sedalia, Boonville, Clinton, Eldon, Jefferson City, Lake of the Ozarks, Lincoln, Warsaw, and Whiteman Air Force Base) will close Jan. 15 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The Campus Store located inside Yeater on the Sedalia campus will open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Jan. 15.

The State Fair Career and Technology Center (SFCTC) that provides technical training for high school juniors and seniors on the Sedalia campus also will close Jan. 15.

The college and SFCTC will open 8 a.m. Jan. 16, which is the first day of SFCC's spring semester. The last day to enroll for first eight- and 16-week spring classes is Jan. 17. Enrollment is open for 12-week (start Jan. 30) and second

eight-week classes (start March 25). Go to www.sfc-mo.edu for a free admissions application and class schedule.

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL MISSOURI

'Remember The Dance' Returns For Benefit Performance

University of Central Missouri UCM Theatre and Dance will once again perform its original dance play, "Remember the Dance," at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 15 at the James L. Highlander Theatre. The show, which is a fundraising performance to aid student performers and crew, was recently selected as one of four invited productions to be featured at the 2024 Region V Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival (KCACTF) in Des Moines, Iowa. This is a prestigious honor as 20 shows were considered within the seven-state region.

As an invited production, the show will perform three times for students and faculty who attend the conference this year in Des Moines, Iowa. The performance on Jan. 15 at UCM serves as a benefit show to help raise funds for student travel and touring expenses required to take the production to the KCACTF event. Admission to the Highlander presentation is free and the show is family-friendly.

"Remember the Dance" initially premiered at UCM in April 2023 in the Nickerson Black Box Theatre program. It was written by Assistant Professor of Theatre Dr. Aaron Scully, and was directed by Scully and Ashley Miller-Scully, professor of dance. It includes eight original dances choreographed by UCM students and faculty. The

play tells the story of Betsy, a woman experiencing early onset Alzheimer's disease, who is reflecting on a friendship she had in college that inspired her to become the person she would come to be.

The choreography is by UCM Theatre and Dance student choreographers; Francois Des Marteau, former adjunct dance faculty member; and Miller-Scully. Kansas City-based artist and musician Jack McClain composed, performed and recorded all original music for the production. Additionally, Matt Pedersen, assistant costume design professor at Southern Utah University and UCM Theatre and Dance alumnus, contributed costume designs and spent the final week of production working with students implementing the designs.

When asked about being invited to present "Remember the Dance" at the KCACTF, Aaron Scully stated: "I went to my first KCACTF in January of 2013 as a graduate student and it was one of the most inspirational experiences of my life. Fifteen hundred students and faculty come together to share their love and appreciation of theatre and showcase the best our region has to offer."

"Ten years later, for a UCM Theatre and Dance production to be invited to perform, is an incredible honor," he added. "I am really proud of our students and faculty and the work we do - and it's humbling to know that it's being recognized by our peers."

The cast includes: Alanah Trigg as Betsy, Grace Clark as Young Betsy, Jennifer White as Christina, Shanna Sinow as Jillian, Tijhana Hines as Ettie, and Kayla Addison as Lainie. The dance ensemble includes Addison Rutherford, Brittany King, Mackenzie

Lewis, Katie Kaminski, and Raegen Weber.

The crew includes, Directors, Ashley Miller-Scully and Dr. Aaron Scully; Stage Manager, Madeline Clark; Composer, Jack McClain; Choreographers, Francois Des Marteau, Tijhana Hines, Addison Rutherford, Ashley Miller-Scully, and Shanna Sinow; Technical Director and Scenic Designer, Spencer Musser; Lighting Design Coordinator and Supervisor, Aleksandra Combs; Costume, Hair and Makeup Designer, Matthew Pedersen; Sound Designer, Molly Blackburn; Dance Captain, Shanna Sinow; Dramaturg, Grace Clark; Assistant Stage Manager, Paige Showen; Assistant Choreographer, Karissa Holst;

Lighting Designers, Wes Freeman, Jamie Gresens, Luke Habjan, Ari Kendrick, Hollie Neumann; Costume Shop Supervisor, Cassie Kay Hoppas; Wardrobe Head, Claire Groos; Sound and Light Board Operator, Keyvon Lewis; Backstage Crew, Maysen Camara, Stephanie Heathcock, Kaia Trujillo and Lily Wade; Publicity/Marketing Director, Scully; Office Professional, Lars Jepsen; Office Assistants, Grace Clark and Shanna Sinow.

Anyone who has questions about the benefit production or how to make a donation to the production, please contact Dr. Aaron Scully at ascully@ucmo.edu or call the Theatre and Dance main office at 660-543-4020.

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 PROBATE DIVISION

In the Estate of:)
 MARTIN LEE O'DELL,) Estate No.: 23HE-PR00066
 Deceased.)

NOTICE OF FILING OF FINAL SETTLEMENT AND PETITION FOR DISTRIBUTION

(Sec. 473.587, RSMo)

You are hereby notified that on February 5, 2024, or as may be continued by the court, the undersigned personal representative will file in the Probate Division of Circuit Court of Henry County, Missouri, final settlement and petition for distribution of the estate and for determination of the persons who are the successors in interest to the personal and real property of the decedent and of the extent and character of their interests therein. Any objections or exceptions to such Final Settlement and Petition for Distribution or any item thereof must be in writing and filed within twenty days after the filing of such settlement.

Personal Representative-Kathy O'Dell
 881 NE 801 Road
 Calhoun, Mo. 65323

Michael X. Edgett, Attorney at Law for
 Kathy O'Dell, Personal Representative
 27097
 608 E. Ohio Street
 Clinton, Mo. 64735
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HENRY COUNTY, MISSOURI

AT, INC., SUCCESSOR)
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)
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 vs,) Case Number: 23HE-CC00061
) Judge: M. Brandon Baker

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 ("UNKNOWN DEFENDANTS"),)
 Defendants.)

NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss.
 COUNTY OF HENRY)

TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED DEFENDANTS:

- Wyatt Nickerson and Jessika Nickerson;
- All of the unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, assigns, donees, alienees, legatees, administrators, executors, guardians, mortgagees, 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;
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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
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The Shepherd Calls
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If there is anything Satan hates, it is prayer. When people pray, the power of God is unleashed in the world. The devil considers earth his domain. When people pray and receive God's power, Satan's plans are thwarted.

Well, like I said, the Prayer Angel was talking to God. Seems this Christian person on earth had begun a very meaningful prayer life, and the devil was giving him a fit. This guy would slip away on his lunch hour at work and spend a few minutes with God. His co-workers---tough, worldly types---were giving him a fit. They called him terrible names like "reverend" and "preacher."

The Prayer Angel was asking God what to do. The angel listened as God spoke. The angel nodded understandingly. His face was filled with concern. Then, he was on his way back to earth.

What happened the next day was not caused by God. No, it was caused by someone's foolish carelessness. Nevertheless, the Christian's main tormentor was injured on the job. At the hospital, the doctor just shook his head and said, "Somebody better pray hard."

All the tormentors now looked to the Christian for help. He prayed around the clock. Days later, the injured man went home well. The doctor said it was a miracle. The praying Christian had a new respect from his co-workers. The Prayer Angels smiled.

LEGAL NOTICES

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 FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023

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**IN THE 27TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT,
HENRY COUNTY, MISSOURI
PROBATE DIVISION**

In the Estate of GERALDINE M. STEFFENS, Deceased.
Case Number: 23HE-PR00126

**LETTERS TESTAMENTARY
(Independent Administration)**

The State of Missouri to All Persons Interested in the Estate of GERALDINE M. STEFFENS:

The Last Will and Testament of GERALDINE M. STEFFENS, deceased, who resided in HENRY, has been exhibited, proved and recorded. To the end that the property of Decedent may be collected and disposed of, we appoint STANLEY STEFFENS personal representative, who may administer the estate independently without adjudication, order, or direction of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court, with full power and authority as provided by law.

Date Will Executed: JANUARY 31, 2005
Date of Death: AUGUST 5, 2023

I, JUDGE of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of HENRY COUNTY Missouri, have signed my name and affixed the seal of the said Court on DECEMBER 21, 2023.

HAROLD DUMP II
JUDGE

Inventory Due: JANUARY 27, 2024

Statement of Account Due: DECEMBER 21, 2024

Earliest Date Statement of Account can be filed: JULY 21, 2024

CERTIFICATE

I, Clerk of the Probate Division, certify that the foregoing Letters, now in full force and effect, is a true copy from the record as it appears in my office.

Witness my hand and seal of court on December 21, 2023.

WENDI MCGHEE
CIRCUIT CLERK

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

For default in payment of debt secured by Deed(s) of Trust executed by Leroy Andy Trusty, II, a single person, dated January 20, 2023, and recorded on January 20, 2023, in Book No. 2023, Page 192, Instrument No. 202300192 in the office of the Recorder of Deeds, Henry County, Missouri, the undersigned Trustee will on February 5, 2024, between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm, more particularly at 1:00 PM 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:

ALL THAT PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE¼) OF SECTION TWENTY-THREE (23), TOWNSHIP FORTY-ONE (41), RANGE TWENTY-FOUR (24), HENRY COUNTY, MISSOURI, DESCRIBED AS COMMENCING AT A POINT NINE HUNDRED NINETY (990) FEET WEST OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE¼) OF SECTION TWENTY-THREE (23), THENCE NORTH ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED TWENTY (1320) FEET, THENCE WEST SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY (770) FEET, THENCE SOUTH SIX HUNDRED NINETY-SIX (696) FEET, THENCE EAST FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY (570) FEET, THENCE SOUTH SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR (624) FEET, THENCE EAST TWO HUNDRED (200) FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, EXCEPT ROADS AND

EXCEPT ALL THAT PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE¼) OF SECTION TWENTY-THREE (23), TOWNSHIP FORTY-ONE (41), RANGE TWENTY-FOUR (24), HENRY COUNTY, MISSOURI, DESCRIBED AS COMMENCING AT A POINT NINE HUNDRED NINETY (990) FEET WEST OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE¼) OF SECTION TWENTY-THREE (23), THENCE NORTH ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED TWENTY (1320) FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE WEST SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY (770) FEET, THENCE SOUTH TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-TWO (282) FEET, THENCE EAST SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY (770) FEET, THENCE NORTH TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-TWO (282) FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND ALSO EXCEPT ALL THAT PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE¼) OF SECTION TWENTY-THREE (23), TOWNSHIP FORTY-ONE (41), RANGE TWENTY-FOUR (24), HENRY COUNTY, MISSOURI, DESCRIBED AS COMMENCING AT A POINT NINE HUNDRED NINETY (990) FEET WEST OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE¼) OF SECTION TWENTY-THREE (23), THENCE NORTH SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR (624) FEET, THENCE WEST TWO HUNDRED (200) FEET, THENCE SOUTH SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR (624) FEET, THENCE EAST TWO HUNDRED (200) FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, EXCEPT ROADS; AND

ALL THAT PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE¼) OF SECTION TWENTY-THREE (23), TOWNSHIP FORTY-ONE (41), RANGE TWENTY-FOUR (24), HENRY COUNTY, MISSOURI, DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED NINETY (1190) FEET WEST (W) OF THE SOUTHEAST (SE) CORNER OF SAID SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE¼) OF SECTION TWENTY-THREE (23), THENCE NORTH (N) SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR (624) FEET, THENCE WEST (W) FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY (570) FEET, THENCE SOUTH (S) SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR (624) FEET, THENCE EAST (E) FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY (570) FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, EXCEPT ROADS.

D.R. Landwehr, Trustee

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NOTICE

Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692c(b), no information concerning the collection of this debt may be given without the prior consent of the consumer given directly to the debt collector or the express permission of the court of competent jurisdiction. The debt collector is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose (No. 49746).

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

To the Board of Education
Sherwood Cass R-VIII School District of Cass County, Missouri
Creighton, Missouri

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the District's compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB Compliance Supplement that could have a direct and material effect on each of the District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2023. The District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the District complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

DSWA Certified Public Accountants, P.C.

**SHERWOOD CASS R-VIII SCHOOL DISTRICT OF CASS COUNTY, MISSOURI
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
MODIFIED CASH BASIS
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	General	Special Revenue (Teachers') Fund	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues					
Local	\$ 2,767,046	\$ 1,077,099	\$ 678,567	\$ 783,019	\$ 5,305,731
County	259,745	26,832	43,339	202,308	532,224
State	478,227	3,561,079	-	293,077	4,332,383
Federal	513,302	1,322,043	-	27,800	1,863,145
Total revenues	4,018,320	5,987,053	721,906	1,306,204	12,033,483
Expenditures					
Instructional services					
Regular	175,104	2,929,163	-	-	3,104,267
Special	497,374	596,845	-	-	1,094,219
Vocational	17,544	269,423	-	-	286,967
Student activities	339,185	108,146	-	14,672	462,003
Payments to other districts	-	241,980	-	-	241,980
Supporting services					
Students	252,541	199,613	-	-	452,154
Instructional staff	67,508	85,892	-	-	153,400
Building administration	160,866	286,867	-	-	447,733
General administration	469,639	247,379	-	-	717,018
Operation and maintenance of facilities	816,394	-	-	42,560	858,954
Transportation	586,216	14,362	-	36,595	637,173
Food service	406,859	-	-	5,651	412,510
Other services					
Community services	53,991	69,519	-	-	123,510
Facilities acquisition and construction	-	-	-	1,377,315	1,377,315
Principal	-	-	275,000	91,728	366,728
Interest	-	-	158,950	33,156	192,106
Other	-	-	299	-	299
Total expenditures	3,843,221	5,049,189	434,249	1,601,677	10,928,336
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	175,099	937,864	287,657	(295,473)	1,105,147
Other financing sources (uses)					
Sale of buses	-	-	-	1,500	1,500
Sale of other property	1,720	-	-	2,535	4,255
Transfers in (out)	(349,337)	-	-	349,337	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	(347,617)	-	-	353,372	5,755
Net change in fund balances	(172,518)	937,864	287,657	57,899	1,110,902
Fund balances - beginning	2,325,655	-	484,647	844,866	3,655,168
Fund balances - ending	\$ 2,153,137	\$ 937,864	\$ 772,304	\$ 902,765	\$ 4,766,070

Complete copies of the audit report are available for inspection at the Superintendent's Office at 33300 S. Sherwood Drive, Creighton, Mo 64730.
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The Sherwood Cass R-VIII School District is seeking proposals for architectural and/or engineering services. The Request for Qualifications document can be requested from central office (660-499-2239) or found at <https://sites.google.com/sherwoodk12.net/sherwoodrfs/home>. Completed sealed packets are due by 12:00pm on Friday, February 2, 2024. All questions should be directed to Mr. Phil Rogers at phil.rogers@sherwoodk12.net.
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Henry County will be accepting bids for the purchase and installation of both a 2-Ton and a 4-Ton Roof top unit for the Detention Center. Please contact Chris Wirsig at 660-885-7203 for additional information.

All bids are due, no later than 10 am Thursday January 18, 2024. Bids will be opened at 10.00 am on Thursday January 18, 2024. Bids need to be turned into or emailed to:

Henry County Clerk
Rick Watson
100 W Franklin Clinton Missouri 64735
rickw@henrycomo.com
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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 SevenThirteen Tax Increment Financing Plan and the redevelopment projects associated with such Plan are making satisfactory progress under the proposed time schedules contained within the approved Plan for completion of the projects.

Wendee Seaton, City Clerk
City of Clinton, Missouri

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

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HENRY COUNTY, MISSOURI
PROBATE DIVISION**

In the Estate of:)
DENISE LYNETTE REVARD,) Case No.: 22HE-PR00041
Deceased.)

**NOTICE OF FILING OF FINAL SETTLEMENT
AND PETITION FOR DISTRIBUTION**

To all persons interested in the Estate of Denise Lynette Revard, deceased.

You are hereby notified that the Personal Representative of the above estate will file a Final Settlement and Petition for determination of the persons who are the successors in interest to the property of the decedent and of the extent and character of their interest therein and for distribution of such property in the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Henry County, Missouri, on **February 9, 2024**, or as may be continued by the Court, and that any objections or exceptions to such Final Settlement or Petition or any item thereof must be in writing and filed within twenty days after the filing of such Final Settlement.

Allen Huff, Personal Representative
100 West Franklin Street
Clinton, MO 64735

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Market Report • January 3, 2024

2,419 Receipts • 8% Cows • Compared to our last sale steers and heifers sold mostly 10-15 higher. Slaughter cows and bulls traded mostly 5-10 higher.

Steers, Med. & Lg. Frame #		Rep Sales	
300-400 lbs. \$---	23	BBWF str	425# 331
400-500 lbs. \$285 - 331	16	blk str	455# 330
500-600 lbs. \$255 - 321	19	blk str	508# 321
600-700 lbs. \$225 - 274	15	blk str	567# 289.50
700-800 lbs. \$216 - 246	20	Chr str	551# 295.50
800-900 lbs. \$190 - 225.50	19	Chr str	508# 265
<i>Small frame or fleshy str & bulls 400-700 lbs. \$175 - 270</i>	17	blk str	613# 274
	19	blk str	577# 277
	35	blk str	673# 248
Heifers, Med. & Lg. Frame #1	21	blk str	712# 240
300-400 lbs. \$---	14	blk str	734# 246
400-500 lbs. \$235 - 293	20	blk hfrs	415# 293
500-600 lbs. \$225 - 275	21	blk hfrs	547# 270.50
600-700 lbs. \$190 - 245	16	blk hfrs	623# 245
700-800 lbs. \$180 - 232	2	Lds hfrs	730# 222.35
800-900 lbs. \$171 - 218		Top Weigh Cow	
<i>Small frame or fleshy heifers 400-700 lbs. \$140 - 200</i>	1425	blk cow	113
	1925	Top Weigh Bull	
		blk bull	127

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