

# Some Clinton Businesses & Consumers Crack Amidst The High Price Of Eggs

BY JUDY KRAMER  
Staff Reporter

The highly pathogenic avian influenza has recently depopulated more than 2.7 million birds in Missouri, reducing overall egg production according to [www.bing.com](#). Nationwide the average cost of a dozen Grade A eggs was \$4.95 in January, a 15 percent increase from prices in December.

John French, manager of Price Cutter in Clinton said that the egg shortage is "horrible." He said they get their eggs at market price which is higher than other means.

The Clinton Senior Center uses eggs in its in-person dining and its home delivered meals. When asked about how high prices of eggs had affected the Center, Kathy Wilson, Senior Services Director, said "We have to eat..." She said that the supplier they use charges \$150 to \$175 for 15 dozen eggs. Broken down to price per dozen is from \$10 to \$11.67.

The Ben Franklin Bistro in Clinton, Nikita Branscombe, said that egg prices have almost doubled in price. She said that her restaurant gets eggs from a vendor, but she is trying to use local options.

"I have only been with Ben Franklin Bistro for two years, but these are the



**GETTING CREATIVE,** Henry County resident Amber VanWinkle and her friend Leena Espinoza are raising chickens for their eggs. "Prices have gotten way too high and we decided to give this a try," VanWinkle told the Democrat.

highest prices I have seen in restaurant in my total 20 years in the restaurant business," said Branscombe. "A lot of people have great advertising about their eggs, and we get them locally. We are skating by but haven't raised our prices.

The Dietz Family Buffet offers eggs to order on

weekends. Management has seen all their foods go up and they are thinking about the possibility of stopping their eggs to order, but have not done so yet.

R&R BBQ said that they don't use eggs with barbecue but for their potato salad they order them already

boiled and peeled and the price stays the same.

Chain restaurants such as Waffle House and Denny's have announced that some of their restaurants in the U.S. are adding a 50-cent surcharge to all egg items sold at their locations.

Clinton resident Cindy Tellman told the Demo-

crat, "I love eggs and I but a lot of them. I don't like the price increase, but I'm still buying them and look around for where I can get the best price."

The United States Department of Agriculture said that recouping egg supply losses could take longer than anticipated, and we can't begin fixing it the next day. It is really a six-to-nine-month process (according to Newsweek). [www.usatoday.com](#) reported on Feb. 18 that the average cost of a dozen eggs in 1980 was 88 cents; prices peaked at \$2.97 in 2015; and topped out at \$4.83 in 2023.

One way to save on the

# Make Room For Fido! Max Motors Gives Major Help To Animal Shelter

BY JENNIFER JACKSON  
Staff Reporter

Petey has been in the Clinton Animal Shelter for 644 days, with no time off for good behavior. It's a long sentence for the white dog, but Petey is one of the lucky ones.

The Clinton Animal Shelter has been full for months, and not able to accept any more homeless dogs. The reason: the prevalence of pet discarding and puppy dumping. With no room at the shelter, Terri Williams and concerned volunteers spend hours every day on the phone, trying to find rescue options for homeless pets, but in turn get calls from all over the state from shelters that are similarly strapped.

Terri is a board member of CARE, Clinton Animal Rescue Endeavor, which runs the Clinton Animal Shelter. On March 8, Max Motors is teaming up with CARE to take the pressure off the shelter by finding Petey and his pals new homes.

The big draw: for Shelter



**MAKING ROOM FOR MAN'S BEST FRIEND,** Max Motors General Sales Manager Austin Murry has two dogs at home and decorated the dealership for Shelter Adoption Day.

Adoption Day, adoption fees have been cut in half for dogs, to \$75, and reduced \$15 for a cat or kitten to \$50. The regular fees — \$150 for dogs, \$65 for cats — are actually cheap, Terri said, and do not start to cover the medical costs the shelter pays for rabies shots and other inoculations, spay/neuter procedures, and micro-chipping that are spent on each pet.

In all, 38 dogs are currently housed in the shelter, plus seven are in outside kennels, not an ideal situation in cold weather.

"We are now over capacity," Terri said. "We actually should only be holding 25 in the shelter."

Another 40 dogs are in

foster care homes, adopted on a temporary basis. The board members are hoping the March 8 event at Max Motors will result in a lot of adoptions, she said, creating space to accept more dogs. If the volunteers can't find options for unwanted pets or unexpected litters, they have

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# Have I Got A Line For You!

By James Mahlon White



Well, President Trump and President Zelenskyy had a real rabble-rouser at the White House. The conversation became heated and some believe The Donald was disrespectful to Zelenskyy. I don't see where the President was anything except brutally honest with the man. He DOESN'T hold any cards and is sending conscripts to act as cannon fodder for a war he can't win. Zelenskyy reminds me of a pan-handler at the off ramp, making a demand from a motorist for cash and being dissatisfied that it's not enough. Why did The Donald allow this exchange to be televised? Bet it was because the last time he spoke to the Ukrainian President in private, impeachment charges followed.

What else....Clint Hill died last week. He was the Secret Service Agent who jumped onto President Kennedy's car after the President was shot. I've watched interviews with him over the years. You could feel the deep pain he carried from that day. Each time this gentleman spoke about the events in Dallas, it brought tears to his eyes. He was as an example of what the public desires in a Secret Service Agent. They don't make his kind anymore. When JFK died, 90% of the Nation mourned his death. What if the same thing happened to today? Would some people celebrate? Society has changed for the worse. May Clint Hill's soul finally be at peace from that awful day that changed this country forever.

Let's make a jump back to the present. Read an article about a Georgia teacher who stepped out of the classroom and left her phone on the desk. One of her students accessed it and found Mrs. Jones' nude selfies. He posted

## Word on the Street

Do you have any vacation plans for this year?



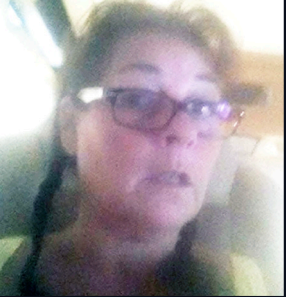
"Planning a girls trip this summer with friends but haven't decided where to yet."

-Kirstin Kentwood



"Going to Nebraska for family reunion."

-Laura Armstrong



"We're going to Maine in our RV."

-Rhonda Stevenson

them on the internet. Mrs. Jones lost her job but vows to sue the district claiming it was theft and an invasion of privacy. I'm with the school board on this one. She was irresponsible to leave an unlocked phone with pictures like that around students. If she had such hard copy photos of herself in an unsealed envelope on her desk, wouldn't the school have the right to fire her? That is essentially what she did. Maybe it's just because I went to school in the stone ages, before the internet, but it seems like a lot less learning goes on these days.

Hang in there Old Buddy. Sometimes the stuff going on is just too much to comprehend.

Til Next Week: J.M.W.



### Society For Academic Excellence Invites Students To Be Recognized

Dear Friends of Education: The Society for Academic Excellence invites students who have achieved a 3.5 or higher grade point average during this school year to be recognized. Last year, 303 students were honored, including 40 graduating seniors who maintained a 3.5 GPA each year throughout high school. In addition, four seniors from Clinton High School and one senior from Clinton Christian Academy received \$500 scholarships. We invite you to join other individuals and businesses in the Clinton area to help honor the scholastic achievements of Clinton High School and Clinton Christian Academy students.

This year marks the 37th anniversary of the Academic Excellence Program, all because of our supportive community which has taken an interest in



## Get to Know Clinton, MO.

**Name:** Darcy Callahan.  
**Birthplace:** Ashville, NC.  
**Years in Clinton:** 42.  
**Family:** 4 kids and 3 grandkids.  
**The best thing about living in Clinton is:** How much people love God.  
**Occupation:** Retired RN.  
**What I wanted to be when I grew up:** Social Worker.  
**Favorite childhood memory:** Watching my mom play piano at church.  
**The best time of my life was when:** I had my children and then grandchildren.  
**What do you value most in your friends:** That they're truthful and reliable.  
**Your greatest fear:** Having my family move away.  
**Most embarrassing moment:** Forgetting words

education for the youth within our school districts. Our program this year will be focused on providing a quality experience for our students and an opportunity for the graduating seniors to be recognized with scholarships to encourage furthering their education.

The consistent support of the program from sponsors like you have allowed the Society to provide this recognition for our top performing students and their families. Your contribution of \$50.00 as a Silver Sponsor or \$100.00 as a Gold Sponsor will benefit the students as they receive their official Academic Excellence medals and ribbons. For your support, you will receive the following:

1. Recognition in the CHS

during choir concert.  
**I've never been able to:** Play a musical instrument (other than voice).  
**If I won the lottery:** I'd donate some and take my kids and grandkids on a Disney vacation.  
**My dream trip would be to:** Europe.  
**Hobbies:** Scrap-booking.  
**Favorite band or musician:** The Supremes.  
**Favorite movies:** Good Will Hunting.  
**Favorite drink:** Sprite.  
**Favorite snack:** Cheese and crackers.  
**Favorite candy:** Jelly belly.  
**Future goal:** Trips with my grandkids.  
**Which person do you admire most:** My mama, she did whatever she set her mind to do.

Academic Excellence Ceremony's program with that ceremony being held on April 16th. CCA includes A.E. as part of their year-end ceremonies, and you will be recognized there as well.

2. Listing as a Silver or Gold sponsor in Chamber of Commerce Facebook posts before and after the CHS and CCA ceremonies.

3. Either a walnut plaque as a first-year sponsor or a 2025 date plate as a returning sponsor.
4. Satisfaction from supporting our youth in Academic Excellence as a partner in education.

Also, many continuing sponsors may need a new plaque for additional year bars. Let the office know when you send your sponsorship. Please make your



**Advice you would give your younger self:** Don't let what others think of you hold you back.  
**Words to live by:** The best feeling comes from helping others, try doing that everyday.

checks payable to Greater Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce with a memo for Society for Academic Excellence. Checks can be mailed or delivered to the Depot, 200 South Main, Clinton, MO 64735. Your Chamber will also pick up checks if needed. Please respond by April 7th. Thank you for your consideration and support of our youth and education.



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Huge thanks to the Clinton Elks Lodge, Huey's Deluxe Catering, Anthem Blue Cross-Blue Shield, Rejuv Luxury Spa and our sponsors as the Chamber and Economic Development held our first Luncheon of the year Feb. 21st.

Presenters included Brittney Beazley with Anthem Health, Sarah Barton from Compass Health Network, Clinton's Economic Development Director Mark Dawson and three members from the Chamber's Child-care Committee: Amber Hansen, Sabrina Harris, and Amy McFarland.

Thanks to all those that attended! Photos on our Facebook page.

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## NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

### Farmers Elevator and Supply Company

Will hold its Annual meeting of shareholders on the 18th day of March 2025.

The meeting will be held at the Clinton Elks Lodge Banquet Room, Clinton, Missouri and will begin at 6:00 p.m.

#### THE OBJECTS OF THE MEETING WILL BE:

1. Election of two members of the Board of Directors.
2. Election of two MFA delegates.
3. Approval of Financial Report.

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price of eggs is to buy from local people with egg-laying chickens. Cooks Pastures at 900 NE 600, Knob Noster, is selling fresh eggs at a dozen for \$4 if the buyer supplies



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to ask people to hold onto them. There is, literally, no room in the inn, she said.

CARE is part of a network of animal welfare groups that work to save the lives of cats and dogs, and has a no-kill policy. That means that once the shelter is full, there are no options for unwanted pets in the community.

So on March 8, Max Motors, 1500 Harrison Rd., will have pets on display both outside and inside the dealership from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Ida Jacaway at Max Motors is organizing the event for the dealership, which is a big supporter of the shelter and its mission. The staff have filled a truck bed with bags of pet food and treats, and added balloons to decorate the dealership for the event. They have also scheduled a food truck from Chick-fil-A for 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Max Motors has donated part of their air time on Fox4KC.com to advertise the event, and a news crew was visiting the dealership last Friday to meet Petey, Milly and other dogs up for adoption and the volunteers. The CARE board, shelter staff and volunteers are counting on the March 8 event to result in a lot of adoptions.

CARE (Clinton Animal Rescue Endeavor) has held adoption events before, Terri said, but not on this scale. The shelter is also strapped for cash, she said.

"We need all the help we can get," Terri said. "When it comes to having too many dogs, we are in a bad spot trying to save so many."

Puppy-dumping is becoming a common occurrence,

his or her own egg carton. The owner said that she doesn't wash the eggs because it saves money. It is almost 34 miles from Clinton, and she is presently getting a lot of reach out of people from Kansas City.

she said, the result of pet owners who fail to have their pets spayed or neutered, then are "surprised" by litters of puppies they can't keep. What Terri and other volunteers hear from people who are discarding their pets:

"We're getting 'We're moving,' or 'We're pregnant,'" Terri said. "People are not taking their pets into consideration when making big decisions. It's hard on the pets when they are returned to the shelter."

The shelter gets all sizes and kinds of dogs— small, medium-small and medium-large — with the small breeds being adopted fast, Terri said. The shelter even gets "doodles" — poodle crossbreeds —as a result of breeder dumps.

The cat numbers are good right now, Terri said, but spring is coming, which is 'cat season.' The shelter will work with people to get feral cats in their neighborhoods rounded up and spayed, Terri said.

The mission of CARE, part of the Best Friends network, is to promote adoption, prevent abuse, and educate the public on how to care for companion animals.

The weather forecast for Saturday is partly cloudy and warm, with temperatures in the 50s. Come out to Max Motors, on the east side of Hwy. 7 on Saturday, meet Petey, and help the shelter get its head above water by adopting or by making a donation. To get to Harrison Road from town, go out Price Lane and under the highway overpass, and turn right on Dzf Road.

If you live on the east side of Clinton, you can take Van Sant Road north and

turn left on Harrison Road. Max Motors was founded by Mark Muller in Butler, Mo., in 2006. It acquired Jim Raysik's dealership in 2023. Max Motors is owned by Mark Muller and Bob Jacaway, who joined the company in 2017. Max Motors awards a Future Agricultural Leaders Scholarship annually.

**CLINTON BOE**  
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form, it was approved. The motion for the revised purchasing policy was also approved. HVAC replacement was approved as well. The motion of replacing water drains at the middle school was approved. The school council discussed the district health insurance rates for 2025 and 2026, it was discussed that the health insurance went up about 6% about 215 people are insured through the school. The school council discussed possibly setting up an insurance committee next year to see if they can find insurance with better rates. The meeting was adjourned.



**GVMH Board Of Directors**  
**January 22, 2025**

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

Craig Thompson, Chief Executive Officer, was visiting the second floor and noticed a sign on a door that read "Employee Sleeping". Due to the predicted snow and ice storm, approximately 30 staff members chose to stay either at the hospital or a local hotel. Although our outpatient service departments were closed, the hospital is always open. Many of us take that for granted. Craig expressed his sincere gratitude to our staff for their level of commitment to care for our patients.

Jessica Henderson, Chief Human Resources Officer, also shared examples where two employees utilized a new employee benefit which allows advancement of payroll funds. One employee was able to keep

her utilities on and the other to obtain gas money to drive to work.

The minutes of the December 18, 2024 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes and seconded. Motion carried.

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

Craig Thompson stated Tim Glasscock was the only candidate to file for the Board from District #5 (expiring 2031). No election will need to be held as only one candidate filed in the district.

Thompson informed the Board to anticipate receiving notification regarding the annual financial disclosure statements for 2025. Due to the adoption of a Code of Ethics, only a short form is required for certain Board members doing business with the hospital. Any information requests received from the Missouri Ethics Commission should be brought to Administration.

Tara Dull, Chief Compliance Officer, presented the Compliance report as well as a patient privacy report. Dull also reported on Aleade ACO Performance, detailing performance measures for 2023.

Lauren Nicholson, RN, Director of Accreditation & Patient Safety, presented the quarterly Patient Safety report to the Board.

Tara Dull, Executive Director of Compliance, Privacy & Data Integrity, reported on Health Equity. A PowerPoint presentation was shared. This is an annual Board report.

The quality report was reviewed.

Thompson reported on the updated provider performance improvement initiatives for both primary care and APP providers.

Thompson reported on facility expansion and renovation.

Thompson updated the Board regarding two new leadership additions:

- Dr. Brian Bellamy, Chief Medical Officer. He will continue seeing patients as well as working in this capacity.
- Molly Teichman, Chief Operating Officer. Her start date is February 10th.
- Lynnette Hayes, Chief

Nursing Officer, and Thompson recently traveled to Jefferson City and visited the Department of Health and Senior Services to discuss maternal health outcomes. Craig will visit Washington, D.C. in February to meet with Congressman Mark Alford and Senators Hawley and Schmitt.

Thompson informed the Board of providers requesting hospital privileges and changes/increase in privileges. He stated the Executive Committee of the Medical Staff acted on the applications and recommended that the requested privileges be granted. A motion was made to grant the privileges as recommended and seconded. The motion carried. The applications approved were –

- Monika Goyal, MD – Courtesy – Psychiatry (Compass Health Network)
- J. David Moskovitz, MD – Courtesy – Virtual Radiology - Telehealth (Virtual Radiology)
- J. Andrea Becker, NP – Active – Allied Health (Golden Valley Memorial Healthcare)
- M. Meg Beebe, NP – Active – Allied Health (Golden Valley Memorial Healthcare)
- Francis E. Dailey, MD – Courtesy – Gastroenterology (Premier GI of Kansas City)
- Nikoloz Chitaia, MD – Courtesy – Endocrinology (P & C Healthcare, LLC)
- Heather N. Begemann, NP – Allied – Endocrinology (P & C Healthcare, LLC)
- Kendell C. Clarkston, MD – Active – Hospitalist (St. Luke's Health System)
- Stephanie A. White, CRNA – Allied – CRNA (Ethos Anesthesia Services, LLC)
- Brady Blann, CRNA – Allied – CRNA (Golden Valley Memorial Healthcare)

Healthcare issues were discussed.

Committee reports were reviewed. Patient Safety committee minutes were reviewed as well. Danny Eidson, Board Representative for Quality Improvement, reported on performance improvement/quality issues and quality activity of medical staff services. Recommendations and actions of the Quality Council were reviewed. The Quality Council report from January 15,

2025 reported on Quality Department/Infection Control Quarterly Report, Ambulance Diversion, and Clinic Sample Medication Process. There were no minutes from the Environment of Care/Life Safety committee as there was no January meeting. Grievances were reviewed.

Craig Thompson shared an update on the way Medicaid reimburses for inpatient services. Currently a per diem service, Medicaid will be changing to a DRG payment similar to Medicare. This change is supposed to be budget neutral to the state. Craig plans to meet with Todd Richardson of MO HealthNet to form a coalition with other hospitals who anticipate a negative financial impact from these changes.

Tammy Nadler, Chief Financial Officer, presented the January financial report. Following discussion and review of the financial statement, a motion to approve the financial report. The motion was seconded and carried.

Service Report was reviewed.

Meeting adjourned into Executive Session for a discussion of legal and personnel issues at 7:05pm after which was seconded. Roll call vote – Tim Glasscock, yes; Jim Johns, yes; Danny Eidson, yes; G. R. Lowe III, yes; Sara Fellhoelter, yes; and Bill Kelsay, yes. Motion carried. Authorized by Section 610.021 of the Mo. R.S.

**CHAMBER**  
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Clinton Main Street will join together for one banquet this year. New for 2025, we are moving our annual banquet to March (the 13th to be exact). We will have food, awards, entertainment and, also new this year, we have invited Clinton Main Street to host their annual banquet with us! Its two banquets for the price of one at the Benson Center. The evening's theme will be 'Cruise Into Spring'. The Social starts at 5:30pm with dinner starting at 6pm. Entertainment by Dennis Laffoon-The Piano Man. Recognition awards will be handed out...a review of 2024 and look ahead to 2025...and more. Tickets are \$25 for a Chamber member, get a free ticket if you buy a table for 8, and non-members are \$35. RSVP by March 6th. 660-885-8166 for details.

# THIS WEEK'S PUZZLE

**ACROSS**

- 1) "\_\_\_ like old times"
- 6) "Fear of Fifty" author Jong
- 11) Endorsing
- 14) Like draft beer
- 15) Union group
- 16) "Anytown, \_\_\_"
- 17) Hold grudges
- 19) Blazing
- 20) French wine classification
- 21) Australian with three toes
- 22) Doctor's due
- 23) Pathetically inept person
- 27) Cardinal
- 29) Japanese tie
- 30) Focal device
- 32) One-eighth of a piece of eight
- 33) Faux \_\_\_ (blunder)
- 34) Moved stealthily
- 36) Latin music type
- 39) Chancellor von Bismarck
- 41) Three-tone chord
- 43) Holier-than-thou
- 44) Jockey's controls
- 46) Like brains and ears
- 48) Alter \_\_\_
- 49) The moon in Paris
- 51) Double negative?
- 52) One of the Bobbsey Twins
- 53) Some wrestling holds
- 56) Prejudice
- 58) Historic time
- 59) Alternative to JVC, once
- 60) Cleo's killer
- 61) Butter unit
- 62) Reason for many surgeries
- 68) Brunched
- 69) Disease of cereals
- 70) Establish as law
- 71) \_\_\_ Altos, Calif.
- 72) One of a casino job
- 73) Disney duck

**FOUR SICK DAYS**

By Jerry Berns

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- 1) Weep
- 2) Memphis-to-Nashville dir.
- 3) Heathrow airport listing (Abbr.)
- 4) Chagall and Antony
- 5) DNA shapes
- 6) Architectural annex
- 7) Propel a boat
- 8) More frigid and slippery
- 9) Less agitated
- 10) Hints at (with "to")
- 11) Feeling of satisfaction
- 12) Basket weaver's material
- 13) Appraised
- 18) Giving off light
- 23) Deep sleep
- 24) Diminish in intensity
- 25) Some purified liquids
- 26) Small projecting ridge
- 28) Cotswold cries
- 31) Descendant or heir
- 35) Skewered fare
- 37) Common sweetener
- 38) Opposite of ecstasy
- 40) Unwelcome obligation
- 42) Rejection of a request
- 45) Emulated a bull
- 47) Iditarod vehicle
- 50) Curtain call
- 53) Country in the Himalayas
- 54) A Muse
- 55) \_\_\_ different tune (changed one's mind)
- 57) State one's views
- 53) Costa del \_\_\_
- 54) "\_\_\_ a deal!"
- 55) Shooter's marble
- 56) Bar rocks
- 57) Where bacon is stored?



TWO OF THE PUPPIES who are awaiting adoption.



JILL GILLISPIE WITH DENNIS, a one-and-half year old black lab mix.



**SHELTER VOLUNTEERS** and staff visit Max Motors to film a Fox4KC.com news spot about the March 8 Shelter Adoption Day. From left are Jill Gillispie with Dennis, CARE vice-president Dan Gamet, Heidi Crabree, Clinton Animal Shelter director, with Molly, and (inset) Jennifer Hinton with Petey.



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The MFA Oil Foundation has awarded a grant to the Clinton Christian Academy to assist with purchasing a Promethean Panel Board and new desktop computer for their library.

The MFA Oil Foundation provides support to nonprofit organizations that are working to improve communities where MFA Oil has a significant concentration of members and employees.

Since it was established in 1998, the MFA Oil Foundation has awarded more

than three million dollars in grants.

MFA Oil Senior Director of Employee Engagement and Culture Tom May described the MFA Oil Foundation as “a program that allows our company to give support back to the rural communities that are the foundation of our business.

The grants the Foundation awards help support many youth programs and organizations active in addressing and solving community problems and improving the quality of life.”

State Fair  
Community College  
SFCC VP Murders  
Appointed To  
Whiteman Area  
Leadership Council



**DR. MICHAEL MURDERS**, Vice President Academic & Student Success at State Fair Community has been appointed to Whiteman Area Leadership Council.

State Fair Community College (SFCC) Vice President of Academic and Student Services Dr. Michael Murders has been selected to serve on the Whiteman Area Leadership Council (WALC) Board of Directors.

The Whiteman Area Leadership Council is a nonprofit coalition of regional elected officials, business and civic leaders, and economic development representatives dedicated to ensuring the long-term viability of Whiteman Air Force Base (WAFB). The council works to enhance the base’s mission readiness, infrastructure, and quality of life while fostering collaboration between WAFB and surrounding communities.

SFCC President Dr. Brent Bates expressed confidence in Dr. Murders’ leadership and contributions to the council.

“Dr. Murders is deeply committed to strengthening partnerships between

SFCC Foundation  
To Host 2025 Gala

A fun, casual evening of fine dining and a live auction has been planned for the State Fair Community College Foundation’s annual Gala on March 29 at the Fred E. Davis Multipurpose Center on the Sedalia campus.

The SFCC Foundation will host its annual gala to help raise funds for the capital campaign, Athletic Complex Capital Campaign.

The gala is open to the public, doors open at 5:30 p.m. It will feature cocktails and appetizers at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m., a dessert dash and a live auction. SFCC Board of Trustee member, Justin Hubbs will be the master of ceremonies. Garber Auctioneer will conduct the live auction.

“I’m looking forward to hosting the gala this year to announce our capital campaign and help raise funds for the Athletic Complex,” said Mary Treuner, SFCC Foundation executive director. “This new complex features dedicated areas for baseball, softball, soccer and track and field.”

Guests are encouraged to purchase tickets through the SFCC Foundation Office, the cost is \$125 per person. Individuals, groups or businesses also may reserve tables of 10 for \$1,250. Casual or sports attire is suggested. Parking is available in front of the Davis Multipurpose Center. Reservations are due by March 21. To reserve seats and buy spirits for guest tables online, visit [www.sfccmo.edu](http://www.sfccmo.edu) call the Foundation Office at (660) 596-7275 or email Megan Cannon at [mcannon@sfccmo.edu](mailto:mcannon@sfccmo.edu)

Henry County  
Historical Society  
Calendar Of Events

March 20, 2025 Volunteer Lunch (Annex) 11:30 AM (Docent/Greeter Training following)

March 25 & 26, 2025 Mu-

seum Cleaning (Lunch provided) 9:00 AM

March 27, 2025 Gala Opening (Annex) 5:00-6:30 PM

April 1, 2025 Museum Opens 10:00 am “To Heal Without Drugs or Surgery”

April 4, 2025 Bed Turning (WWH Building) and Quilt Walk TBA

April 12, 2025 High Tea for Young Ladies (Dorman House) 2:00-4:00 PM (Young Ladies High Tea with Etiquette presentation)

May 3, 2025 Ladies High Tea (Annex) 2:00-4:00 PM (Presidential First Ladies)

June 12, 2025 Semi-annual Membership Meeting/ Ice Cream Social 6:30 PM

June 28, 2025 Fried Chicken Dinner/Auction. You can help further the Henry County Museum & Cultural Arts Center’s mission! Volunteers as Docents and Greeters are needed to ensure local history, the arts, and culture are not only preserved but also shared.

There are a variety of ways to help—many that may provide you the opportunity to learn new skills and meet new people. Plus, you decide how often you want to work! To get started stop by the museum or give us a call at 660-885-8414. We can discuss which area you are interested in and find a spot on our calendar that fits your schedule. We look forward to seeing you soon.

CHS Appoints Rupp  
To Board Of Directors

Center for Human Services (CHS) is thrilled to announce the appointment of Scott Rupp, M.S., M.B.A., to its Board of Directors. The CHS Board is comprised of accomplished statewide leaders, and Scott’s diverse knowledge and deep commitment to public service will further strengthen CHS’s experienced Board, bringing valuable leadership and strategic insights into the organization.

Scott resides in St. Charles County with his family and offers a unique perspective as a parent of a child with an intellectual and developmental disability. He is a leadership consultant and best-selling author of the book, “I Quit!” with extensive proficiency in guiding organizations and individuals toward strategic success. His distinguished public service career includes serving as a Missouri State Senator and Representative, as well as Chairman of the Missouri Public Service Commission. With his profound understanding of the Eastern region and wealth of insight into autism services and

resources currently available, Scott will contribute valuable guidance to CHS’s growing mission in St. Louis County and across the state.

Center for Human Services is committed to assuring individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities, along with income-eligible

children and families have access to the critical services they need wherever they live in Missouri. With Scott Rupp’s invaluable contributions, we look forward to furthering our mission of supporting Life Beyond Limitations. For more information about Center for Human Services, visit [www.chs-mo.org](http://www.chs-mo.org).

From The Henry County Health Center

Did you know colorectal cancer is the 2nd deadliest cancer? March is colorectal cancer awareness month. Some symptoms of colorectal cancer include blood in your stool,

unexplained weight loss, change in bathroom habits, persistent cramps or low back pain, fatigue, feeling bloated, and anemia. Talk to your doctor about your screening options.

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**DAVID CAIN**  
David Cain passed away on Sunday, January 19, 2025 at Adair Village in Clinton, Missouri.

He was born on July 24, 1957 in Tacoma, Washington the son of Betty J. (Davidson) and Junior Vernell Cain.

David grew up in a military family and settled down in Clinton, Missouri in 1971. He spent the remaining years of his life in Clinton. He can be described as a colorful character who always had a funny story to share with his friends. He graduated from Clinton High School and worked as a freelance concrete finisher until his late 40's. He was an avid Pool player, tinkered with electronics, and spent many an hour visiting with his many friends.

David is survived by his 98-year-old mother Betty J. Cain, his ex-wife Francis Diane Cain and 3 ex-step-children, an older brother Michael Cain, his sister-in-law Sandra (Moore) Cain, a nephew Michael Cain Jr., and a niece Michelle Cain, all who live in Mineola, Texas. His sister Debra Petralia and his nephew Brian Petralia live in Clinton, Missouri. He has two niece's, Melissa (Petralia) Siebels in Donalsonville, Georgia and Allison Petralia in Kansas City, Kansas.

While his presence may be gone, his impact lives on in the kindnesses he has shown to others and the joy found in the ordinary moments of life.

Funeral services were held January 29, 2025 at Golden Valley Seventh Day Adventist Church, Clinton with Pastor Marty Resz officiating. The casket bearers were Jack Davis, Matt Houk, Logan Elges, Jeff Davis, Sean Elges and Ronnie Lee. Jimmy Ballard and Shawn Morlan were honorary bearers. Special music included "Amazing Grace, How Great Thou Art and What a Friend We Have in Jesus." Interment followed in Good Hope Cemetery, Clinton, MO.

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

## Death Notices

Joy Jones, 89, died Tue, March 4, 2025. Arrangements have been entrusted to Vansant-Mills Funeral Home in Clinton, Missouri and are pending at this time.

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Karen Julian died Tues, March 4, 2025. Arrangements have been entrusted to Vansant-Mills Funeral Home in Clinton, Missouri and are pending at this time.

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Julie Bents VanDyke, died Tues, Feb. 25, 2025. A memorial visitation was held from 5-7pm Mon, March 3, 2025 at the Vansant-Mills Chapel in Clinton, Missouri. A private family burial will be at a later date in the Deepwater Cemetery in Deepwater, Missouri. Memorial contributions: Clinton Animal Rescue Endeavor (C.A.R.E.), left in care of the funeral home. Arrangements have been entrusted to Vansant-Mills Funeral Home in Clinton, Missouri.

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Vera Lucille Clayton, 98, died Wed, Feb. 26, 2025. Funeral Services were held Fri, Feb. 28th, 2025 at 2pm at the Vansant-Mills Funeral Home, Clinton, Missouri. Family received friends at the chapel from 1-2pm. Burial followed in the Lowry City Cemetery, Lowry City, Missouri. Memorial contributions: Clinton Methodist Church, left in care of the funeral home. Arrangements have been entrusted to Vansant-Mills Funeral Home in Clinton, Missouri.

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Frances Minnick, 70, died Tues, Feb. 25, 2025. The family received friends from 1-2pm Mon, March 3, 2023 at the Vansant-Mills Chapel in Clinton, Missouri. Followed by a graveside service at 2pm in Englewood Cemetery in Clinton, Missouri. Arrangements have been entrusted to Vansant-Mills Funeral Home in Clinton, Missouri.

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Shirley Jane Sutton, 88, died Tues, Feb. 25, 2025. Memorial services were held at 11am Mon, March 3, 2025 at the Vansant-Mills Funeral Home in Clinton, Missouri. Visitation was from 10-11am prior to the service. Inurnment followed in Englewood Cemetery in Clinton, Missouri. Arrangements have been entrusted to Vansant-Mills Funeral Home in Clinton, Missouri.

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Judith Ann Davis, 85, died Mon, Feb. 24, 2025. Graveside service were 2pm on Fri, Feb. 28, 2025 at the Appleton City Cemetery in Appleton City, Missouri. Memorial contributions: St. Jude Children's Hospital or Shriners' Hospital, left in care of the funeral home. Arrangements have been entrusted to Vansant-Mills Funeral Home in Clinton, Missouri.

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Abigail Williams, died Sun, Feb. 23rd, 2025. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Vansant-Mills Funeral Home, Clinton, Missouri and are pending at this time.

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Rebecca Crowder, 59, died Tue, Feb. 25, 2025. Memorial services were held at 11am on Fri, Feb. 28, 2025 at The Mount (Mt Zion Baptist Church Z Hwy), Deepwater, Missouri. Visitation was 10-11am prior to the service. Inurnment took place after in Urich Cemetery, Urich, Missouri. Arrangements have been entrusted to Vansant-Mills Funeral Home in Clinton, Missouri.

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Elmer Lewman, 65, died Wed, Feb. 26, 2025. A Celebration of life will be held at 6pm Tues, March 4, 2025 with visitation from 5-6pm prior to the service. Memorial contributions: Elmer Lewman Memorial Fund, left in care of the funeral home. Arrangements have been entrusted to Vansant-Mills Funeral Home in Clinton, Missouri.

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Betty Braun, 98, died Sun, Feb. 23, 2025. Funeral services were at 2pm Sat, March 1, 2025 at the Clinton Methodist Church in Clinton, Missouri. Visitation was 1-2pm prior to the service. Burial to follow in Englewood Cemetery, Clinton, Missouri. Memorial contributions: Henry County Historical Society, left in care of the funeral home. Arrangements have been entrusted to Vansant-Mills Funeral Home in Clinton, Missouri.

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Theresa Aileen Estep (Blevins), 59, died Feb. 26, 202. Arrangements have been entrusted to Vansant-Mills Funeral Home in Clinton, Missouri.

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Edgar Lewis Retherford died Sat, March 1st, 2025. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Vansant-Mills Funeral Home, Clinton, Missouri and are pending at this time.

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Billy Gilley died Fri, Feb. 28, 2025. Arrangements have been entrusted to Vansant-Mills Funeral Home in Clinton, Missouri and are pending at this time.

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David H. Avery, 71, died Thursday, February 27, 2025. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Sat, March 8, 2025, at the Hadley Funeral Home, Windsor, with Pastor T. Ray McJunkins officiating. Burial will be in the Sardis Cemetery, rural Calhoun, Mo. The family will receive friends before the service from 9-11 a.m. at the funeral home. The family suggests contributions to the youth programs of Union Baptist Church or Eastview Christian Church or the Johnson Family Reunion. Contributions may be left in care of the Hadley Funeral Home, Windsor. Condolences may be left online at [www.hadleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.hadleyfuneralhome.com).

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# THE LITTLE APPLE



**FEBRUARY 26, 2025**

Immaculate Conception Church Lenten Fish Fry Dinners will be served March 7, March 21 and April 4 from 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. in St. Mary's School Hall, Montrose. They plan to serve dine-in and carry out. The menu is fried fish, Suzy Q's, cole saw, corn bread, cookies and a drink. Adults eat for \$12, children under 10 for \$6. They are serving the best fish around!

The 7th annual Farm to Fork Summit and Expo, hosted by New Growth, will be held 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 7, 2025, at the Nevada Community Center in Nevada, Missouri. The event connects Midwest farmers, food producers, buyers, and advocates to strengthen the local food supply chain. Sessions will cover diverse topics from marketing to financing such as selling through regional food hubs to using AI for small businesses and participants will enjoy a locally sourced lunch. Tickets are \$45 online (\$50 at the door), with discounts available for beginning farmers with less than 10 years' experience. For more information, visit [newgrowthmo.org/farmtofork](http://newgrowthmo.org/farmtofork) or email [info@newgrowthmo.org](mailto:info@newgrowthmo.org).

Grace Christian Academy will have their 5th annual hog roast dinner with silent and live auctions fundraiser Saturday, March 8 4:00-7:00 p.m. in the Lowry City Civic Center, 4th & Cleveland in Lowry City. The hog roast dinner for \$10 includes meat, sides, dessert and drink. Children 4-12 years eat for \$6, 3 and under are free. Carry out is available. Silent auction from 4:00 – 6:30 and live auction starts at 7:00 p.m. Shuttles depart every 15 minutes from Landmark Tickets are available at the school or at the door.

The next Meet Me On Main, Second Wednesday Shop and Stroll, will be March 12, 2025, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Join local businesses in celebrating St. Patrick's Day and the arrival of spring.

The AC Spring City Wide Garage Sale dates will be April 25 and 26. Information regarding permits will be posted at a later date.

It has been decided that this will be the last year that DbarJ Quilts etc will have the Elva Huffman Essay Contest. If you always thought about entering for your non-profit group, it is now or never. All essays must explain the purpose of your group, how you would use a quilt to earn money for your purpose, and when your event will be happening. All essays need to be received by March 30, as they will be deciding the winner on April 2, which was Elva's birthday. You can mail the essay to DbarJ Quilt etc, PO Box 48, Rockville MO 64780, or email it to [joyce@dbarjquilts.com](mailto:joyce@dbarjquilts.com). If you want more info call 660-598-2222 or 660-679-1809.

The MU St. Clair County Extension office is offering a free Pruning Fruit Trees at Home Workshop on March 6 from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. at the St. Clair County Library in Osceola. Register for this free workshop before March 6 by calling

417-646-2419. Ramon Arancibia, Horticulture Specialist, will be the presenter at this workshop you won't want to miss!

If you have not done so yet this year, please stop by City Hall next week and get your ATV/UTV registered with the City. All-terrain vehicles must carry and display a special permit sticker issued by this City. The City Clerk will issue the special permit sticker and charge a fee of \$5.00 each, with a replacement fee for a lost or damaged permit of \$3.00. Each permit sticker is good for 1 calendar year. The applicant must provide proof of liability insurance covering the ATV/UTV, a copy of a paid personal property tax receipt from the most recent tax year, and a valid driver's license.

You should also get your dog licensed with the city. All dogs must be licensed annually with the City. License cost is \$5.00 per animal.

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Ellett Memorial Hospital Appleton City offers outpatient specialist services for March, 2025. Call 660-476-2111 for appointments.. Mar 6 – OB/GYN, Dr. Kallberg, Mar 12 – Upper GI, Colonoscopy-Dr.Vardakis Mar 14- Ortho-Dr. Gray, Mar 19 – Upper GI, Colonoscopy-Dr. Namin, Mar 20– Podiatry- Dr. Pace, Mar 25- Rheumatology-Dr. John, Mar 26 Ortho – Dr. Gray, Mar 26 – Ophthalmology-Dr. Soni, Mar 27-Neurology-Dr. Shoaib.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

March 7- Immaculate Conception Church Lenten Fish Fry Dinner 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. in St. Mary's School Hall,

March 7- 7th annual Farm to Fork Summit and Expo, hosted by New Growth, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at the Nevada Community Center

March 8- Grace Christian Academy 5th annual hog roast dinner and auctions fundraiser 4:00-7:00 p.m. in the Lowry City Civic Center



## The Shepherd Calls

by

**Dr. H. Wade Paris**

### GETTING TO KNOW HIM EIGHTH IN THE SERIES INSIDE OUT, NOT OUTSIDE IN

In the conclusion of His Sermon on The Mount, Jesus mentions three matters Christians should practice privately---pray, give, and fast. (1) When you pray, go into your room, close the door, and pray to your Father unseen. (2) When you give, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. (3) When you fast, do it privately---not to be seen of men.


Those instructions are essentials of the Christian faith. Ideally, one should get himself right with God before acting in God's behalf. God works from the inside out---not the outside in. The religious people to whom Jesus ministered had for centuries sought God backward. They insisted the way to God was to keep the law. The beginning of the law consisted of the ten commandments.

In their zeal to keep the commandments, the religious leaders spelled them out meticulously. The Jews had a passion for definition. When the commandments instructed no work on the Sabbath, they felt compelled to define work and Sabbath. Consequently, there were multiple rules regarding labor and Sabbath. Over the years, definitions were developed for all the commandments. Later, definitions of the definitions were added. There was so much law one could not know or keep it all. To complicate the matter even more, religious leaders taught the way to God is by keeping the law.

Jesus insisted that was backward, i.e., the cart is before the horse. One should first get to know God, develop a relationship with Him, and then you and He can work together to know and do what is right. This misunderstanding continues. When asked if they are a Christian, people often answer, "I try to be a good person." Amazingly, many think God has a divine scale on which He balances an individual's good and bad deeds. In that system, one's entry into God's Kingdom would be determined by the good outweighing the bad. That is not God's way.

A hitman ratted on the Mafia. Numerous gangsters were arrested and imprisoned, himself included. In prison he told the chaplain he hoped by this one "super good deed," God would forgive all his many bad deeds. The chaplain told him, "God is not a bookkeeper."

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Calhoun Community Church

Greetings from Calhoun Community Church where everyone is somebody and Jesus Christ is Lord. We are located on the southeast corner of the Calhoun square. We are a Multi-Denominational congregation and gather for pre-church food and fellowship at 9:30 a.m. This is a special time for visiting, signing cards of encouragement for our card ministry, and welcoming guests for worship. Mr. Tom rang the church bell at 9:45 a.m. to call our church families to worship at 10:00.

Our prayer list includes Stan and Elaine Egbert, Joe Go-drich, Derek Lowe, Mike Hanson, Gerald Barrow, Taylie Stau-ber, Grayson Lowe, Sondra Short, Dave and LaDawn Burson, Amber, Patrick, and Brecklynn Dittmer. 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.

Joys to celebrate: What a beautiful early spring day to gather and praise the Lord. Ms. Carol brought M & M cookies for our fellowship time, we extend our Thanks. Tom Colwell and Steve Siercks lit the altar candles and Kyslee and Dalton Conner served as ushers collecting the offering. Shirley Card-well, Wes Conner and Jeremy Reed were recognized for hav-ing Birthdays this week and wishes for many more. All were pleased to have Debbie Joy and Tawyna Conner back from vacationing in the Bahamas and Florida. Patty Dump noted that she had spring flowers coming up in her yard. Karrie Reed was pleased to report the Stockdale family, much bet-ter this week. The first Sunday of the month is Communion Sunday at Calhoun Community Church, today Tom and Steve served Communion and Pastor Reed marked our foreheads with ashes, a sign of repentance, usually preformed on Ash Wednesday. Jeremy Reed was absent today attending his son Jackson and Tucker McNeely’s wrestling match. Jeremy is our Tek-man so our hymns were sung acappella. We had a church full so our music turned out fine. RememberDaylight Savings time begins next Sunday.

We are a country church where country folk gather to praise the Lord and socialize one with another. We are a diverse group and invite you to be our guest any Sunday for worship, we promise you will receive a blessing for your effort. Come dressed as you are comfortable and bring the children for Sunday School during the service.

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First Baptist Church services are streamed live on our Facebook page (FirstBaptist-ChurchClinton) at 11:00. You can also view services from our website www.firstbap-tistclinton.church, and our app, which is available for Apple and Android products.

For anyone with hurts, habits, or hangups, Celebrate Recov-ery is on Tuesday evenings at the Vansant location, following dinner served at 5:30 pm. For those mourning the death of a loved one, GriefShare is on Thursdays at 6pm at the Vansant location. 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.

For more information and upcoming events, please vis-it 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, Je-sus Christ. First Baptist Church exists to fulfill the Great Com-mission (Matthew 28:19-20) by loving people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

First Presbyterian

Can you hear Christ’s call? As disciples, we should listen for His voice. We are called by Him to love and heal the broken hearted. Go out into the world and be a blessing to others. On Sunday morning, Dr. David Maggi was with us and deliv-ered a message based on Ephesians 4: 17 – 20; 31, 32. The title of his message was “The Knockout Punch”. Sarah Hall on clarinet and Gay Smith on piano brought us the anthem “America the Beautiful” arranged by Buryl Red.

March 5th will be Ash Wednesday. We will have a service at 5:30 pm. Make plans to attend.

The Presbyterian Women will meet on Friday at 1:00 pm (please note the time change). Amanda Roe from H.O.P.E. Project will be the guest speaker, followed by fellowship time and the regular meeting and Bible Study. All women of the church are invited to attend.

Sunday was the last day to bring in cans of soup for the Sa-maritan Center Food Pantry. At last count over 124 soups in many varieties have been gifted. Families in Henry County will benefit.

The “cutting and braiding” day has been rescheduled for March 4th at 1:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. Bring your scissors and come prepared for fellowship as tee shirts are repur-posed into jump ropes.

Remember that next Sunday, March 9th, we will “Spring For-ward” into daylight saving time. Turn those clocks ahead one hour so you can be at church on time.

Tai Chi classes continue on Mondays and Wednesday at 10:00 am in our Fellowship Hall. Join in the fun while you are strengthening your core and improving your balance.

An open invitation is always extended for you to come be a part of First Presbyterian Church. A warm, friendly atmo-sphere will welcome you. Worship begins at 10:30 am. Be sure to check out our website fpcclintonmo.net. where you will find the March Carillon newsletter and calendar of hap-penings so you can stay informed.

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Trinity Lutheran

The schedule for this year’s Lenten and Easter services is as follows:

03/12/2025 - Lent service at 4:30;  
03/19/2025 - Lent service at 4:30;  
03/26/2025 - Lent service at 4:30;  
04/02/2025 - Lent service at 4:30;  
04/09/2025 - Lent service at 4:30  
Holy Week:  
04/17/2025 - Maundy Thursday with Holy Communion at 4:30;  
04/18/2025 - Good Friday service at 4:30;  
04/19/2025 - Easter Vigil at 7:00 (service at Appleton City,

not at Clinton);

04/20/2025 - Easter Sunrise Matins service at 6:30 am with elders. Youth Easter breakfast at 7:30 am. Easter morning Di-vine Service: 9:00 a.m.

All Lutherans believe and accept the doctrines of the Luther-an Church. The church’s doctrines and beliefs are specific and written down for all to see and understand. There is no ambi-guity. They are not optional.

“For example, faith and salvation are the work of God alone. No one can “decide to follow Jesus” through their own intel-lect or reason. No way. No how. Can’t happen. It’s impossible. Do you have faith in Jesus? Praise God, for it is His work alone that you do. You were dead in your trespasses and sin and had no part in your salvation. (Eph. 2:1-10).

Where is God and his gifts of faith and salvation most com-monly found? In church! It’s in church where the Word of God is rightly proclaimed, and the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord’s Supper are rightly administered. Trinity Lutheran in Clinton, MO is such a church. Come to church this Sunday. The Holy Spirit has promised to meet you there to create and strengthen your faith in His Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Urich Baptist

Sunshine warmed 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 play-ing piano and Mrs. Rebecca Sowell playing violin. Randy Vogt and Clint Keeney collected the offering.

In Pastor Joshua Sowell’s sermon, he references different passages that show what Baptism is. In Matthew 28: 19-20 it states that Baptism is a command to and for all believers as a sign of our faith. In Romans 6: 1-4, Baptism is a symbol and a sign of our faith in Christ: Death, burial, and resurrection. In Baptism we bury our old selves and rise up washed clean from our sins and renewed in life with Christ.

Baptism is a witness to our commitment to the church and world. Baptism brings everyone together into the church as one body worshipping Christ our Savior. Have a blessed week.

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We are an open and affirming church and welcome all to come and worship with us next Sunday morning at 9 am. We pray for those who are in need of his healing hands. We pray for our churches, communities and for this world. We pray for the people of the Ukraine as they fight for democracy.

Lent services will be on Wednesday, March 5th, at 6 pm. Donna Hughes will lead us in the scripture reading and there will be a simple meal.

We say it in our prayers and we say it every time we come to church, “Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors”. It is a very clear message, we are to simply love and forgive everyone as God does us.

As we travel through life, we learn from those around us. Many of our lessons come from something someone said or even from their reactions. These lessons may have come from teachers, parents, preachers or friends. They can also come from people that you don’t even know. They can be good or bad. Good lessons come from people showing kind-ness, tenderness and forgiveness. But other times they may not be so good like when we see hate, bitterness or malice that is shown or acted out against others.

It is our choice to choose what we listen to and how it all makes us feel. It is very important how we react to all of these things.

Even though life can sometimes drag us down, we need to take the good from it and fill our thoughts with love and kind-ness for all we meet. We need to forgive others and show that we are truly God’s children. We need to pay attention, listen to that knock that we hear and to always end each day with something positive that we have learned. God’s ability to love and forgive us is greater than all of our sins.

And God said, “This is my Son, listen to him.”

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300-400 lbs. 375-450	18 Blk strs 517# 400
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500-600 lbs. 320-400	14 Rd/Chrx strs 630# 340
600-700 lbs. 290-347	31 Mx strs 736# 293
700-800 lbs. 260-307.75	2Lds Blk strs 741# 307.75
800-900 lbs. 240-282.50	1Ld Mx strs 746# 296.50
Small frame or fleshy strs & bulls 400-700 lbs. \$175-238	25 Mx strs 776# 284
Heifers, Med. & Lg. Frame #1	14 Blk strs 815# 282.50
300-400 lbs. 335-407.50	15 Blk hfrs 424# 377.50
400-500 lbs. 305-377.50	Ld Blk hfrs 536# 353
500-600 lbs. 286-353	Ld BBWF hfrs 615# 298
600-700 lbs. 258-310.50	Ld Blk hfrs 634# 305
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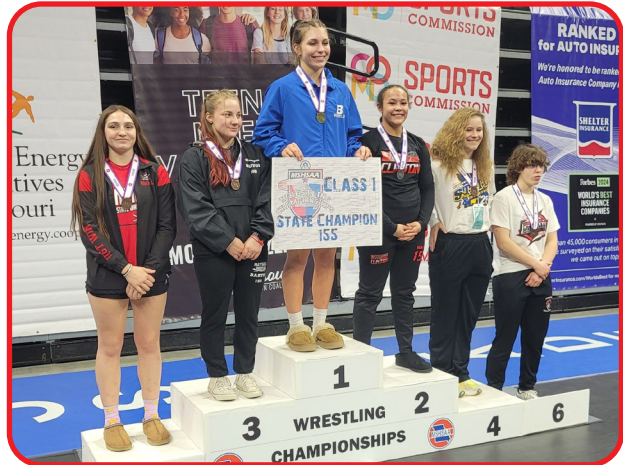




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# McNack, Golder Take State Podiums



AMITRIA MCNACK

Clinton's Amitria McNack secured her fourth state medal in as many years and Will Golder claimed his first at the 2025 MSHSAA Wrestling Championships held at Mizzou Arena on the campus of the University of Missouri in Columbia last Wednesday and Thursday.

McNack (50-2) took the second place spot after losing to Brookfield's Mya Sackrey (45-1) by fall in the championship match (5:32), rounding out a stellar high school career for the Lady Cardinals.

Kylee Whalan, Bailey Pack and Gwen Phillips all battled but came home empty-handed in their first trips to the state event.

For the Cardinals, Golder (42-7) used a 10-6 decision to take the win over Aaron Keene (32-11) of St. Francis Borgia, solidifying his spot on the podium for Clinton.

Lucas McMenemy, Brody Barnhart and Payton Goth were all unable to find a spot on the state podium this season. McMenemy's Cardinals career came to an end while Barnhart and Goth will return next season, looking for improvement.

Below are complete results for all Clinton wrestlers at the MSHSAA Wrestling Championships:

**Boys**  
**106 Class 2**  
Lucas Mcmenemy (43-5) place is unknown.  
Champ. Round 1 - Lucas

Mcmenemy (Clinton) 43-5 won by decision over Braxtyn Lee (Benton) 29-21 (Dec 7-2)  
Quarterfinal - Caleb Dyer (Lutheran St. Charles) 48-5 won by tech fall over Lucas Mcmenemy (Clinton) 43-5 (TF-1.5 4:13 (19-4))  
Cons. Round 2 - Lucas Mcmenemy (Clinton) 43-5 won by decision over Dax Weinbaum (St. James) 35-10 (Dec 6-3)  
Cons. Round 3 - Jason Schutter (Kirksville) 45-15 won by decision over Lucas Mcmenemy (Clinton) 43-5 (Dec 9-8)  
**157 Class 2**  
Brody Barnhart (30-13) place is unknown.  
Champ. Round 1 - Cooper Kirkham (Mid-Buchanan) 42-5 won by decision over Brody Barnhart (Clinton) 30-13 (Dec 9-3)  
Cons. Round 1 - Adam Ortis (Father Tolton Regional Catholic) 34-20 won by fall over Brody Barnhart (Clinton) 30-13 (Fall 3:26)  
**165 Class 2**  
Payton Goth (36-10) place is unknown and scored 3.0 team points.  
Champ. Round 1 - Carter Flick (Cameron) 42-16 won by decision over Payton Goth (Clinton) 36-10 (Dec 7-3)  
Cons. Round 1 - Payton Goth (Clinton) 36-10 won by fall over Clark Wallis (Father Tolton Regional Catholic) 31-22 (Fall 0:25)  
Cons. Round 2 - Tre'vyon Chatman (STEAM Acade-



WILL GOLDER

my) 38-10 won by fall over Payton Goth (Clinton) 36-10 (Fall 3:14)  
**175 Class 2**  
Will Golder (42-7) placed 4th.  
Champ. Round 1 - Will Golder (Clinton) 42-7 won by decision over Aaron Keene (St. Francis Borgia) 32-11 (Dec 10-6)  
Quarterfinal - Grant Van Horn (Mexico) 52-1 won by fall over Will Golder (Clinton) 42-7 (Fall 2:25)  
Cons. Round 2 - Will Golder (Clinton) 42-7 won by decision over Clayton Ancell (Moberly) 22-4 (Dec 8-3)  
Cons. Round 3 - Will Golder (Clinton) 42-7 won by major decision over Sawyer Cornell (Seneca) 23-13 (MD 10-0)  
Cons. Semi - Will Golder (Clinton) 42-7 won by decision over Riley James (Cassville) 38-6 (Dec 12-7)  
3rd Place Match - Michael Scott (Odessa) 32-14 won by decision over Will Golder (Clinton) 42-7 (Dec 12-6)  
**Girls**  
**100 Class 1**  
Kylee Whalan (40-14) place is unknown.  
Champ. Round 1 - Kylee Whalan (Clinton) 40-14 won by fall over Avery Adams (Centralia) 27-18 (Fall 2:32)  
Quarterfinal - Olivia Cunningham (Mid-Buchanan) 36-7 won by fall over Kylee Whalan (Clinton) 40-14 (Fall 1:01)

Cons. Round 2 - Kylee Whalan (Clinton) 40-14 won by decision over Isabella Hofmeister (Plattsburg) 37-11 (Dec 6-4)  
Cons. Round 3 - Aubrey Schrunk (Lathrop) 42-7 won in sudden victory - 1 over Kylee Whalan (Clinton) 40-14 (SV-1 4-1)  
**110 Class 1**  
Bailey Pack (32-21) place is unknown.  
Champ. Round 1 - Olivia Weaver (Fulton) 39-13 won by fall over Bailey Pack (Clinton) 32-21 (Fall 5:46)  
Cons. Round 1 - Bailey Pack (Clinton) 32-21 won by decision over Jenna Vandegriffe (Owensville) 37-9 (Dec 12-5)  
Cons. Round 2 - Ella Herndon (Kearney) 30-11 won by decision over Bailey Pack (Clinton) 32-21 (Dec 6-1)  
**155 Class 1**  
Amitria McNack (50-2) placed 2nd.  
Champ. Round 1 - Amitria McNack (Clinton) 50-2 won by fall over Aireona Ealy (Center) 26-11 (Fall 3:22)  
Quarterfinal - Amitria McNack (Clinton) 50-2 won by fall over Ellyse Lorenson (Palmyra) 45-7 (Fall 2:57)  
Semifinal - Amitria McNack (Clinton) 50-2 won by fall over Claire Barton (Maysville) 38-5 (Fall 3:41)  
1st Place Match - Mya Sackrey (Brookfield) 45-1 won by fall over Amitria McNack (Clinton) 50-2 (Fall 5:32)  
**190 Class 1**  
Gwen Phillips (35-12) place is unknown.  
Champ. Round 1 - Gwen Phillips (Clinton) 35-12 won by fall over Kaitlynn Van de wiele (St. Clair) 31-15 (Fall 3:21)  
Quarterfinal - Lexington Johnson (St. Charles West) 54-3 won by fall over Gwen Phillips (Clinton) 35-12 (Fall 1:28)  
Cons. Round 2 - Eva Alexander (Oak Grove) 32-9 won by fall over Gwen Phillips (Clinton) 35-12 (Fall 4:38)

## Lady Cards Notch Two More Wins Ahead Of District Play

By  
Johnie Logue  
Sports Reporter



Senior Skyte Wilson is finishing out her high school

basketball career in fabulous fashion. She scored 39 points, 21 in the third quarter alone, in a 63-55 Clinton victory over Warrensburg last Tuesday night and in front of a large Senior Night crowd.

Clinton's recently crowned all-time leading girl's scorer was held to just two points in the first quarter. Clinton trailed 18-14 after one and 30-27 at the half. Wilson scored 8 more in the second quarter but owned the third frame with 21 points to help Clinton take a 50-40 lead.

Wilson was 7 for 7 from the line and Vyla Brown was 2 for 2 for a perfect 9 for 9 team effort on the night.

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On Wednesday night, the Lady Cardinals won a barn

burner coming from behind in the fourth quarter to gain a glorious 66-63 victory over visiting Van Horn.

It was 12-10 after one, tied 26-26 at the half and 52-46 after three with the Clinton girls trailing in front of some very nervous fans.

However, Clinton's Vyla Brown got a hot hand in the frame and scored 10 points to lead the charge. The scoring queen herself, Skyte Wilson, had 5 and ended with 30 points to add to her career totals.

Clinton moved to 12-10 while Van Horn fell to 13-12.

**CLINTON (66):** Wilson, 30; Brown, 19; Dutch, 11; Schaffer, 2; Little, 4.  
**VAN HORN (63):** Wallace, 33; Gloto, 20; Quinn, 7; Bailey, 3.

## Drenon Medals At State, Greyhounds Basketball Seasons End With District Losses To Warsaw Squads

Submitted By  
Dave Wanninger

### Windsor Sports Shorts

Windsor's winter sports teams wrapped up their seasons last week as the boys and girls basketball teams played in districts, and three wrestlers participated at the State Meet in Columbia.

**Boys Basketball:** Windsor hosted districts last week and scored a 54-44 win over Holden in the opening round. Three starters scored in double figures as Ryan Millington rang up thirteen points, Rowan Cox had eleven, and Conner Barnes scored ten.

Next up for the Greyhounds was a rematch against Cole Camp. Windsor jumped out to a 10-4 first quarter lead. They held control of the scoreboard even when the Bluebirds put together a fourth quarter run. Windsor won the contest 54-42. Leading the Black & Gold in scoring were Millington (18), Jude Burkhart (12), Cox (11) and Barnes (9)

Last Friday was the district championship against Warsaw with a packed house. The game was a nail biter as the Wildcats held a slim 44-42 lead going into the final frame. Warsaw finished strong and posted a 64-51 victory. Burkhart led Windsor with 18 points followed by Cox (12), Barnes (10), and Millington (9). After a slow start to the season the Greyhounds finished



ROWAN COX

**Girls Basketball:** The Lady Hounds ended their season in the first round in their district held at Lone Jack. Warsaw won the game by a 45-30 tally. Dani Ashby and Olsyn Wolfe led Windsor with nine points each. Nevaeh Blythe and Lily Betsworth each grabbed four rebounds. Windsor finished the year with a 9-13 record.

**Wrestling:** Freshman Kimber Drenon brought home Windsor wrestling's first state medal last week with a fifth-place finish. Wrestling in the 100-pound class Drenon pinned wrestlers from Marshall, Higginsville, and Lathrop at the meet. She also won a major decision over a contestant from St. Charles. Drenon ended her season with an impressive 46-3 record.

Freshman Nico Punshon wrestled in the 106-pound class and won in a tech fall over a wrestler from Stanberry. Punshon finished with a 24-14 mark. Junior Chase Hampton returned to the State and finished with a 35-6 record.

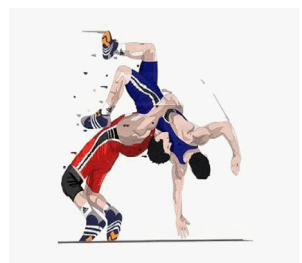


WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

CLINTON CARDINALS

3	4	5	6	7	8	9
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
HS BOYS BASKETBALL DISTRICTS VS. KNOB NOSTER (@ HARRISONVILLE) 7:00 PM	HS GIRLS BASKETBALL DISTRICTS VS. HARRISONVILLE (@ PLEASANT HILL) 5:30 PM	HS BOYS BASKETBALL DISTRICTS 7:00 PM IF WIN MONDAY	HS GIRLS BASKETBALL DISTRICTS 7:00 PM (IF WIN TUESDAY)	HS BOYS BASKETBALL DISTRICTS 8:00 PM IF WIN WEDNESDAY	HS GIRLS BASKETBALL DISTRICTS 12:00 PM (IF WIN THURSDAY)	
HS BAND DISTRICT SOLO & ENSEMBLE CONTEST				HS BAND @ PITT STATE JAZZ FEST	SCHOLAR BOWL @ MRVC IN OAK GROVE	

WEEK OF MARCH 3-9



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### CCA Boys Capture MCSAA Division III Title



**TEAM MEMBERS** include Juniors Colten Manning and Mason Plumb, Sophomore Raymond Hood, Freshman Parker Lowe, Collin Higgins, and Hadley Hyke, and 8th Graders Leo Prus and Isaac Curnutte. *\*\*Photo Courtesy of Kelly Griffey Photography*

The CCA Varsity Boys basketball team entered the Missouri Christian School Athletic Association tournament as the number 1 seed in Division III after a 13-8 regular season record. The number 1 seed was based in part upon its strength of schedule in the Mo-Kan Conference where the team finished tied for 3rd place.

In its opening game CCA faced off with Victory Christian Academy from the St. Louis, MO area. CCA led 35-20 at half and pulled away in the 3rd quarter with a 14-3 spurt on the way to a 64-36 win. Sophomore Raymond Hood led the way with 18 points and 11 rebounds, Freshman Parker Lowe pitched in 14 points followed by Isaac Curnutte and Mason Plumb with 8 points each.

In the semifinal game CCA played Berean Christian Academy from Monette, MO. The team played one of its best quarters of the year racing to a 24-4 lead based upon the team defensive

trap and the hot shooting of Isaac Curnutte. The team won 67-47 with Hood scoring 21 and grabbing 13 rebounds, Freshman Collin Higgins netting 16 points on only 9 shots, and Lowe with 14 points. The boys after a program high 3rd place last year, advanced to its first Championship game in its six-year of varsity competition. They faced off with Maranatha Baptist Academy from Saint Robert, MO for the title. In a back and forth game the teams were tied at 24 early in the 3rd quarter before the defensive pressure of CCA took its toll. The team was able to push out to a double-digit lead behind the hot shooting of Leo Prus who made his last four shots on the way to 8 points. The top of the press led by Prus, Colten Manning, and Plumb had the Patriots up by the score of 40-32 entering the 4th quarter. The team then held on for a 51-42 win for its first state division title in the boy's program history with Hadley Hyke

sealing the win. Lowe had a big game with 19 points, 7 rebounds, and 6 steals. Hood, Prus, and Higgins all scored 8 points with Hood again grabbing double digit rebounds with 11. After the trophy presentation, the Division III All State teams were named with Hood earning 1st Team honors based upon his season play where he averaged just over 15 points and 11 rebounds per game. Lowe earned 2nd Team honors based in part on his defensive skills along with almost 12 points per game and over 3 steals per game.

MCSAA is comprised of Christian schools throughout Missouri, Western Illinois, and Eastern Kansas. Those teams that feel qualified to compete at the highest level of state are seeded into 8 team divisions based upon enrollment size of the school. Similar to a public school district competition the team that is able to capture 3 wins in 3 days is crowned the State Division Champion.

### Clinton Christian Academy Lady Patriots Repeat As MCSAA 2025 Div. II State Champions!



*\*\*Photo Courtesy of Kelly Griffey Photography*

The Clinton Christian Academy Lady Patriots defeated Christian Learning Center with a hard fought 51-41 victory in Joplin Missouri. This win secured the 2024-25 MCSAA Missouri State Championship and is historic as it's the first repeat title for the Patriots! In a state tournament defined by grit, hustle, and teamwork, the Patriots relied on contributions from every player to eventually secure the title.

The Patriots set the tone early with aggressive defense and timely shooting. The defensive effort was led by senior captain, Clara Hyke who finished with 5 steals, 6 assists and 12 points. Freshman guard Brooklyn Wisniewski led all scorers with 14 points and 3 steals. Sophomore guard Carissa Compton completed a strong tournament scoring 11 while limiting CLCs leading scorer to below her season average. In the paint, Senior Audrey Foster was a force battling for rebounds while also chipping in 9 points.

The championship marks the third state title in 6 years for the Lady Patriots. "This was a complete team win," said head coach JD Manning. "We got in a little foul trouble and really needed every single one of our players to get through this tournament- whether it was scoring, rebounding, defense or just bringing energy from the bench.

That's what championship teams do, and I couldn't be prouder."

This victory marks a milestone for Clinton Christian Academy, underscoring the school's commitment to both academic and athletic excellence. CCA is a private school in Clinton, MO with an environment based on Christian values, patriotism, and a solid curriculum Pre-K to 12th grade.

#### Unlock Your Parenting Potential!

Clinton Christian Academy Invites You to the "Parent Seminar" (Free Admission)  
Date: March 10, 6:30 PM  
Location: First Baptist Church, 1531 Vansant Road, Clinton, MO

Clinton Christian Academy (CCA) invites anyone that loves kids (parents, grandparents, stepparents, teachers, Sunday School teachers) to join us for a special two-hour Parent Seminar. This event is designed to encourage, train, challenge, and equip you for the parenting journey ahead.

You'll Learn:

- Why a Biblical World-view Matters: Understand the importance of grounding your family in biblical principles.
- Navigating the Digital

World: Equip yourself to lead and safeguard your children in navigating the internet, streaming media, and social media.

Experience worship, biblical insights, laughter, entertainment, and audience participation while receiving vital, practical information. Learn how to help youngsters to view their lives through a Biblical lens instead of a social media lens.

This event will feature Scott Davis and Billy Lord (musician and long-time member of Casting Crowns) from Get Real Ministries in Atlanta, GA.

For more information, contact CCA administrators Robin Ritchie (rritchie@clintonacademy.org) or Becky Hyke (bhyke@clintonacademy.org) or call 660-890-2111.

Don't miss this opportunity to empower your parenting journey!

For a glimpse of Scott Davis and Billy Lord's impactful ministry, watch videos at [www.getrealconferences.com/videos](http://www.getrealconferences.com/videos).

unearned favor from Jesus Christ. He assured them that God will always offer salvation and protection if we rely on Him during life's challenges. God's nature is one of faithfulness, and He will never let His followers down. To strengthen our faith, we must build it on a solid foundation, like the wise man who chose the rock, rather than the foolish man who built on sand. Ashton encouraged the students to cultivate their own personal relationship with the Lord, trusting in His guidance and protection through life's trials.

#### Fellowship Of Athletes Guest Speaker Visited

On Friday, February 28th, upper school students at Clinton Christian Academy (CCA) gathered for a special lunch assembly in the school gym, where they were joined by Scott Ashton from the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Ashton spoke to the 7th through 12th graders about the importance of building their lives on a solid foundation of faith.

He posed a thought-provoking question: "What are you building your life on?" Ashton emphasized the importance of developing personal faith, rather than simply relying on the



SCOTT ASHTON

## A Cardinal Calling

### An Educator Recruitment Event

The Clinton School District is looking for passionate individuals to join our team! Whether you're already a certified teacher, exploring alternative certification, or thinking about a career change, there are multiple pathways to becoming a teacher. Join us on for A Cardinal Calling to learn more about joining our team!

#### What to Expect:

- ✓ Networking
- ✓ Light dinner
- ✓ Building tours
- ✓ Meet current teachers and leaders

### March 13, 2025

5:30-7:00pm (doors open at 5:00 for light dinner & networking)  
Clinton Intermediate School (709 S 8th Street, Clinton)

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BOGARD TOWNSHIP		
Finanical Statement Summary		
For the Year Ended 12-31-24		
	Receipts	Disbursements
General Fund	34,718.79	3,606.50
Road and Bridge	109,953.28	132,123.92
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IN THE 27TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT,  
HENRY COUNTY, MISSOURI  
PROBATE DIVISION

In the Estate of ELIJAH JAMES ALBERS-HURT, Deceased.  
**Case Number: 24HE-PR00127**  
**NOTICE OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION GRANTED**  
(Independent Administration)

**To All Persons Interested in the Estate of ELIJAH JAMES ALBERS-HURT, Decedent:**

On FEBRUARY 18, 2025, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of ELIJAH JAMES ALBERS-HURT, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of HENRY COUNTY, Missouri. The personal representative’s business address is: PATRICIA ALBERS-HURT, 605 NORTH WOOD, CLINTON, MO 64735

The personal representative may administer the estate independently without adjudication, order, or direction of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court, unless a petition for supervised administration is made to and granted by the court.

The personal representative’s attorney’s name, business address and phone number is:  
JEFFERY ADAMS, 206 S BAIRD – PO BOX 226, CLINTON, MO 64735, (660) 885-2221

All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after Decedent’s death, as provided in Section 473.444, RSMo, or any other applicable limitation periods. Nothing in Section 473.033, RSMo, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent’s liability insurance carrier through a defendant ad litem pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMo.

Date of the decedent’s death: 06-OCT-2024  
Date of first publication: MARCH 6, 2025

/S/ CRISSY JOHNSTON  
PROBATE Clerk

Receipt of this notice by mail should not be construed by the recipient to indicate that the recipient necessarily has a beneficial interest in the estate. The nature and extent of any person’s interest, if any, can be determined from the files and records of this estate in the Probate Division of the above referenced Circuit Court.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HENRY COUNTY, MISSOURI		
REBECCA GARDNER-BROWN	)	
Petitioner,	)	
vs.	)	CASE NO. 24HE-CC00077
KYLE R.FOX	)	
Respondent.	)	

**NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION**  
The State of Missouri to KYLE R. FOX, Respondent.  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been commenced against you in the Circuit Court of Henry County, Missouri, the subject and general nature of which involve real property located in Henry County, Missouri.

The names of all the parties to said suit are stated above in the caption hereof and the name and address of the attorney for the Petitioner is VANESSA C. HAYDEN, P.O. BOX 483, RAYMORE, MISSOURI 64083.

You are further notified that unless you file an answer or other pleading or shall otherwise appear and defend against the aforesaid Petition within 45 days after the 13TH day of FEBRUARY, 2025, judgment by default will be rendered against you.

It is ordered that a copy hereof be published according to law in a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Henry, State of Missouri.

A True copy from the record.  
WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Circuit Court this 5th day of February, 2025.

/S/ WENDI MCGHEE, BY SD  
Clerk

Dates of Publication: February 13th; February 20th; February 27th and March 6th  
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SouthLaw, P.C.  
13160 Foster, Suite 100  
Overland Park, KS 66213-2660  
(913) 663-7600  
File No. 249731

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE**

For default in the payment of debt secured by a deed of trust executed by Louis Thiele; Taleisha D. Thiele, dated August 4, 2017, and recorded on August 4, 2017, Document No. 2264, in Book No. 717, at Page 1587-1605 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Henry County, Missouri, the undersigned Successor Trustee will on March 24, 2025, at 9:00 AM, at the North Front Door of the Henry County Courthouse, Clinton, Missouri, sell at public venue to the highest bidder for cash:

**All of Lots Thirteen (13), Fourteen (14), Fifteen (15), and Sixteen (16), Block Nine (9), Rock Island Addition to the City of Windsor, Henry County, Missouri, according to the recorded plat thereof,** commonly known as 510 N Tebo St, Windsor, MO, 65360

subject to all prior easements, restrictions, reservations, covenants and encumbrances now of record, if any, to satisfy the debt and costs.

SouthLaw, P.C. Successor Trustee  
First Publication: February 27, 2025. For more information, visit [www.southlaw.com](http://www.southlaw.com)

**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 a court of competent jurisdiction. The debt collector is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose (Case-file No. 249731-1049789).

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

In The Estate Of TRACY E MYERS, Deceased.  
**Case No.: 24HE-PR00125**  
**Notice To Creditors**  
(Small Estate)

**To All Persons Interested in the Estate of TRACY E MYERS, Decedent.**

On DECEMBER 12, 2024 a small estate affidavit was filed by the distributees for the decedent under Section 473.097, RSMo, with the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of HENRY COUNTY Missouri.

All creditors of Decedent, who died on March 19, 2024, are notified that Section 473.444, RSMo, sets a limitation period that would bar claims one year after the death of Decedent. A creditor may request that this estate be opened for administration.

Receipt of this notice should not be construed by the recipient to indicate that the recipient may possibly have a beneficial interest in the estate. The nature and extent of any person’s interest, if any, may possibly be determined from the affidavit on this estate filed in the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of HENRY COUNTY Missouri.

Date of first publication is FEBRUARY 27, 2025.

Crissy Johnston  
PROBATE Clerk

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Henry County Road and Bridge has 2 full time positions available for hire. Applications can be obtained from [www.henrycomo.com](http://www.henrycomo.com) (top right of the page).

Requirements:  
Preferred Class A CDL, Class B CDL is a must.  
Experience or some knowledge of the following equipment:  
Skid Steer, Loader, Tractor / Mower, Dump Trucks, Excavators, and Welding  
Must be willing to learn, work in all weather conditions and pass a Drug Test.  
Submit Application to the Henry County Clerk’s Office 100 w Franklin St. Clinton MO.

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Springfield Township Road District will be accepting bids for gravel hauling for the 2025 season.  
Bids must be received no later than April 9, 2025. Please submit bids to:  
Springfield Township  
PO Box 43  
Calhoun, MO 65323  
Bids will be opened at the Board Meeting on April 10 2025. The board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

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

In the Estate of PATTI CRUZ, Deceased.  
**Case Number: 24HE-PR00126**  
**NOTICE OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION GRANTED**  
(Supervised Administration)

**To All Persons Interested in the Estate of PATTI CRUZ, Decedent:**

On FEBRUARY 6th, 2025, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of PATTI CRUZ, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Henry County, Missouri.

The personal representative’s business address is:  
JOSE WILHITE-CRUZ, 10289 W HWY 18, CLINTON, MO 64735

The personal representative’s attorney’s name, business address and phone number is:  
J. ERIC MITCHELL, 102 WEST JEFFERSON, PO BOX 309, CLINTON, MO 64735 (660) 885-6161

All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after Decedent’s death, as provided in Section 473.444, RSMo, or any other applicable limitation periods. Nothing in Section 473.033, RS Mo, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent’s liability insurance carrier through a defendant ad litem pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMo.

Date of the decedent’s death: 07-NOV-2024  
Date of first publication: FEBRUARY 13, 2025

/S/ CRISSY JOHNSTON  
PROBATE Clerk

Receipt of this notice by mail should not be construed by the recipient to indicate that the recipient necessarily has a beneficial interest in the estate. The nature and extent of any person’s interest, if any, can be determined from the files and records of this estate in the Probate Division of the above referenced Circuit Court.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT HENRY COUNTY, MISSOURI  
PROBATE DIVISION

Plaintiff/Petitioner: )  
SAMUEL ELLIOTT LEDESMA )  
EMILY KAY LEDESMA ) **Case Number: 25HE-PR00008**  
Defendant/Respondent )  
Nature of Suit: )  
PR Guardianshi - Minor )

**Notice Upon Order For Service By Publication**  
**The State of Missouri to:**  
**NATHAN D WALTERS, NATURAL FATHER**  
**JOHN DOE, UNKNOWN FATHER**

You are notified that an action has been commenced against you in the Circuit Court of Henry County, Missouri, the object and general nature of which is Pr Guardianship - Minor and which affects the following described property:

The names of all parties in this action are stated in the caption above and the name and address of the attorney for the petitioner are:  
JAMES A WAITS, 401 W 89TH STREET, KANSAS CITY, MO 641143501 816-363-5466

You are further notified that, unless you file an answer or other pleading or otherwise appear and defend against this action within 45 days after MARCH 6, 2025, judgment by default will be entered against you.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Circuit Court this 26th day of February, 2025.

/S/ Crissy Johnson  
PROBATE Clerk

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT HENRY COUNTY, MISSOURI  
PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of )  
Octavia Leraine Hicks, ) Case No.: 24HE-PR00117  
Age less than one year )  
Respondent. )

**NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION**  
THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO NATURAL FATHER OF OCTAVIA HICKS:

You are hereby notified that an action has been commenced against you in the Circuit Court for the County of Henry, Missouri, the object and general nature of which is: Petition for Guardianship.

The names of all parties to said action are stated above in the caption hereof and the name and address of the attorney for Petitioners is Cover & Hilton Law, LLC, Attorney Benjamin C. Bellamy, 137 West Franklin, Clinton, Missouri 64735.

You are further notified that, unless you file an answer or other pleading or shall otherwise appear and defend against the aforesaid petition within 45 days after the 13TH day of FEBRUARY, 2025, Judgment by default will be rendered against you.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Circuit Court this 3RD day of FEBRUARY, 2025.

/S/ CRISSY JOHNTSON  
PROBATE CLERK

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**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE**

For default under the terms of the Deed of Trust executed by Brian L Mullins, a single person, dated June 10, 2022, recorded on June 13, 2022, in Book 2022 on Page No. 2107, subsequently modified with an agreement recorded on April 23, 2024, in Book 2024 on Page No. 1038, Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Henry County, Missouri. The undersigned Successor Trustee, between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm, will on **March 27, 2025, at 11:30 AM** at the North Front Door of the Henry County Courthouse, 100 West Franklin Street, Clinton, Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash (certified funds only) the following real estate:

**THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 44 NORTH, RANGE 27 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M. IN HENRY COUNTY, MISSOURI, EXCEPT ANY PART THEREOF IN ANY PUBLIC ROAD.**

to satisfy said debt and costs.

Marinosci Law Group of Missouri, P.C., Successor Trustee, (816) 287-0800, may be deemed to be a debt collector and, if so, is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 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 prior consent of the consumer given directly to the debt collector or the express permission of a court of competent jurisdiction.

Marinosci Law Group of Missouri, P.C.  
Successor Trustee  
(816) 287-0800

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT HENRY COUNTY, MISSOURI  
PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF: )  
NORA LOUISE TOOTLE, ) Case No.: 25HE-PR00002  
Minor/Incapacitated. )

**NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION**  
The State of Missouri to Respondent: UNKNOWN FATHER  
You are hereby notified that an action has been commenced against you in the Circuit Court for the County of Henry, State of Missouri, the object and general nature of which is: guardianship of the minor child, Nora Louise Tootle.

The names of all parties to said action are stated above in the caption hereof and the name and address of the attorney for Petitioners Julie S. Tootle and Curtis D. Sharp, is Audara L. Lutjen, 608 East Ohio Street, Clinton, MO 64735 and her phone number is (660)885-2234.

You are further notified that, unless you file an answer or other pleading or shall otherwise appear and defend against the aforesaid petition within forty-five (45) days after the 13TH day of FEBRUARY, 2025, Judgment by default will be rendered.

It is ordered that a copy hereof be published according to the law in the Clinton Daily Democrat, a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Henry, State of Missouri. A true copy from the record. WITNESS my hand and seal of the Circuit Court this 6TH day of FEBRUARY, 2025.

/S/ CRISSY JOHNTSON  
PROBATE CLERK

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**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE**

For default in the payment of debt secured by a deed of trust executed by William Michael Smet; June Ann Smet, dated November 17, 2021, and recorded on November 17, 2021, Document No. 202104599, in Book No. 2021, at Page 4599 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Henry County, Missouri, the undersigned Successor Trustee will on March 10, 2025, at 2:00 PM, at the North Front Door of the Henry County Courthouse, Clinton, Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash:

**ALL OF LOTS TWENTY-FIVE (25) AND TWENTY-SIX (26) IN ROCK ISLAND SECOND ADDITION TO WINDSOR, HENRY COUNTY, MISSOURI,** commonly known as 605 N Commercial St, Windsor, MO, 65360

subject to all prior easements, restrictions, reservations, covenants and encumbrances now of record, if any, to satisfy the debt and costs.

SouthLaw, P.C. Successor Trustee

**NOTICE**

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First Publication: February 13, 2025. For more information, visit [www.southlaw.com](http://www.southlaw.com)

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**DISTRICT RECYCLING GRANTS AVAILABLE**  
Recycling Initiative Grant Applications are now available through the FY26 Quad-Lakes Solid Waste Management District (QLSWMD).  
The purpose of the District grant program is to provide financial assistance to organizations within the six-counties it serves (Bates, Benton, Cedar, Henry, Hickory and St. Clair) through eligible entities such as private, for-profit, public and non-profit that will:  
Develop new or improved programs that will reduce the generation of solid waste; or create new markets or improve markets for recovered materials; or utilize recycled materials in projects in an effort to aid in the reuse of solid waste.  
There is \$65,000.00 in available funding for FY26 grant programs.  
The Application Guidelines as well as the online application may be accessed via [www.kaysinger.com](http://www.kaysinger.com) beginning March 04, 2025. Navigate to the “Planning” tab at the top, then select “Quad-Lakes Solid Waste Management District” in the drop-down list to access the district page and all necessary documents. For more information, contact Shannon Stewart at [quadlakesswmd@gmail.com](mailto:quadlakesswmd@gmail.com) or [sstewart@kaysinger.com](mailto:sstewart@kaysinger.com), or (417) 298-6070. **ONLINE ONLY applications must be submitted NO LATER THAN 4:00 p.m. on April 11, 2025. Late applications will not be considered for review.**  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HENRY COUNTY, MISSOURI PROBATE DIVISION**  
In the Estate of: )  
LARRY H. COX, ) Case No.: 24HE-PR00093  
Deceased. )  
**NOTICE OF FILING OF FINAL SETTLEMENT AND PETITION FOR DISTRIBUTION**  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF LARRY H. COX, 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 real and/or personal 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 St. Clair County, Missouri, on April 8, 2025, 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, Public Administrator  
& Personal Representative  
100 W. Franklin,  
Clinton, MO 64735

BAKER LAW FIRM, L.L.C.  
By /s/ James Race Leiber  
James Race Leiber, MBE 73814  
P.O. Box 507  
Clinton, MO 64735  
Ph.: (660) 885-0202  
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Attorney for Personal Representative.  
Dates of Publication: March 6, 13, 20 & 27, 2025  
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**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE**  
A default has accrued on a certain note secured by a deed of trust executed by, **VERONICA BRIANNE FLOR** dated **6/28/2022** and recorded on **7/5/2022** in **BOOK 2022 PAGE 2333**, in the Recorder’s office for **Henry County, Missouri**. The successor trustee will on **March 24, 2025** between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm, more particularly at **10:30 AM**, at the **North Front Door of the Henry County Courthouse, 100 West Franklin, Clinton, Missouri** sell at public venue to the highest bidder for cash (certified funds only), the following real estate:  
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To The Editor,  
For nearly 25 years, I’ve been practicing Falun Gong, aka Falun Dafa. This is my faith.  
Falun Gong is a spiritually-based “cultivation practice.” It consists of three guiding principles: Zhen (Truthfulness), Shan (Compassion), and Ren (Forbearance), and includes gentle, meditative exercises, which can improve a person’s physical, mental, and emotional health. By applying the principles in daily life (cultivating our character), the goal is simply one of self-improvement.  
Falun Dafa was brought out to the public in China in 1992, and although it was initially praised by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) for its health benefits (saving \$millions for their state-run healthcare system), by 1999 it had become a thorn in the CCP’s side because of its popularity and its foundational belief in the Divine—contrary to the faithless principles of Marxism.  
Outlawed and subsequently persecuted since 1999, adherents of this faith have been subjected to horrific cruelties for 25 years, including the wickedness of live organ harvesting.  
Some were blessed to have escaped China during the initial crack-down, and others have managed to do so occasionally since then. Most were trapped in China, however, and have been harassed, detained, imprisoned, tortured, and even killed for their beliefs.  
Those who were outside of China, understandably, began to think of ways to expose the persecution around the world. Because they knew that they had been blessed to be living here, in a free coun-

try, they decided to make good use of their education and talents here in the US. Their unwavering determination led them into several endeavors, one of which was a tremendously successful performing arts company: Shen Yun Performing Arts.  
The goal of Shen Yun was two-fold: 1) to share the True Culture of 5000 years of Chinese history—prior to Communism—with the whole world; and 2) to directly expose the ongoing persecution of Falun Dafa by the CCP.  
Since 2006, Shen Yun has performed worldwide in some of the most prestigious venues to sold-out crowds—performing for over a million audience members every season. They now have 8 traveling troupes, each with a full orchestra, which includes Western and Eastern musical instruments.  
This success has also brought many challenges. This year the CCP began a new campaign of persecution of Falun Gong & Shen Yun, concentrated on US soil, with the intent of using US citizens, progressive Western Media, and social media influencers to publish biased articles, bring frivolous lawsuits, bribe undercover agents at the IRS to revoke Shen Yun’s non-profit status, and make phone calls threatening violence (bombs, mass shootings, etc.) to the venues that are scheduled to host Shen Yun performances.  
The hardest thing is that after all these years, having asked—and received—a lot of support for Shen Yun from cities, states, and federal government officials, I am now faced with those who have withdrawn their support simply because of this propaganda campaign.  
I would just like to say: If the CCP is against it, maybe we should assume it’s WONDERFUL!  
Barbara Gay Clinton, MO

Tri-Lakes Fly Fishers Announces 2025 Expo

The Tri-Lakes Fly Fishers are excited to host the 2025 Fly Fishing & Fly Tying Expo, a two-day event set for April 11-12, 2025, at the Benson Convention Center in Clinton, Missouri. This free event welcomes anglers of all skill levels—from beginners to seasoned fly fishers—to experience a weekend of education, demonstrations, and community engagement.  
**Event Details:**  
Location: Benson Convention Center, 1008 E Sedalia Ave, Clinton, MO  
Dates:  
• Friday, April 11, 2025 | 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM  
• Saturday, April 12, 2025 | 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
Admission: Free  
Celebrating 30 Years of Fly Fishing Community  
This year’s Expo is particularly special as Tri-Lakes Fly Fishers celebrates 30 years of fostering the fly-fishing community. Founded in Bolivar, MO, in 1995 by a group of eight passionate anglers from the Tri-Lakes region, the club has since grown beyond its hometown, with members spanning the country. Since 1999, the annual Expo has been a signature event, serving as the club’s primary fundraiser to support conservation efforts, educational programs, and community outreach, ensuring the future of fly fishing for generations to come.  
**Expo Highlights:**  
Featured Speaker:  
• Acclaimed angler and author John Van Vliet will present “Fly Fishing the Driftless.” As the Midwest Field Editor for Fly Fishing Magazine, Van Vliet brings decades of expertise and insights to share.  
Demonstrations & Activities:

- Fly Tying Showcase: Doug Oatman will demonstrate his signature pattern, Doug’s Bassinator.
- Fly Tying Experts: Tying demonstrations by more than 50 of the Midwest’s finest tiers.
- Hands-On Learning: Casting instruction, fly tying tables for beginners and children (Saturday only).
- Exciting Giveaways: Silent auctions, raffles, and live auctions featuring premium gear and guided trips.
- Food & Refreshments: Breakfast and lunch will be available for purchase on-site.

**Join Us!**  
“We’re excited to welcome fly-fishing enthusiasts of all levels—seasoned anglers, expert tyers, newcomers and the entire family alike—for two days of learning, camaraderie, and hands-on experiences,” said Sandy Halteman, President of Tri-Lakes Fly Fishers. “This Expo is a fantastic opportunity to immerse yourself in the fly-fishing community, refine your skills, and enjoy an engaging lineup of speakers, demonstrations, and interactive activities.”  
**About Tri-Lakes Fly Fishers**  
Tri-Lakes Fly Fishers is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. We are a community-driven club dedicated to promoting the art and enjoyment of fly fishing throughout Missouri and neighboring states. Through regular meetings, educational workshops, and conservation efforts, the club fosters a love for the sport while working to preserve local fisheries and natural resources.  
For more details, visit Tri-Lakes Fly Fishers or contact:  
Chris Diggons – [cdiggons@trilakesflyfishers.com](mailto:cdiggons@trilakesflyfishers.com).

Theatre Student Advances To Nationals



**SFCC SOPHOMORE** Tim Hill won the National Sound Design Award for Region V for his work on The Mousetrap, earning a place at the National Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival in Washington, D.C.  
State Fair Community College sophomore Tim Hill has won the National Sound Design Award for Region V for The Mousetrap, earning a spot at the National Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival (KCACTF) in Washington, D.C., in April.  
At the national festival, Hill will present his designs, network with professional and student designers, and compete for fellowships and industry training opportunities.  
Hill, along with Ross Owen and Antonio Taylor, participated in the Design, Technology & Management Expo at the Region V KCACTF, held Jan. 19-25 in Des Moines, Iowa. Their projects included:  
• Tim Hill – Sound design for macbitches  
• Ross Owen – Puppet design for Don’t Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! The Musical!  
• Antonio Taylor – Scenic design for Don’t Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! The Musical!  
In addition to Hill’s national recognition, SFCC Theatre had a strong showing at the regional festival. Eight students competed in the Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship Auditions, with Ross Owen and Matthew Womble advancing to the semifinal round, placing in the top 20% of competitors. Five students received callbacks from professional summer theater companies, and four students showcased their talents in the Musical Theatre Intensive Auditions.  
SFCC Theatre also earned 12 Certificates of Meritorious Achievement for its productions throughout the 2024 season.  
“We are incredibly proud of Tim and all of our students who represented SFCC at KCACTF,” said Kristen Henning, SFCC Theatre instructor. “Their hard work and dedication continue to elevate our program’s reputation.”  
About Theatre at SFCC:  
The SFCC Theatre program provides professional-quality instruction and productions in outstanding facilities. Each year we present three full-length plays, a children’s show and student-directed one-act plays. You’ll have plenty of opportunities to gain valuable experience because you don’t have to compete with juniors, seniors and graduate students. For more information about SFCC, visit [www.sfccmo.edu](http://www.sfccmo.edu).



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