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Clinton Community Shows Huge Heart For Foster Families

BY JENNIFER JACKSON
Staff Reporter

In the weeks before Christmas, if you get stressed out wondering if you have everything ready for the holiday, think of Tammy Woirhaye.

For the past two years in a row, Tammy has received a call to pick up a newborn baby who needed a foster home — on Christmas Eve.

Which, of course, she did. "One was 4 days old and one was 11 days old," she said. "I had to go to another county to get one of them."

Tammy has fostered more than 100 children in the last 13 years, she said, and adopted five. She is part of a community of people in Clinton who form a safety net for children whose family are unable to care for them.

She and the foster family community are looking for more people and organizations to strengthen that net.

"There is always a need for foster families," said Jeremy Hicks, a social worker at the Children's Division of Missouri Social Services.

The Children's Division office in Clinton oversees 148 children in foster care in four counties, he said, Henry, Benton, Bates and St. Clair. There are seven case workers in Jeremy's office to cover the kids in foster care or placed with



GROWING FOR A GOOD CAUSE, Tammy Woirhaye's Foster Closet was housed in her basement dubbed the "Woirhaye Wal-Mart" before moving to State Fair Community College. Woirhaye showed Care Bags made and donated by women at Trinity Lutheran Church.

kinship (relative's) families, he said, plus work with children in the 40 to 50 intact families.

Many foster parents want to foster babies, he said, but aren't as eager to take teenagers.

"The state has been in continuous crisis for the last few years," he said, of finding foster homes for older children, whose lives often consist of a series of

foster homes.

A strong link for foster families of young children is Moreland Day Care, which has a large population of foster children in its program. The daycare's former owner, Vickie Moreland, was honored last July as Grand Marshal of the Olde Glory Days parade upon her retirement for her support of the foster family community.

Foster parents often accept children on short notice, which presents problems if the parent has to be at work the next day.

"You could call Vickie up at home at night," Tammy said, "and she would tell you she'd make a space for your foster child."

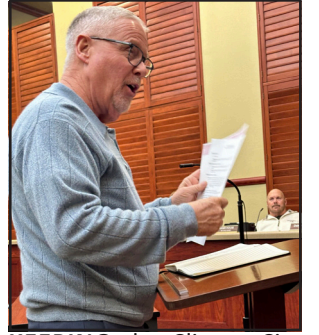
With Vickie's retirement, her son-in-law, Steve Lebofski, has taken over Moreland Day Care. **Foster Page 3**

City Council Briefed On Possible New Businesses Coming to Clinton

BY LUKE EDWARDS
Staff Reporter

The Clinton City Council met in open session December 6. Mayor Carla Moberly was absent; Councilman Wilson was Mayor pro tem. Roll call was held, the Pledge of Allegiance recited, and the previous meeting's minutes were approved. There were no personal appearances.

The tourism commission report was delivered to the council. Councilman Henry asked a minor question about how some organizations bring tourism dollars to town, and David Lee (present in the audience) explained, for instance, that the Big Brothers and Sisters half marathon and 5K brings people in from all over the country — and they stay the night, eat lunch at local restaurants and shop, etc. In short: money spent towards these organizations are not a waste of tourism dollars. The commission did not find any instances where the tourism funds had been spent inap-



KEEPING the Clinton City Council in the loop, Economic Development Director Mark Dawson reported that even though project activity is down state-wide, there are still several ones which could come to fruition in Clinton. They include Project Sprocket which is a small retail business that would be located around the downtown area.

appropriately. Economic Development Director Mark Dawson reported that activity this month was down — but project activity is down state-wide. He highlighted several ongoing projects which could come to be: Project Diversify — Dawson **Council Page 2**

Church Opens Doors To Neighbors In Need With Wright Fit As Pastor

BY JENNIFER JACKSON
Staff Reporter

Three weeks ago, a middle-aged couple came to the door of Allen Street Baptist Church. They were living in their car, they said, and asked if there was some help the church could offer them.

"We were able to help them with some food, and offered them the opportunity to shower," said Pastor Justin Wright.

The congregation of Allen Street Baptist Church had been praying for guidance concerning the church's mission and vision, he said, and what God would have them do in Clinton.

Earlier this year, the congregation was praying for a new minister to succeed Roger House, who had



NEW MISSION, New Minister Justin Wright is a good match as the new Pastor at Allen Street Baptist Church, which he describes as a "jeans and t-shirt" church. served Allen Street Baptist for 27 years and was retiring. Those prayers were answered in the form of Justin Wright, who's a good fit for a congregation who wants to reach out to its Allen **Pastor Page 3**

The More The Merrier: Choir Adds Cheerful Note To Winter

BY JENNIFER JACKSON
Staff Reporter

Mark and Gay Smith are starting a community choir in Clinton in February, but if you ask Mark what kind of music the choir will sing, he'll reply that he can't tell you.

He can say what the choir won't be.

"It won't be a church choir, and it won't be a pop choir," he said.

Mark and Gay are the music directors at First Presbyterian Church, 220 E. Franklin, where the community choir will meet in the fellowship hall on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m., starting Feb. 1.

The reason he doesn't know what music the choir will sing is that he doesn't know how many people will sign up, he said.

"Once we have a general idea of the numbers, then we can pick out the music," Mark said. "It will be a mix of genres."

Diane Hannah, who is organizing the effort, has had a good response to the call



ORGANIZING IS UNDERWAY by Mark and Gay Smith for the Clinton Community Choir that will begin meeting in February 2024.

for participants she posted online, Mark said. Asked how many people they need to form a choir, Mark replied "We only need what we get."

"At least four to six people per section would be nice," Mark said, "and more would be nicer."

Mark, a 1964 graduate of

CHS, played clarinet and saxophone in the CHS high band under band director Ross Kelsey, he said. Gay hails from the Park Grove community, south of Clinton between Deepwater and Lowry City.

Both musicians attended Central Missouri State, now the University of Cen-

tral Missouri, where they met. Both taught music at schools in the area, including Clinton, Leeton and Harrisonville. They have never organized a community choir, they said, but have been the music directors at FPC for more than 40 years. They also play in **Choir Page 3**

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Have I Got A Line For You!

By James Mahlon White



There wasn't much on TV last night so I headed over to the History Channel and ran across a documentary about a World War 1 British Officer named Wilfred Owen. At the start of this war the English saw going off to battle as a fine thing to do and embraced the ancient Latin poet Horace's dictum, "Dulce et decorum est, pro patria mori." That translates to "It is sweet and fitting to die for one's country." However WW1 was a God awful war. Soldiers were in trenches filled with mud, rats and carnage. Mustard gas was heavily used by the enemy and if you didn't die of it there, you hacked your life away for years. Wilfred Owen narrowly escaped death several times and received commendations for "Heroism in action." He composed a number of poems, some while in hospitals recovering from battlefield injuries. One of them was his answer to Horace. It was titled, "Dulce Et Decorum Est." and closes with these lines:

*My friend you would not tell with such high zest
To Children ardent for some desperate glory,
The old lie:*

Dulce et decorum est Pro patria mori. (Which means, "How sweet and fitting it is to die for one's country.")

Wilfred was killed on Armistice Day when he was only 25. He was not anti-war, he just wanted people to realize what it really entailed, without a glorified account of it.

Well, the fix is in. Hunter was finally indicted, just in time to keep him from having to answer questions before a Congressional committee. The indictment mostly shields President Biden. All the charges are tax violations, not FARA which would rope in Uncle Joe. Bet one of two things happen, depending on whether Joe remains in office. If he loses, Hunter has a pardon on the way out the door. If the President wins, the trial drags out until the end of his term and the pardon comes then. Just business as usual in our nation's capitol. The corrupt federal political system where politicians are policed by the same agencies they control. Morality from anyone there is just wishful thinking. I



wonder what our Founding Fathers would think of all this? Would they have changed some of our governmental structure?

Time to call a halt to this racketsy rambling. Blessings on you Old Buddy.

Til Next Week:
J.M.W.

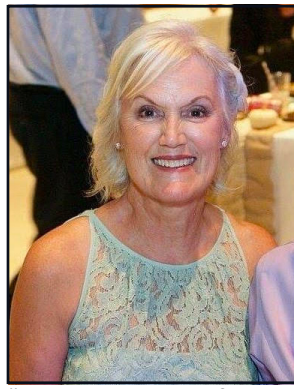
Word on the Street

What is your favorite family tradition for Christmas?



"Christmas crackers."

-Nicole Anderson



"Opening a gift on Christmas Eve."

-Geri Christensen



"Go for a family hike."

-Stephanie Atkinson



Get to Know Clinton, MO.

NAME: Jana
BIRTHPLACE: KCMO
YEARS IN CLINTON: 6 yrs
FAMILY: Myself and two sons
THE BEST THING ABOUT LIVING IN CLINTON IS: community
OCCUPATION: Retired
WHAT I WANTED TO BE WHEN I GREW UP: Veterinarian
FIRST JOB: Pumping gas at the Marina
FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY: Living in Minocqua, Wisconsin on the lake and exploring nature. (With all my siblings)
THE BEST TIME OF MY LIFE WAS WHEN: I ran a 5K in Warsaw after years of using a walker.
MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT: Oh goodness, falling down the stairs in high school in a dress.
WHAT DO YOU VALUE MOST IN YOUR FRIENDS: honesty even when it hurts. You know they're

true if they'll tell it like it is.
YOUR GREATEST FEAR IS: I have a fear of ketchup. It's real, look it up.
I HOPE I NEVER HAVE TO: Move again. I've moved a lot and I'm content.
I'VE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO: Play the piano. I always wanted to.
IF I WON THE LOTTERY, I WOULD: take care of all my family. Pay off all their debt. I'd then buy a house on the lake and be content.
MY DREAM TRIP WOULD BE TO: Bora Bora and stay in one of those cool places on the water.
HOBBIES: No hobbies except working out. Oh, I like bird watching.
FAVORITE BAND OR MUSICIAN: James Taylor
FAVORITE MOVIE: Benny and Joon
FAVORITE DRINK: Coffee.
FAVORITE SNACK: Barebell Protein Bars
FAVORITE CANDY: M&M's and Reese's



FUTURE GOAL: Take up weight lifting
WHICH PERSON DO YOU ADMIRE MOST: Myself. I've endured a heck of a lot and I admire how I've overcome and conquered things and not live in victimhood.
ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE YOUR YOUNGER SELF: Create boundaries. Your life will be so much better for it.
WORDS TO LIVE BY: Never Quit - don't you dare quit.

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said this one should have a final plan by the end of next week; Project Sprocket (a small retailer based here - might be early April 2024, around the square); and Project Husker (retail related, no where close to being done). Also reported was that CHS will be providing career focused tours to local businesses next

year for students.
The council adopted Bill No. 2023 (the final plat for The Refuge at Sycamore Acres).
Councilman Cameron Jackson gave the Public Works report. He reported that the initial layout map for the Antioch Hills grant project was updated: "So folks can see the layout of the road [there] which people have previously commented on."

A sewer main at Washington and Allen Streets was repaired, however another collapse was discovered at Main and Allen Streets which will also be repaired. Rotors 5 and 6 as well as 2 and 3 at the Waste water Treatment Plant will all need repaired. Some of the repairs will require drier weather. The cost for two of the repairs will be \$19,630.

A matter involving Resolution 2023-22 was tabled to be addressed in closed session. A motion to publish a request for qualifications (for engineering services) was approved by the council.
There was no Public Safe-

ty Committee report.

The Finance Committee report was given by Councilman Wilson. Annual service bid awards were as follows: flower planters at City Hall; Skaggs Enterprise; fuel bids: MFA Oil; code enforcement mowing was awarded to Skaggs Enterprise as well. Pest spraying was awarded to Jerry's Termite and Pest Control - councilman Henry wanted to reject the bid and rebid because of the price increase from last year. He was the sole "no" vote.

There was no Mayor's report.
City Administrator Christy Maggi reported Westport Construction has begun preparation on the new terminal project at the Clinton Regional Airport.

The council had no unfinished or new business, but did need to enter into closed session to address the Waste Water Improvement Project issue (Resolution 22-2023) from earlier in the meeting: media coverage ended when the council entered closed session (6:17 p.m.)

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FOSTER

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land Day Care, which is just off North Second, at 115 E. Elm. Like Vickie, Steve has a heart for the foster/adopt community, as does Vickie's daughter, Melinda Moreland Lebofski, according to Moreland's new director, Samantha Mothersbaugh.

"Steve asked what the Foster Closet needed for a year, and then donated \$3,000 to meet those needs," Samantha said.

Samantha was recommended for the job by Tammy Woirhaye and Dara Bigler of State Fair Community College. Originally from Springfield, Samantha has lived in Clinton for five years, and has a degree from Missouri State University in Early Childhood Education.

Located in the basement of State Fair Community College, the Foster Closet has a large selection of clothes for all ages, an infant room with baby supplies and a birthday shelf of gifts, available at no charge to foster families. The building is owned by Golden Valley Memorial Healthcare, which donates the space for the Foster Closet as well as the Teacher's Warehouse.

Tammy Woirhaye said the Foster Closet started out in her basement.

"I'd have foster families show up at my house and say 'We're here for the Woirhaye Walmart,'" she said.

Foster children arrive at their foster homes with literally nothing but the clothes on their backs, Samantha said. Sometimes babies are just in diapers. Jeremy said his office now provides bags with pajamas, a change of clothes, a toothpaste, toothbrush, and a blanket.

Another big need in the community that Moreland is addressing is for before- and after-school programs for children of working parents.

"We get lots of calls for before and after care," Samantha said. "We're exploring options to expand the number of slots offered to the community."

Moreland Day Care got

a boost earlier this year when Gov. Mike Parson approved \$82 million to increase the number of badly-needed pre-kindergarten childcare slots in Missouri. Grants were awarded to both community-based child-care providers and public schools.

In October, Moreland Day Care used its grant to add a third preschool class for 4 and 5-year-olds, Samantha said. Hired to teach the class of 17 preschoolers were Sarah Taylor and Jessica Bailey, who have masters' degrees in Early Childhood Education.

"We were filled the first week," Samantha said of the class, which Moreland provides at no charge.

The Pediatric Place and First Steps provide in-house services to Moreland Day Care, she said, including physical, occupational (meaning daily tasks) and speech therapy. That makes fewer appointments for foster parents to have to take their children to, Samantha said.

Moreland has also implemented a new curriculum that is experience-based, Samantha said, with seasonal themes, the current one focused on winter — making snow-flakes and learning about ice and snow. The Moreland staff has also done a lot of training dealing with trauma and behavioral issues, Samantha said.

"We want to make sure we are taking care of children and families in the community to the best of our abilities," she said. "It takes a village, and we have a good village going."

Clinton used to have a coalition called "Mission Clinton" that is now dissolved. Clinton foster families do receive supplies from Sam's Window, a foster/adopt state-wide connection, through its southwest office in Springfield, which delivers socks and underwear, baby wipes and food items every month to the Foster Closet. Samantha picks up supplies and delivers them to foster families whose children attend Moreland Day Care, saving them a trip.

"We started with a few families," Tammy said,

"and now have 30."

Jeremy said he would like to see a CarePortal started in Clinton, which is a network of volunteers who respond to immediate needs of families and children in the community.

"It takes seven churches and four community organizations to start one," he said.

The Henry County Health Department provides safe cribs, car seats, CPR training, immunizations, and WIC (Women's, infants and Children's supplemental nutrition). The HCHD also has free or reduced-cost lab tests, said Tyler Pulcini, community outreach director.

Women at Trinity Lutheran Church, led by Hope Seider, make and donate age-appropriate Care Bags, each with a story book, hygiene items and a stuffed toy, to the Foster Closet.

Samantha and spouse Brooklyn Mothersbaugh also have a heart for children — they have six, 3 girls and 3 boys, ages 10 months to 13 years old. At dinnertime, the family sits around the dining table and plays "High-Low," with each person describing the high and low of that day.

Helping children and teenagers deal with the ups and downs of life is especially important for foster parents, whose children may have experienced trauma and loss. It's one of the most challenging parts of being a foster parent, Samantha said.

The goal — to give every child a safe, happy childhood, she said. Foster parents also try to preserve childhood memories of foster children who move on to another family for adoption.

Tammy said she saved the hospital bracelet and the first Christmas outfit one of her foster babies wore, and mailed it to the child's adoptive family.

To make donations or volunteer to help foster/adopt parents, call Tammy Woirhaye, 660-889-1959.

CHOIR

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The Warrensburg Community Band in the summer, and in Jim Raysik's band once a year in the Deepwater parade.

Forming a community choir was the idea of several people at First Presbyterian, they said, including minister Nancy Gillard, Diane Hannah and Raymond Hartner.

"Nancy Gillard believes in outreach, and Raymond is always looking for ways for our people and our facility to be involved in the community," Mark said.

Anyone who can carry a tune can join the choir. You do not need to be able to read music. The idea is to connect with other people doing something you enjoy, to add a little spark to the winter months.

"We're going to have a good time getting together with people who enjoy singing," Gay said. "We have a lot of fun and laugh a lot at church choir rehearsal. People enjoy being in the choir."

The First Presbyterian Church choir consists of 12 to 16 singers, Mark said. He directs the choir, and Gay is the accompanist on the piano or organ.

Mark is trying to research what music is available in town, he said, but with the Advent season, most people are busy. He did say it will probably include something bluesy, or a spiritual.

"The sooner I know how many people are singing, the sooner I can start getting organized picking out music," Mark said.

The community choir will rehearse for 90 minutes on Thursday nights, starting on Feb. 1, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Rehearsals will go through mid-April, when a performance for the public is scheduled in the Per-

forming Arts Center at Clinton High School.

To sign up for choir, email Diane Hannah, clintoncommunitychoir@gmail.com, and indicate whether you sing soprano, alto, tenor or bass. There is no charge to participate.

For more information, contact Diane Hannah at the email address, or check her Facebook page.

PASTOR

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Street neighbors as well as to people who hadn't had a good experience in church or felt like they fit in.

Justin did not grow up in the church, he said, did not find religion until he was in his 20s, has never attended seminary and doesn't preach like a minister who did.

"If you've ever been turned off by church, that's not what you get here," he said.

Allen Street is a 'come as you are' church, he said, a jeans and t-shirt church.

"In the summer, it's a flip-flop church. It's the best-kept secret in Clinton."

A flip-flop church is one where you can wear casual footwear to church, not one that waffles theologically. The Sunday services at Allen Street Baptist, at 8:45 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., are contemporary casual, with upbeat music, guitars and drums.

On Dec. 24, there will be one combined service at 10 a.m., then Christmas Eve services at 5:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m.

Until 10 years ago, Justin's life was more about creating custom machine fittings than deconstructing theological questions. He grew up in Sedalia, graduating from Sedalia High School in 1993, then attended State Fair Community College. He moved to Smithton, where he built a house and he and spouse Kari Wright raised a family of six children while Justin worked at a Sedalia tool and die shop.

Five of their six children, now ages 15 through 26, were still living at home in 2013, when Justin heard the call to the ministry. "It was a life change," he said.

He served at Calvary Baptist Church in Windsor for ten years, he said, while teaching tool and die classes in the machinery program at State Fair Community College. In May, the Wrights left Windsor to move to Clinton, with the idea of Justin taking a

break from preaching.

But when Justin was leaving the Windsor church, Roger House at Allen Street Baptist was announcing his retirement.

The Wrights visited several Baptist churches in Clinton, Justin said, but felt drawn to Allen Street. At first, Justin didn't tell people in the congregation he was a minister, but word got out, and he was invited to fill the pulpit several times. After being interviewed by the search committee, he gave his testimony and described his call to ministry to the congregation, who voted unanimously to invite him to lead the ministry of the church and its staff.

That he has experience building houses and working with machinery was a plus.

"When you are hiring a minister, they say you should always look at his hands," Justin said, alluding to the advantage of having a minister who can handle maintenance and repair issues.

Justin hopes more people will discover Allen Street Baptist. There is always something going on in the building, he said.

A good time to check out Allen Street Baptist is this Sunday, Dec. 17, when they are holding a dinner followed by a musical evening, with dinner starting at 6:30 p.m. To let them know how many people to make dinner for, go to the Allen Street Baptist Church website, allenstreetclinton.com, and make a reservation.

"It's a musical Christmas card," Justine said of the program.

Justin still keeps a hand in construction. He is doing a lot of work on the house the Wrights are building in Clinton, he said, while they are living in a travel trailer on site. Their daughter, Hannah, who attends Clinton Christian Academy, has been a trooper, he said, but they are all eager to get into their house, which is reaching the final stages of completion.

"The electric work is done," he said. "The sheet rock is coming in two weeks."

His spouse, Kari, hopes it will be the last house they build, Justin said. She is a counselor at Abundant Life Church in Lee's Summit. When she finishes work there, she will do counseling at Allen Street Baptist, where they now offer indi-

vidual Christian life coaching and pastoral counseling.

"In the future, counseling will be a big part of what we do here," he said.

It's a church where there's something happening every day of the week, he said, not just on Sundays and Wednesday nights, when there are AWANA and Strike Zone programs for youth. When he comes in on Mondays, Justin said, it's like a train station, with the women's group meeting in one room and the worship team in another.

Allen Street is getting ready to host a women's conference, called LYP, Live Your Purpose, Jan. 12 through Jan.14.

The Allen Street congregation is a true church family, he said, one whose doors are open to those in need. The church is planning its next steps in outreach ministry, he said, so they will be ready to meet the needs of the next unexpected visitors. Meeting people's immediate needs is the priority, he said.

"We're sort of just traveling that way," he said.

The church is uniquely situated for that ministry.

"There are two homeless camps on the same street, one two blocks from the church and one a block up," Justin said. "There's the park, as well."

The congregation has already decided to get a washer and dryer to make available to people who may have limited changes of clothes. Someone who heard of that need has donated new appliances, Justin said.

"We want to be part of the solution," he said.

That's just one example of the many wonderful things that are happening at the church, Justin said, which was founded in the 1950s.

The couple who showed up at their door, at 210 W. Allen St., was an answer to the congregation's prayers.

"You either run away from it, or towards it," Justin said of the church's ministry to its neighbors. "We ran towards it."

Not everything that happens at the church on Allen Street will be perfect, he said.

But in the end, he said, it will be amazing.



THIS WEEK'S PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1) "Beg pardon ..."
- 5) Much, slangily
- 10) It's far from a flattop
- 14) Handed-down history
- 15) Hole-___ (golf coup)
- 16) Common roller-coaster feature
- 17) They include numerators and denominators
- 20) Providing bearings
- 21) Tiny carpenter
- 22) Thing picked up at the beach
- 23) Animated Olive
- 24) Drunk, in slang
- 27) Not us
- 29) Short choral composition
- 32) Tokyo of long ago
- 33) "Much ___ About Nothing"
- 36) Fence for defense
- 38) It includes angles and shapes
- 41) Jon Bon Jovi, for one
- 42) "What ___ the odds?"
- 43) Notable period of history
- 44) Golden Horde member
- 46) D.C. veterans
- 50) Spanish capital
- 52) Clairvoyant's favorite letters?
- 55) Lobster eggs
- 56) Moray, e.g.
- 57) Evolution adherent
- 60) X = 3, X + 2 = 5, and others
- 63) Pavarotti solo
- 64) Tossed with force
- 65) Singing club
- 66) Like much lingerie
- 67) Make fun of
- 68) Half a matched set

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- 1) March family creator
- 2) "Yippee!" alternative
- 3) Ferret's cousin
- 4) Humorous internet image
- 5) Full of dryer fluff
- 6) Photographed or taped
- 7) In a quandary
- 8) It might produce a run
- 9) Former nuclear power agcy.
- 10) Flared dress style
- 11) Shoes, sandals, sneakers, etc.
- 12) Director Howard
- 13) Photo ___ (media events)
- 18) Photo ___ Band
- 19) More moth-eaten, e.g.
- 24) Historic Alabama city
- 25) Challenge to a canoer
- 26) Bambi's mother, e.g.
- 28) Bit of Halloween attire
- 30) Musical with its own glasses?
- 31) "The ___ of Pooh"
- 34) Concentrate, in a way
- 35) Group of eight
- 37) It's used to take flight?
- 38) When doubled, a Society Island
- 39) Campus VIP
- 40) Gangster's gun in old films
- 41) Sleep phenomenon
- 45) "The Twilight Zone" telecasts, to
- 47) Baltimore's bird
- 48) Body shop convenience
- 49) Has a hunch
- 51) One way to get out of debt
- 53) Metal-shaping tool
- 54) Place for an orchestra
- 57) Take out, to an editor
- 58) Lung opening?
- 59) Approaching, in romantic poetry
- 60) "Do the Right Thing" pizzeria ow
- 61) Common savings vehicle
- 62) Little salamander

MATH IS NOT HARD

By Timothy E. Parker

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THE FOSTER FAMILY SUPPORT TEAM includes Samantha Mothersbaugh of Moreland Day Care, left, Dara Bigler of State Fair Community College, Peggy Bowles and Tyler Pulcini of the Henry County Health Department, Tammy Woirhaye and Jeremy Hicks of the Missouri Social Services Children's Division. The Foster Closet is in the basement of SFCC.



SAMANTHA MOTHERSBAUGH, who is a foster parent, looks through racks of clothing in the Foster Closet.



TAMMY WOIRHAYE shows how much the Foster Closet has grown since it moved from her basement, known as "the Woirhaye Walmart," to the basement of State Fair Community College. In back is Samantha Mothersbaugh, the director of Moreland Day Care and a foster parent.

Annual 'Coats For Kids' Drive Held In November



THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #1896 donated 200 hoodies, and 170 coats to 'Coats for Kids'. Pictured are Dan Sublette, Bill Kernohan, Ron Cook, Mike Goode, Stan Cook and Byron McCoy.

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ory Fund into the box and select the name when it shows in the list. It will take you to a new page to donate. If you would like to donate by writing a check, please make it payable to Henry County Memory Fund and mailed to PO Box 741, Clinton, MO 64735.

The 10th Annual Henry County Memory Fund Big Purple Party will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2024, 9:30am. Please mark your calendar to join us in honoring and remembering those that are currently or have battled Alzheimer's or dementia.

Fiber Internet Service Hits Big Milestone



FOUR FILLIES MERCANTILE in Lowry City became the 5,000th subscriber.

Connect, powered by Osage Valley Electric Cooperative, a local provider of fiber-to-the-home broadband internet, has achieved a significant milestone by connecting 5,000 customers to its broadband services. Recently, Four Fillies Mercantile in Lowry City became the 5,000th subscriber.

"We are thrilled to reach this significant milestone of connecting 5,000 members to Connect, powered by Osage Valley Electric Cooperative, just 21 months after starting the project," said Jarrod Campbell, general manager and CEO of Osage Valley Electric Cooperative. "The relentless effort put forth by our team and Conexon Connect has brought us one step closer to bridging the digital divide in our service territory and improving the lives of our members."

"This achievement is a testament to the successful partnership of Osage Valley Electric Cooperative and Conexon Connect to bring high-speed internet to rural areas. We understand the critical need for quality internet service and are proud to be a part of the solution," said Randy Klindt, Conexon founding partner and Conexon Connect CEO.

Small businesses serve

as the backbone of rural economies, playing a pivotal role in job creation, income generation, community development and cultural preservation. Ensuring they possess the necessary tools is imperative for their flourishing success.

Regan Hollingsworth, owner of Four Fillies Mercantile, said, "With reliable internet, our customers will no longer have to wait on our system to reconnect during transactions which will enable them to have a quick and pleasant experience when stopping for their daily coffee. Having the ability to offer Wi-Fi to our customers who want to sit and work while drinking and eating will be a major incentive for people to come spend time with us."

Connect, powered by Osage Valley Electric Cooperative, is actively expanding its network to encompass its entire membership. Originally projected to span four years when initiated in late 2021, the project has exceeded expectations and is now anticipated for completion in mid-2024.

Osage Valley intends to explore funding opportunities through the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) grant program next spring to address off-system areas that lack adequate internet service options. Securing these grant funds will determine the local cooperative's ability to expand the service outside of its existing service territory.

To learn more about fiber-fast internet services provided by Connect, powered by Osage Valley Electric Cooperative, go to www.conexonconnect.com

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About Conexon

Conexon works with Rural Electric Cooperatives to bring fiber to the home in rural communities. The company is comprised of professionals who have worked in electric cooperatives and the telecommunications industry, and offer decades of individual experience in business planning, building networks, marketing and selling telecommunications. Conexon offers its electric cooperative clients end-to-end broadband deployment and operations support, from a project's conception all the way through to its long-term sustainability. It works with clients to analyze economic feasibility, secure financing, design the network, manage construction, provide operational support, optimize business performance and determine optimal partnerships. To date, Conexon has assisted more than 200 electric cooperatives, 50 of which are deploying fiber networks, with more than 500,000 rural Americans connected to fiber-to-the-home. The company has secured more than \$1.5 billion in federal and state funding for its clients.

About Osage Valley Electric Cooperative

Osage Valley is a rural electric distribution cooperative serving over 17,500 meters along 3,750 miles of line in portions of seven counties in west central Missouri. The Cooperative began bringing electricity to its members in 1938 and in 2022 began building a fiber optic network to bring high speed internet to the region.

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We are thrilled to bring home grown talent back to Clinton and announce that **Ashton Cook** has joined our team! Ashton was born and raised in Clinton where she excelled at many things and was Valedictorian of her high school class. She is excited to be back. She attended Rockhurst University where she received a bachelor's degree in accounting and a bachelor's degree in business analytics while maintaining a 3.98 GPA. Ashton is now studying and sitting for the CPA exam. She worked in the federal tax/private company division at one of the top 5 accounting firms through their fall busy season as a tax associate and will be joining us as a small business specialist, accountant, tax professional, and wealth management team member. We are excited to be adding her to the team!



Vansant-Mills Funeral Home cordially invites you to attend our 32nd annual holiday Memorial Open House. This will be held from 100-3:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 17, 2023 at the Vansant-Mills Funeral Home. We realize this will be your first holiday season without your loved one, and we would like to share a memorial ornament with you. Unique hand blown glass angels with your loved ones name will be given out. Additional ornaments may be ordered at the cost of \$20.00 per angel.

We hope that you mark your calendar now for December 17th and join us at this Memorial Open House in honor of your loved one. All family members are invited to attend. We thank you for the privilege of serving you during this past year.

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Death Notices

Karen Sue (Munsey) Mersman Ward, 79, died Thur, Dec. 7, 2023. Karen's wishes were to be cremated. A Celebration of Life will be planned for a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of the Bradley & Hadley Funeral Home, Clinton.

Sandra L. Huey, 79, died Wed, Nov. 29, 2023. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Sat, Jan. 13, 2024 at the Trinity Lutheran Church. The family will receive friends from 10-11a.m. just prior to the service. Interment will be in Englewood Cemetery. Services are under the direction of the Bradley & Hadley Funeral Home, Clinton.

Jeffery Simonsen, 79, died Fri, Dec. 8, 2023. Jeffery's wishes were to be cremated. A memorial visitation will be from 4-6pm on Thur, Dec. 14, 2023 at the Life Ministries Church in Clinton, MO. Military Honors to begin at 4 PM. Arrangements have been entrusted to Vansant-Mills Funeral Home in Clinton, Missouri.

Victoria Banks died Fri, Dec. 8, 2023. Victoria's wishes were to be cremated with no service. Arrangements have been entrusted to Vansant-Mills Funeral Home in Clinton, Missouri.

Linda Kays, 68, died Tues, Dec. 5, 2023. Arrangements have been entrusted to Vansant-Mills Funeral Home in Clinton, MO and are pending at this time.

Shawn Scrivner, 68, died Tues, Dec. 5, 2023. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Vansant-Mills Funeral Home in Clinton, MO and are pending at this time.

Preston Rex Brown, 58, died Tues, Dec. 5, 2023. Funeral services were 11a.m., Fri, Dec. 8, 2023, at the Hadley Funeral Home, Windsor, with Chaplain Ivory Jamerson officiating. Graveside services with Military Honors followed in the Laurel Oak Cemetery, Windsor. Condolences may be left online at www.hadleyfuneralhome.com.

Donna Jean Shane, 88, died Thur, Dec. 7, 2023. Burial will follow at a later date in Warrensburg. Condolences may be left online at www.hadleyfuneralhome.com.

JOSEPH SCOTT FINKS JR., 79, died Sat, Dec. 9, 2023. Funeral services were 2p.m., Thur, Dec. 14, 2023, at the Hadley Funeral Home, Windsor, with Pastor John Streit officiating. Burial was in the Laurel Oak Cemetery, Windsor. The family received friends before the service from 1-2p.m. at the funeral home. Condolences may be left online at www.hadleyfuneralhome.com.

Charles Lee Powers, 76, died Dec. 10, 2023. Graveside services will be 1p.m., Tues, Dec. 19, 2023, at the Laurel Oak Cemetery, Windsor, with Pastor Virginia Bothwell officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Hadley Funeral Home, Windsor.

tary men and women and their families, as well as others in service jobs that we depend upon daily. We pray for guidance as we continue forward as a Community Church on the square in Calhoun, Mo.

Joys to celebrate: Savannah McNeely lit the altar candles this morning. We are pleased to have Rev. Jackson Short to serve our congregation; this morning we celebrated the second Sunday of Advent as Shirley Cardwell and great grand children lit the first two advent candles as we sang the first and second verses of the Advent song. We enjoyed the mild mid winter weather this morning as we came together to glorify the Lord. Happy Birthday was sung to Carolina Lane, Steve Siercks, Verna Walters, and Rev. Short. Special music today, by Ms. Verna "Mary Did You Know." We thank Verna for sharing this beautiful song. We thank Tucker McNeely for taking the offering this morning. We were pleased to have Patty Dump join us for worship, she thanked the congregation for the cards and prayers as she continues to recover from surgery. Steve Siercks was thankful that he and his mother, Ms. Verna, were able to celebrate their birthdays together this week. We were pleased to have Kenny Mills, Monica Bramel! and daughter Hillary Clifton and four children as guests today. The Colwells were pleased to be invited by Sue Lesmeister for dinner last evening following an afternoon of crafting. Saturday afternoon a group got together and made Christmas trees by gluing discarded glassware together to form, one-of-a-kind trees. The children finished decorating our Christmas tree with decorations they had made and then had a great time making their own glass trees. We were pleased to have Patty Dump join the group. Our greatest joy is to have children enough to have Sunday School. There were seven this morning and a total of 23 for church. God is good all the time and blesses those who believe. Following church we celebrated with a Birthday Dinner honoring those with December birthdays; they are Sondra Short, Steve Siercks, Verna Walters, Jackson Short and Carol Lane. Chili and soup was served along with angel food cake and other desserts. A grand time was had by all.

Should you be looking for a new place to grow your faith come by for a visit, dress as you are comfortable, bring the youngsters and be prepared to receive a blessing for your effort. we are a Concerned and Praying Nondenominational Church, should you find yourself in need of prayer we encourage you to join us any Sunday morning. We will be blessed by your presence.

Drakes Chapel UMC

The coffee room was a buzz this morning as people gathered early for visiting, welcomed hot cup of coffee and much talk about the great time nearly 20 folks gather to put the finishing touching of decorating the church to celebrate the birthday of Jesus, after which we were enticed with the grand cookie walk.

Pastor Margie's Scripture for this morning came from the Gospel of Mark 1:1-8, Her message was entitled "Going Deeper, and Deeper." The scripture announces the coming of a messenger who was John the Baptist. John was a bit of a different person than in today's world would not think as a messenger of God.

Advent is a time of great preparation. Some scholars tell us John ministry last only about three months. It was John that would build the path for the Messiah. The Baptizer stepped aside and allowed Christ to begin the path for Jesus to prepare for His Kingdom.

If we want to be a part of the Advent season, we have to turn to John model and make straight the way for the return of our Lord.

The 2nd Advent wreath was lit by Marion Pilant during Advent reading of the congregation. Marion also sang a special, "This is Not my Home No More".

We must evangelize which literally mean to spread the Good New of Jesus Christ. If we want in on the Good News of Jesus Christ this season we must go deeper and deeper in our personal walk with Jesus and share with others.

Our holiday dinner will be January 7th right after church. It will be a time to take a breath after all the other holiday gatherings. It will be a time we can embrace the New Year with our church family and thank God for our blessings of the past and prepare us to find a way to stand ready to be a blessing to others.

We will combine our normal Sunday worship and our Christmas Eve service at our regular worship time, (9:00 a.m.). We will still have communion, special family prayers, and lite candles and sing Silent night.

We hope you will join us for worship any Sunday whether in person or on Facebook live, just look for Margie Briggs. Our worship begins at 9:00. We are located 5 miles east of Clinton off highway 52 just look for the sign. We stand ready to greet you with the powerful love Jesus.

First Baptist

On Sunday, Pastor Pat Findley delivered the second message of his Christmas sermon series, 'SENT: Lottie Moon'. The International Missions Board's (IMB) Christmas Offering is named after Lottie Moon because of her passion for the Great Commission. Philippians 2:6-7 reminds us that Jesus chose to take the form of a servant. He is in very nature God, with a self-sacrificing heart. Charlotte "Lottie" Moon, although a questionable believer early in life, never looked back after making a profession of faith and

dedicated her life to serving God. At age 12, her father passed away, but she excelled in her own education, achieving a master's degree at a time when very few women accomplished such an achievement. She then spent some time teaching, in addition to tutoring her younger sister, 'Eddie'. Lottie and Eddie both had hearts for missions, and Lottie eventually joined her younger sister in China, dedicating her life to sharing the good news of Jesus. During that time, she wrote several letters, encouraging Christians to join the Great Commission and emphasizing the need for sharing the gospel to the vast number of lost people in China. Her passion for sharing the gift of Jesus has since raised over \$5 billion to support missions internationally. Christmas is a time to remember how Jesus came to serve, and each of us are also called to go and to share the good news. We should do whatever it takes to serve people into a growing relationship with Jesus. We are all born sinners, separated from God, but Jesus was sent to save! The gift of Jesus is available to everyone to receive!

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

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

First Presbyterian

On the second Sunday of Advent we focus on peace. In our world of darkness and fear, we need to remember our patient and peaceful God. He will help us be people who look at dissension and confusion and choose ways to live in harmony. He is the Prince of Peace.

Rev. Nancy Gillard continued the "Looking Up for Christmas" series with a message titled Who Invited John the Baptist for the Holidays? She chose Luke 3: 7 - 18 as the scripture passage. To our delight, the hand chimes choir played two selections; "Ukrainian Bell Carol" and "Still, Still, Still". Next Sunday the choir will present their Christmas Cantata.

Our beautifully decorated sanctuary is awaiting the finishing touch of poinsettias which are added in memory or honor of loved ones. If you wish to donate monetarily toward the purchase of a poinsettia please contact the church office or a flower committee member.

A service of wholeness and healing with the theme of Blue Christmas will be held here on Tuesday, December 19 at 7:00 pm. We welcome all who would wish to attend.

On Christmas Eve Eve, December 23, we will host our annual Chili/Soup Supper at 5:30 pm followed by worship at 7:00 pm. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board for food and help. We invite you to come and be a part of our fellowship. Mark your calendars.

The Advent Event 'Waiting Here for You' by Louie Giglio continues on Wednesday evenings from 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm. This bible study will lead us through the season of Advent.

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

Tai Chi classes continue to meet here each Monday and Wednesday at 10:00 am. If you're looking for something to help strengthen your core and improve balance then Tai Chi is the right fit.

Are you looking for a church home? We would like you to join our friendly congregation. If unable to attend in person, services are available online at our website: fpc-clintonmo.net.

Mt. Calvary Apostolic Pentecostal "Don't Be Afraid When God Calls You"

Isaiah 66:4.

When God calls us he is looking for the humble spirit who knows his word is precious.

It says in Isa 66:3 He that killeth an ox is as if he slew a man; he that sacrificeth a lamb, as if he cut off a dog's neck; he that offereth an oblation, as if he offered swine's blood; he that burneth incense, as if he blessed an idol. Yea, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delighteth in their abominations.

These people were doing things their way rather than God's way. They did not do what God called them to do. When God is involved, we must move ourselves out of the way.

A Delusion is the state of being deluded. a false belief or opinion (dictionary.com 2023)

We have many people today who are deluded. God can call you to do something at any time. When he calls on you. do it.

Acts 18:4.

Paul was called to be an apostle for the Gentiles. God will call us to speak with people even when we know they will not listen.

There is a reason for this. It says in Revelation 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

When we stand before God on judgment day the books will be opened. No one will have an excuse for not hearing the word.

It will be written in the books that we were told, we were preached to, though some of us will not listen.

1Pe 5:2-3.

We are to feed God's flock and live above what we preach. Be that example.

2Pe 1:3-10.

If we do as it says in 2Peter 1:3-10 we will have the fruit of the spirit that Galatians 5 describes. God Bless.

Urich Baptist

The spirit of Christ in Christmas was in the air as we worshipped the Lord. Clint Keeney rang the church bell. Mrs. Julia Klinefelter led in the congregational singing with Mrs. Dixie Collins playing piano. We rejoiced with Mrs. Suzanne Smith and Roger Gibson on their birthdays. Randy Vogt and Clint Keeney collected the offering.

Church Page 7

This Is A Cemetery

Lives are commemorated – deaths are recorded – families are reunited – memories are made tangible – and love is undisguised. This is a cemetery.

Communities accord respect, families bestow reverence, historians seek information and our heritage is thereby enriched.

Testimonies of devotion, pride and remembrance are carved in stone to pay warm tribute to accomplishments and to the life – not death – of a loved one. The cemetery is homeland for family memorials that are a sustaining source of comfort to the living.

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CHURCH cont.

The scripture passage from interim Pastor Steve Sowell's sermon was from the Old Testament Isaiah 40:1-11 which foretells hundred of years later that John the Baptist will prepare the way for the promised Messiah. Then in the New Testament in Mark 1:1-8 fulfills the promise that John the Baptist will prepare the way for Jesus-the Messiah. John the Baptist said he baptizes with water, but Jesus will baptize you with the Holy Spirit. When we focus on the truth of God it will show through our kindness, patience, gentleness, and give us everlasting peace. God Bless!

Valley Center United

Do you see what I hear? Do you hear what I hear? Pray for peace everywhere.

We send our prayers of love and healing to some very dear church members. We continue our prayers of peace and hope for the people of the Ukraine and in the middle east.

The Ladies Aid enjoyed fellowship, fun and delicious food for their Christmas party on Sunday. Together they have completed many projects within our church and community this year. They are an amazing and faithful group of Christian women!

Laurie Stinnett and Karen Lasswell lit the Advent candles of hope and peace.

During this Advent season, it is important to ask questions spiritually and try to understand why we are here and what is our purpose? We may ask ourselves, who are we that God cares about us? We should constantly be curious about God. It all comes alive when we ask questions and listen and hear the gospel stories. We are reminded that we are created in God's image.

Even Mary had questions. She wondered why God would want a young girl like her to be involved in this miraculous holy birth? The Magi also had questions as they searched for this child who was to become King.

As people of faith, we have a lot of things to do. It is a time for giving and a time to come together to sow. This is a time for war and a time for peace. It is a time to keep silent and listen as the Angels proclamation of exceedingly great joy of the birth of our Savior. It is a time of reassurance and peace.

During this season of questions and answers, we take our own journey to Bethlehem and see that little baby that was born to save us all.



DECEMBER 6, 2023

The ACHS FCCLA will sponsor a blood drive 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. Monday, December 18 in the Elementary Gym. Appointments are preferred. Book your appointment at savealifenow.org/group. Enter Group Code: KCZ6. For more details, contact Dallas Gutshall at 660-476-2161 or dgutshall@appletoncity.k12.mo.us. All presenting donors will take home a free Chiefs T-shirt.

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

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec 18 ACHS FCCLA sponsored blood drive 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the Elementary Gym

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

Ellett Memorial Hospital Appleton City offers outpatient specialist services for December 2023. Call 660-476-2111 for appointments: Dec 20 – Upper GI, Colonoscopy-Dr. Namin, Dec 21– Podiatry- Dr. Pace, Dec 27 – Ortho-Dr. Gray

The Shepherd Calls
by
Dr. H. Wade Paris

CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS

Sincere, well-meaning Christians often complain about

MATH IS NOT HARD

By Timothy E. Parker

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the worldly preparations for Christmas. They protest, "It begins too soon. It is too commercial. It is much too secular. It needs to be more religious." No doubt, some of the objections are deserved, but perhaps not all. If you are among those who question present day Christmas celebrations, then perhaps the following accounts will be helpful.

My earliest recollections of Christmas are of Christmas trees and presents and Santa Claus. No doubt, my parents told me Christmas was Jesus' birthday; but that didn't register much until I was older. What captured my attention was that Christmas was something good, festive, joyous, a time to celebrate. Those good memories continued long after I learned the true meaning of Christmas.

For me now as an adult, Handel's Messiah is the all-time best celebration of Christmas. The Hallelujah chorus is the most worshipful music I know. However, I seriously doubt I would have appreciated it as a young child. Can you imagine forcing preschool children to sit through a presentation of The Messiah and then telling them this is how we celebrate Jesus' birthday.

Admittedly, much of our country's Christmas celebration is not very Christian. But imagine this parable with me. Once there was a Christian whose family did not believe. When he tried to tell them about Jesus, they refused to listen or worse they laughed at him. All his attempts to involve them in worshipping Jesus were rejected. However, these unbelieving family members really got involved in Christmas trees, Christmas decorations, gift-giving, Jingle Bells, and the entire secular celebration. So, the Christian simply smiled within and thought, "They may not realize it, but they are celebrating the birthday of my Savior. Thank you, God!"

It seems to me the story in Mark 9:38ff is applicable here. Jesus' disciples met a man who was doing good in Jesus' name but was not one of their followers. The disciples reported they tried to stop him. "Don't stop him," Jesus said. "For whoever is not against us is for us."

Christmas Luncheon

Are we merry yet? If you are enjoying the festivities of Christmas, bring that merry spirit with you and come to the CWC luncheon. If you are struggling to be "merry", come to the luncheon and catch the spirit! There will be plenty of gifts and singing!

Our speaker, Sharon Hicks, will share about "Angels or Shepherds-she's not sure."

Sharon has been active in our community for a number of years. She is known for performances, talks, podcasts, bible studies and general friendliness.

For our feature time we will sing favorite Christmas carols and then exchange gifts by "shopping around the square and deciding whether we should go right or left. There are some wonderful new businesses on the square, it may be hard to know which way to go.

So put on your most festive Christmas attire and meet a friend or bring a friend and join the fun at the Christian Women's Connection on Tuesday, December 19th at 11:45 at the Fellowship Hall of Victory 1st Assembly at 1506 E Ohio (the junction of highways 7 & 13). (Enter at the door at the back parking lot.) The cost is \$12. For reservations, call (660)885-5918 or e-mail her at debdolly30@gmail.com by Friday the 15th. Wintertime gets a kick out of surprising us with drastic weather so be aware that if Clinton schools are closed due to ice or snow, then the luncheon is also canceled. We want our ladies to be safe, so if you find

you are unable to attend, please call and cancel your reservation. This is important to our caterer. Melinda Dehn provides such wonderful meals! We want to keep her happy!

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

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Arraignments

Karla Paulin Castaneda Garcia, Defective Equipment, Count 1 - Defendant Sentenced To Fine \$166.50

Robert Ray Decamp, Exceeded Posted Speed Limit (1-5 Mph Over), Count 1 - Defendant Sentenced To Fine \$66.50

Emilee Elizabeth Eisenhauer, Defective Equipment, Count 1 - Defendant Sentenced To Fine \$66.50;

Over the 2022 Christmas holiday, there were 1,017 traffic crashes statewide. In those crashes, four people were killed and another 318 were injured. This year's traffic crash counting period begins at 6 p.m. on Friday, December 22, and ends at 11:59 p.m. Monday, December 25, 2023.

Travelers are reminded that holiday drivers will affect traffic patterns. If you're planning a trip during the holiday, please keep this in mind. Drivers are encouraged to make sure they are well rested, no matter how short their driving distance. Check the weather forecast and plan accordingly. Downloading the MoDOT Traveler Information app to your smart phone allows you to check road conditions before you travel. Be proactive: Make sure your vehicle is in good condition and allow enough time to reach your destination safely. Winterize your vehicle before bad weather arrives, but realize that sometimes, it's safest to stay home.

If faced with a traffic emergency, motorists can contact the Missouri State Highway Patrol at 1-800-525-5555 or *55 on a cellular phone. This emergency number will ring into the nearest Highway Patrol headquarters. Motorists should use this number if they are in a traffic crash, witness a crash or crime, or pass a stranded motorist in need of assistance, etc.

Troopers encourage motorists to protect themselves from all types of hazardous drivers by making sure everyone in the vehicle is properly restrained in a seat belt or child restraint. Please obey all traffic laws, and if alcohol is part of your holiday, designate a sober driver. Every driver can help make our roadways safer this holiday season.

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Highway Patrol
MSHP: Have A Safe Christmas Season!

The Missouri State Highway Patrol wishes everyone a merry and safe Christmas. One way for it to be merry is for everyone to arrive at their holiday celebrations safely. Remember to wear your seat belt, obey all traffic laws, pay attention, and please, don't drive impaired.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
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State Fair Community College

Winners, Nominees Recognized At MCCA Conference



GOLDEN VALLEY MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE administrators and staff received the Missouri Community College Association Distinguished Business and Industry Award; Dr. Brent Bates, SFCC president, is on the right.



JILL SEMAU, State Fair Community Colleges Medical Assisting program director, received the Missouri Community College Association Innovation Award; Dr. Brent Bates, SFCC president, is on the right.

The Missouri Community College Association (MCCA) recognized State Fair Community College award winners and nominees during its annual conference recognition and excellence awards program in Kansas City on Nov. 9. MCCA is dedicated to recognizing individuals and institutions that have set the standard of excellence during the year.

SFCC's winners and nominees who were recognized at the convention's awards dinner are as follows:

Jill Semau, Medical Assisting program director, received the MCCA Innovation Award that recognizes an innovative project by an individual or group of faculty or staff that creatively use technology for effective outcomes and/or operations. Semau was recognized for creating a Medical Assisting program (MEA) that includes online coursework with in-person labs offered at four of SFCC's campuses. She established online coursework to enhance students' accessibility to learning; however, travel for in-person labs was a barrier for many students living throughout Missouri. By collaborating with campus site directors and extensive planning, she took the labs to the students by offering in-person labs on Boonville, Lake of the Ozarks, Sedalia, and Clinton campuses with start dates twice a year. This accessibility to in-person learning without loss of time and money for travel significantly improved student retention and completion in the MEA program, thus elevating the number of skilled graduates entering the workforce.

Additionally, Semau has built innovative partnerships with multiple clinical facilities that enable paid tuition and paid clinical experiences for students with associated employment at partner institutions.

Golden Valley Memorial Healthcare (GVMH), a highly valued partner and supporter of SFCC, received the MCCA Distinguished Business and Industry Award that recognizes individuals and/or businesses that have engaged in significant partnerships with local community colleges to stimulate economic activity and support students and programs. GVMH leadership and staff have been loyal supporters of SFCC for more than a decade, resulting in profound impact on successful delivery of the

college's mission in Clinton and other parts of the SFCC service region. GVMH's significant financial contributions have been pivotal to the successful start-up of the SFCC Medical Assisting program, expansion of SFCC's Associate Degree Nursing program and by purchasing the facility on which the Clinton campus is located. Additionally, GVMH's commitment to frequent and cooperative interaction with SFCC has formed a sturdy partnership that has created a positive culture for student learning that is building a quality healthcare workforce.

Kayla Allison was a nominee for the Excellence in Teaching Award that honors outstanding instructors for their work during the previous year. Allison is an instructor and program director for SFCC's Practical Nursing program. She was selected by SFCC students as the 2023 Instructor of the Year for her engaging and caring teaching style and her passion for student success.

Bethany Pfeiffer was a nominee for Administrative Professional Leadership Award that recognizes exemplary leadership practices within colleges and communities. Pfeiffer, SFCC's Boonville campus director, is a role model for effective leadership and has generated an enthusiasm for higher education in the Boonville community through her positive and intentional engagements with students, faculty, staff, and the community.

Christy Admire was a nominee for the Classified Staff Achievement Award that recognizes employees who have a positive impact on their college and their department. Admire is the Nursing program administrative assistant and facility coordinator at SFCC's Eldon campus. Admire is known as the "face" of the Eldon campus and provides unwavering support to the nursing students and faculty while serving as the Classified Staff Association president and a College Council member. She willingly and regularly volunteers in the community. As evidence of her influence at SFCC, Admire was selected as SFCC's 2023 Outstanding Employee of the Year.

Shannon Kammerlohr was a nominee for Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Award that recognizes the vital contributions adjuncts make to the community

college mission. Kammerlohr is an English and Literature instructor who was selected by SFCC students for the 2023 Adjunct of the Year award. Students honored Kammerlohr because of his creative multimedia teaching style, global perspectives and conversational engagement that encourages students to share their views and ideas.

Amber Blankenship, Iberia High School counselor, was nominated by SFCC for the Missouri Pathfinder of the Year Award that is presented to an "unsung hero" high school teacher and/or guidance counselor for outstanding efforts in assisting students with their college-going plans. Blankenship was nominated for helping high school students under her guidance to discover their career path and set goals and for encouraging them to attend college.

SFCC Network, CIS Faculty Earn Additional Certifications



ANDY HOOS, State Fair Community College's Computer Networking/Administration program coordinator, has recently earned certification in CIS, CISM and AZ-500 Microsoft Security Technologies.



DEAVEN KAISER, State Fair Community College's Computer Information Systems program instructor, has recently earned Apple's App Development with Swift Associate Certification via Certipoint.

State Fair Community College's faculty Andy Hoos and Deaven Kaiser recently earned certifications in their areas of study.

Hoos, Computer Networking/Administration program coordinator, has recently earned the Certified Information Systems Auditor certification (CISA), Certified Information Security Manager (CISM) certification, and the AZ-500 Microsoft Security Technologies certification (AZ-500). The CISA is the world-renowned standard of achievement for those who audit, control, monitor, and assess information technology and business systems. The CISM certification is the globally accepted achievement for individuals who develop, build and manage enterprise information security programs. The AZ-500 evaluates skills in security components and configurations to protect identity, access, data, applications, and networks. He also holds a Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP), CompTIA A+ and Security+, and the Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA) certifications.

Hoos has taught at SFCC for 12 years and received a Bachelor of Arts in Computer Information Systems from Campbell University, Bachelor of Science in Cyber Security from Central Methodist University, and a Master of Arts in Computer

Information Systems and Resource Management from Webster University. Visit www.sfccmo.edu/networking to learn more about SFCC's Networking program.

Kaiser, a Computer Information Systems program instructor in his first year at SFCC, recently completed an Associate Certification course earning Apple's App Development with Swift Associate Certification via Certipoint. Swift is a powerful and intuitive programming language for first-time coders and full-time developers. Certification recognizes foundational knowledge of Swift, Xcode and app development tools.

"The knowledge and skills that I have learned during the process of this certification program will allow me to grow my program," said Kaiser. "With the addition of Swift, students taking the Computer Information Systems Programming degree track will not only learn the fundamentals of software development but also mobile. With the knowledge and skills that students will acquire in the future Apple development class, they will be able to create programs and apps that could even be published on the Apple App Store."

Kaiser has earned Associate of Applied Science and Associate of Fine Arts degrees from SFCC, a Bachelor of Arts degree from University of Arizona, and a Master of Education from University of Missouri. He worked seven years as a network technician at LammTech Resources and three years as the technology director for Smithton R-VI School District. To learn more CIS programming, visit www.sfccmo.edu/cis-programming.

SFCC To Close Dec. 20 For Winter Break

State Fair Community College in Sedalia and all extended campus locations (Boonville, Clinton, Eldon, Lake of the Ozarks, and Whiteman Air Force Base) will close for winter break from noon Dec. 20 through Jan. 1. All offices will reopen at 8 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2.

The Campus Store on the Sedalia campus will close at 11:30 a.m. Dec. 20 and will reopen Jan. 2. Students may log on to mySFCC; click the Enroll tab and click Get Books from Your SFCC Campus Store. Students can have orders shipped or do an in-store-pick-up. Orders will be processed starting Jan. 2.

The Campus Store will have special January hours that include 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 14, and Monday, Jan. 15; all other offices will be closed Jan. 15 in observance of Martin Luther King Day. For more information, please visit www.sfccbooks.com.

The Daum Museum of Contemporary Art will close at 5 p.m. Dec. 19 and will resume regular hours at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2. The museum is closed Mondays. Admission is free. For more information, call (660) 530-5888 or visit www.daummuseum.org.

The State Fair Career and Technology Center that provides technical training for high school juniors and seniors on the Sedalia campus will close at 3 p.m. Dec. 15 and will resume classes Jan. 8.

The spring semester begins Jan. 16; last day to enroll in 16- and first 8-week classes is Jan. 17. Prospective students may apply online at www.sfccmo.edu/admissions free.

For a complete listing of SFCC courses or for more information, please call Admissions and Outreach at (660) 530-5833 or visit

www.sfccmo.edu.

SFCC To Hold Inaugural Fall Commencement

State Fair Community College will hold a fall commencement ceremony on Dec. 15 for students who have completed commencement requirements during the fall semester. Previously, those students had to wait to participate in a traditional spring ceremony in May. The ceremony will include SFCC's Health Sciences pinning and commencement for health science graduates. The event will be at 7 p.m. in the Heckart Performing Arts Center at Smith-Cotton High School located at 2010 Tiger Pride Blvd. Extended SFCC campuses will close at 1 p.m. on Dec. 15 to allow students, faculty and staff to travel to Sedalia.

SFCC 2023 alumna Carol Ann Martin will be the keynote speaker for the commencement ceremony. Martin, a certified peer specialist at Recovery Lighthouse, was recognized in 2022 as one of Sedalia's Top 20 under 40 for her advocacy of the importance of recovery support services in her community and for presenting on recovery services to various Missouri representatives in Jefferson City. Having celebrated a five-year milestone recovery from substance abuse, Martin now dedicates herself to helping others navigate their paths to recovery through community outreach and speaking at events across Missouri.

Martin, a wife and mother,

Public Record cont..... Driver Examination Stations To Close Statewide For Upcoming Holidays

The Missouri State Highway Patrol would like to remind the public that driver examination stations throughout the state will be closed on the following dates:

Monday, December 25, 2023, in observance of Christmas. Normal operations will resume on Tuesday, December 26, 2023.

Monday, January 1, 2024, in observance of New Year's Day. Normal operations will resume on Tuesday, January 2, 2024.

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

For more news, follow the Missouri State Highway Patrol on X @MSHPTrooper-GHQ

Clinton Police Dept. 12/3/2023 - ARRESTS

Blankenship, Cheyenne Nichole, 27, Clinton, Taken Into Custody, Driving While Intoxicated -Drugs

Portell, Paul Daniel, 42, Kansas City, Warrant, Warrant Arrest-Other Jurisdiction -Misd.

12/4/2023 - ARRESTS

Brown, Cameron Dequion, 23, Clinton, Citation, Driving While Suspended / Revoked

Kelley, Cayla Renee, 22, St. Joseph, Warrant, Warrant Arrest -Other Jurisdiction -Misd.

12/5/2023 - ARRESTS

Childress, Brandi Nicole, 40, Belton, Taken Into Custody, Stealing -Shoplifting; Warrant Arrest-Other Jurisdiction -Misd.x4

12/6/2023 - ARRESTS

Hillier, Melissa Ann, 45, Clinton, Citation, Driving While Intoxicated -Alcohol

12/7/2023 - ARRESTS

Coonrod, Robin Darlene, 58, Clinton, Taken Into Custody, Warrant Arrest-Clinton; Possession Of Contr Subst Except 35 Grams / Less Of Marijuana/Synthetic Cannabinoid- Amphetamine -Possess

er, obtained her high school equivalency in August 2020 and graduated with her Associate of Arts in Social Work at State Fair Community College in May 2023. She is enrolled in the Human Development and Family Sciences Bachelor of Science program at the University of Central Missouri and expects to graduate in 2027.

This semester, approximately 51 Health Sciences students will receive 71 degrees and/or certificates in these programs: Associate of Applied Science - Health Information Technology, 1; Nursing, 23; Professional Certificates - Medical Assisting, 6; Medical Coding, 4; and Practical Nursing, 30; Skills Certificates - Medical Assisting, 6 and Pharmacy Technician, 1.

This semester, approximately 205 graduates will receive 251 degrees and/or certificates. Breakdown of degrees (as of Dec. 11) include 120 Associate of Arts degrees, 3 Associate of Fine Arts, 9 Associate of Arts in Teaching degrees, 52 Associate of Applied Science degrees, 52 Professional Certificates, and 15 Skills Certificates.

The numbers include students who attend SFCC in Sedalia and at campuses in Boonville, Clinton, Eldon, Lake of the Ozarks, Whiteman Air Force Base, and online.

SFCC's Adult Education and Literacy program will celebrate individuals who passed the 2023 High School Equivalency exam with a ceremony at 10 a.m. Dec 16 in Stauffacher Theatre on the SFCC Sedalia campus.

City of Osceola

DECEMBER 4, 2023

Mayor Gibbs called the board meeting to order at approximately 5:00 p.m. Following the pledge of allegiance, roll call was taken. Those in attendance were Alderpersons Terry, Hudson, Dailey and Watson. Also present was Lila Foster and Police Chief Shumaker.

Alderman Watson made the motion to approve the consent agenda and financial reports, Alderman Terry seconded her motion; roll call vote was taken with all members voting yes.

Citizen Input— None
NEW BUSINESS— General Liability Insurance – Mr. Keith presented the 2024 General Liability Insurance package.

He noted that the policy would increase from \$62,232 to \$71,421. Policy coverage was reviewed, and discussion followed. Alderman Watson moved for approval of the policy without the terrorism coverage; Alderman Dailey seconded the motion. Roll call vote followed with all members voting yes.

He also presented a pollution policy for the board to review. No decision was made at this time.

TIF District-- Eric Collins, Collins & Jones, PC gave the board an overview of establishing a TIF District and/or CID. Financial feasibility prior to establishment of the district would be necessary, as well as surveys, retaining an attorney and engineer firm. The financial costs could be fairly extensive. CID District was also discussed but again the financial costs would be extensive.

No decision was made at this time.

RV Park Manager – At this time, Mayor Gibbs recommended increasing the managers fee from \$800 per month for 9 months to \$900 per month for 12 months. Discussion followed.

Alderman Dailey moved to approve \$900 per month for 12 months

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Chamber cont.....

Light Music Show! It runs from 5 pm to 11 pm nightly. We are "Featuring" our Chamber members! On the Chamber's Facebook page, we are taking text and images from our member's websites, Facebook pages, Google searches, etc. and combining them into posts on our Facebook page. "Featured with the GCACC". It gives the viewer a "one-stop shopping experience" for each of our Chamber members. We have a lot of Chamber members so getting every business on our page will take quite a while, but we think it's well worth it! It's just another service from YOUR Chamber of Commerce. Recently, we "Featured" PIZZA GLEN... FAITH AND GRACE NUTRITION...FANTASY CUTS...PENIKU JAPANESE EXPRESS... THE PEDIATRIC PLACE... FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF CLINTON...FISH'S MOBILE DETAILING...PARKS OPTICAL...PARKS CABINET SHOP...and FORTRESS INSURANCE SERVICES. Clinton Schools-CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS AND CONCERTS-Clinton School District students have been working hard and are looking forward to sharing their musical talents with their family, friends, and our community on the dates below.

All events will be held in the Clinton High School Performing Arts Center.
 CIS 5th Grade and Choraliers Concert, December 12th @ 6:30
 Henry Elementary 2nd Grade Program, December 14th @ 6:30
 Heartland Community Theatre of Clinton is pleased to announce that the December Production will include 2 plays!
 Both Directed by Rob Hills. "Angels with Paper Wings" by W. Gordon Mauermann will be 1st, followed by "Scrooged Up", by Dan Roberts.
 Since the 1st play is for the younger crowd tickets are priced:
 Adults 12 & older ~ \$12.50
 Children 5 to 11 ~ \$6
 Children 4 & under ~ Free
 Saturday ~ December 16th ~ 7pm

Tickets will be available at the Clinton Chamber Office, RE/MAX Truman Lake and at the door before each performance.

Please call (660) 351-0362 with any questions. Hope to see you all there!!
 From Mrs. Brenda Vetsch at the Clinton Middle Clinton Schools: Hi David! Thank you again so much for joining our Communications classes for both of your appearances to share your "story" with us!! The kids loved it and were intrigued with all of the differing hats you have worn and especially the directorship you are providing our community!!

Thank you again and for all that you do for the city of Clinton! You are greatly appreciated! Looking forward to another amazing presentation in the spring! Have a great day! Brenda Vetsch
 Do you like to sing? Would you like to make new friends? A Community Choir, led by Mark and Gay Smith, is being formed with practices beginning February 1, 2024. Practices will last 90 minutes each Thursday evening and be held at Clinton First Presbyterian church for six-to-eight weeks. There will be a performance open to the public in April. Everyone is welcome! In order to get a head count of how many people to expect, organizers are asking that you sign up. You will be asked for your name, phone, email address, and if you sing soprano, alto, tenor, or bass. Please email clintoncommunitychoir@gmail.com for a sign-up form or call Diane Hannah at 660-885-1875 if you have questions. Please return the completed form to clintoncommunitychoir@gmail.com. This effort is being led by First Presbyterian Church but all in the community are invited to participate. We look forward to hearing from you!

Tuesday at Noon I attended the monthly Chamber of Commerce Board meeting... Tuesday evening, I attended the Clinton City Council meeting as they approved the 2024 tourism budget... Wed., I made my weekly trip out to KDKD to record this

week's Chamber Chat that you can hear on 95.3FM on Thursdays at 12:15pm... Also Wed., I attended the monthly Board of Directors meeting for Clinton Main Street.

The Greater Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce is giving you the chance to get free money! Our "150 to get 25" is underway!

All you have to do is buy at least \$150 in Chamber gift certificates and we'll give you an extra gift certificate worth \$25. That's right, spend at least \$150 with us and you'll get an extra Christmas gift worth \$25 for someone, or yourself!

This promotion will end at noon on Dec. 22nd. We are open Monday through Friday from 8am until 4:30pm. If you would like for your gift certificates to be ready when you come in, just call ahead and tell us how much you are wanting to spend and any names you may want on the certificates.

Gift certificates can be used at most of our Chamber-member businesses and you can find all of our more than 400 Chamber members on our website, www.clintonmo.com. To order your gift certificates or if you have any questions, just call 660-885-8166 or email david@clintonmo.com or joyce@clintonmo.com. We are located at 200 South Main St. Only one free gift certificate per household.

The Greater Clinton-Area Chamber of Commerce is giving you a chance to win... several chances to win, actually.

It's the Clinton Chamber's Fourth-Annual 'Receipt to Receive'. Right now, folks can bring in or email a receipt from a Clinton Chamber-member business and they will then be entered to win. Thus, Receipt to Receive.

At the Chamber, we will copy, scan or print that receipt and get your name and phone number. Keep in mind that the item or items on your receipt has to be at least \$25 in total and those items need to be purchased from members of the Clinton Chamber to be entered, but you can enter multiple times each week with dif-

ferent receipts. Each week, those receipts will be entered into a drawing to win \$25 in Chamber gift certificates. We will give our prize away each Monday. To be entered to win each Monday, you must bring at least one receipt to the Chamber that previous week. All qualifying receipts will be eligible for our grand prize giveaway.

NEW THIS YEAR: WHOEVER BRINGS IN THE MOST RECEIPTS FROM MULTIPLE CHAMBER BUSINESSES WILL GET 10 EXTRA ENTRIES INTO THE GRAND PRIZE DRAWING!

On Dec. 22nd at noon, we will take ALL those receipts entered and draw the big winner of \$200 in Chamber Gift Certificates.

The Clinton Chamber of Commerce is giving away \$375 in Chamber gift certificates with our seven weekly winners and that grand prize winner of \$200 in Chamber gift certificates.

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we will put one in the comments. Thank you to everyone who has sponsored so far! We appreciate your support!

The Clinton Tourism Assoc. is happy to announce our Discover Clinton App is now available. <https://onelink.to/discoverclinton>

Here's a note to our Chamber Members and anyone and everyone looking for employment; The Chamber of Commerce continues to receive calls...people come in...and email us about jobs that might be available in and around Clinton. When we see our Chamber Members post information about job openings, we do share that to our Facebook page. However, we're pretty sure we don't catch all of those job opening posts. Please remember that YOUR Chamber is here for YOU. If you (a Clinton Chamber of Commerce Member) have any job openings that you are posting or if you want us to post it for you on our page, just let us know. Let us help you find employees! Send your job open-

ings to: david@clintonmo.com or joyce@clintonmo.com. If you are not a Chamber member, we can still post your openings on our Facebook page for \$25.00. If you have any questions at all, email us or call 660-885-8166.

Benson Center-Snowflake Garage Sale registration is open. clintonparkreconline.com

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Public Record cont.....

for the managers; Alderperson Watson seconded the motion and roll call voted followed. Alderperson Hudson, yes; Alderperson Terry, yes; Alderperson Watson, yes and Alderperson Dailey, yes. Motion carried unanimously.

UPDATES— None
 Mayor Comments-none
 Board of Aldermen – Alderperson Hudson-none Alderperson Watson-none Alderperson Dailey-none Alderperson Terry-none
 St. Clair Co Economic Developer—

- Is preparing a Business continuity Planning Meeting for January 23, 2024 @ 6 pm

- Reported working with a business trying to locate employees

- Reported working with someone looking for a business

Staff— Lila Foster reported a letter had been sent to the Gardner family with the city's ordinance pertaining to water and sewer installations in new devel-

opments. She reported a letter had been sent to Rik Woods regarding the condition of his building and in need of repairs.

Reported working on a grant for new equipment for police department.

Reminded everyone that Christmas on the Square would be December 16th.

Police Chief Shumaker gave a report on recent police activity:

- Reports - 18
- Arrests -15
- Felony Drug Arrests – 6 meth; 2 cocaine and 1 prescription meds
- Citations – 72
- Domestic Assault – 2
- Vehicle Pursuit - 1
- Citizen Input – Margaret Hogan inquired if a 40' tower was allowed in a private own property. It was noted no ordinances prohibited the installation of towers.
- Adjournment- Alderperson Watson moved to adjourn; Alderperson Terry seconded her motion and motion carried unanimously.



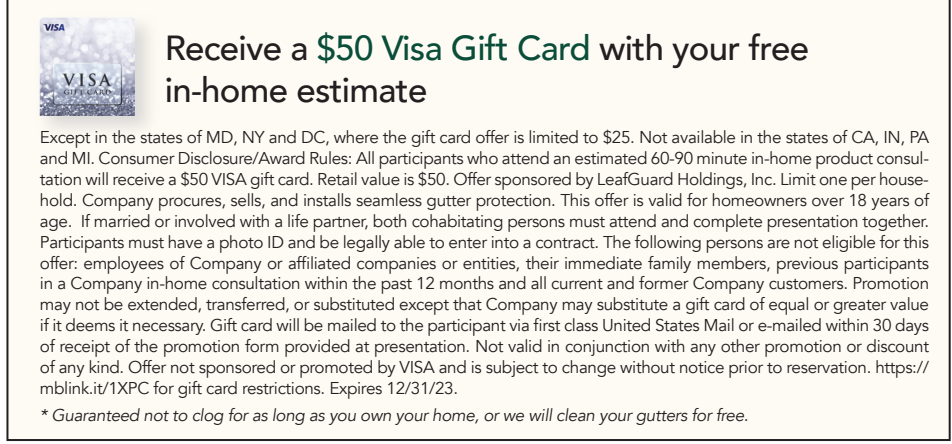
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LEGAL NOTICES

The City of Blairstown, Missouri will be taking filings for the position of councilpersons. Filings will be taken by contacting the City Clerk, Marcus Cumpton, at 660-499-2402 or 660-351-4233, beginning December 5, 2023, through December 26, 2023 for the April 2, 2024 General Municipal Election. d15x2c

NOMINEES SELECTED FOR UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI EXTENSION COUNCIL MEMBERS HENRY COUNTY

Citizens of voting age in Henry County, pursuant to the provisions of Sec. 262-577, R.S. Mo. 1969, will have an opportunity to vote and elect members to the University of Missouri Extension Council in January 2024. The elected and appointed members of the extension council will guide and direct the extension work within the county. Four people have been nominated for the six Council positions. The nominees are as follows:

- Denise Haas
- Jim Huenefeldt
- Susan Maggi
- Curtis Mills

Additional nominations may be made by petition of 25 or more qualified voters residing within the district, filed with the council within 20 days after the publication of this notice of election. Forms for nominations are available in your county extension office located at:

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Notice of School Board Filing

The Sherwood Cass R-VIII School District will accept Declarations of Candidacy from persons interested in running for a position on the Sherwood Cass R-VIII Board of Education to be elected at the annual election on April 2, 2024. Persons interested may file at the Sherwood Central Office, 33300 South Sherwood Drive, Creighton, MO 64739, starting at 8:00 a.m. on December 5, 2023, and will continue during regular business hours, which are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Filing will not occur on days that the District Central Office is closed due to inclement weather. The District Central Office will be closed for filing December 21, 2023, from 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and will not be open December 22, 2023, through December 25, 2023, therefore district will not be accepting candidates filing on those dates. The District Central Office will be open on December 26, 2023, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the last day of filing. Ballot placement will be determined by Board Policy G-25-P, which states: "the names of qualified candidates shall be placed on the ballot in order of filing." There are two (2) positions available with three-year terms. Candidates must be citizens of the United States and resident tax payers of the district, who have resided in the state for one year preceding their election or appointment, and who are at least twenty-four years of age. All board members initially elected or appointed in this succeeding election shall successfully complete 18.5 hours of orientation and training as required in Section 162.203 RSMo. n30x3c

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The City of Clinton is soliciting bids for a project to install a new roof and related items on McLane Chapel at Englewood Cemetery, 626 S. Vansant Road, Clinton MO. Sealed bids must be submitted prior to 10:00 AM, January 11, 2024, at City Hall, 105 East Ohio Street, Clinton, MO 64735.

Contact Deborah Nelson, dnelson@cityofclintonmo.com or (660) 885-6121, for a complete bid package. d14x1c

NOTICE OF CANDIDATE FILING

Creighton Fire Protection District will be taking filings for the Position of Board Member for a term of six years. Filings will be taken at the Creighton Fire Department, 501 E Short St, Creighton, Missouri beginning December 5, 2023, through December 26, 2023, for the April 2,2024 General Municipal Election. n24x1c

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

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

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Furious Clinton Comeback Leads To Cardinals First Win Of Season



SPURRING THE OFFENSE, Clinton's Garrett Ethridge went on a tear in the second half of last Tuesday's remarkable win over Archie. Ethridge finished with 12 points in the contest.

In a thriller in front of a great home crowd, the Cardinals secured a narrow victory, their first of the 2023-24 season, over the Archie Whirlwinds with a final score of 44-42.

The first half proved challenging for the Cardinals as they found themselves trailing 18-12 after the first quarter. The Whirlwinds capitalized on their lead, extending it to 34-20 by halftime.

The Cardinals showed resilience, turning the tide in the third quarter as Archie and Clinton added 8 points apiece to their totals, making the score 42-28 after three periods were in the books.

The game's pivotal moments for the Cardinals and their faithful unfolded throughout the fourth quarter when they used a rampant 15-0 run to close out the 44-22 final.

Senior Garrett Ethridge and sophomore Kaiden Townsend both turned in memorable performances, leading Clinton with 12 points apiece.

The Lady Cardinals (4-1) were also victorious over Archie with a final of 62-53.

On Thursday night, the Lady Cardinals (4-2) dropped their second game of the season after a

humbling 61-37 home loss to the Nevada Lady Tigers.

Skyte Wilson led the Lady Cards with 10 points while Swearingen dropped 32 for Nevada.

In the opening round of the MRVC Tournament on Monday night, the Clinton boys fell to Warrensburg by a final of 57-43, dropping their season record to 1-4.

Cardinals Wrestling Takes On Cassville Tournament

The Clinton Cardinals wrestling team traveled to Cassville last Friday and after a long, full day a few grapplers brought home medals.

Complete results for the event are as follows:

132: Drake Cannon (Clinton) - 4th

Round 5 - Sam Humphrey (Hillcrest) over Drake Cannon (Clinton) (Fall 0:39)

3rd Place Match - Adrian Self (Aurora) over Drake Cannon (Clinton) (Fall 1:24)

132: Colton Ross-Varner (Clinton) - 5th

Colton Ross-Varner (Clinton) over Thomas Turley (Central (Springfield)) (Dec 14-7)

Round 2 - Adrian Self (Aurora) over Colton Ross-Varner (Clinton) (Fall 1:05)

Round 5 - Jarod Pace (Greenwood) over Colton Ross-Varner (Clinton) (Fall 0:39)

144: Brody Barnhart (Clinton) - 4th

Brody Barnhart (Clinton) over Gavin Merieda (Berryville) (Fall 0:36)

Jalen Ndongi (Central (Springfield)) over Brody Barnhart (Clinton) (Fall 4:35)

Brody Barnhart (Clinton) over Austin Crowell (Clinton) (Fall 1:13)

Round 1 - Brody Barnhart (Clinton) over Cody Parnell (Aurora) (Fall 0:53)

Round 5 - Jackson Witherington (Greenwood) over Brody Barnhart (Clinton) (Dec 5-4)

144: Austin Crowell (Clinton) - 8th

Brody Barnhart (Clinton) over Austin Crowell (Clinton) (Fall 1:13)

Austin Crowell (Clinton) over Gavin Merieda (Berryville) (Fall 2:57)

Round 2 - Jackson Witherington (Greenwood) over Austin Crowell (Clinton) (Fall 0:42)

Round 5 - Cody Parnell (Aurora) over Austin Crowell (Clinton) (Fall 0:14)

7th Place Match - Avery Patrick (Buffalo) over Austin Crowell (Clinton) (Fall 0:45)

150: Payton Goth (Clinton) - 2nd

Round 1 - Payton Goth (Clinton) over Jack Lamastus (Monett) (MD 16-3)

Round 3 - Payton Goth (Clinton) over Cade Decker (Berryville) (Fall 1:02)

Round 4 - Payton Goth (Clinton) over Caymen Cornelison (Aurora) (Fall 1:03)

Round 5 - Payton Goth (Clinton) over Aiden Patrick (Buffalo) (Fall 1:32)

1st Place Match - Riley James (Cassville) over Payton Goth (Clinton) (Fall 0:43)

165: Landon Stamper (Clinton) - 8th

Braden Taylor (Central (Springfield)) over Landon Stamper (Clinton) (Fall 0:26)

Round 1 - Tristan Thompson (Cassville) over Landon Stamper (Clinton) (Fall 1:52)

Round 3 - Wyatt Thornsberry (Greenwood) over Landon Stamper (Clinton) (Fall 1:14)

Round 4 - Landon Stamper (Clinton) over Lawrence Beck (Aurora) (Fall 1:18)

7th Place Match - Landon Farrington (Cassville) over Landon Stamper (Clinton) (Fall 0:49)

Bryce Bade (Clinton) - DNP

Round 1 - Bryce Bade (Clinton) over Dyson Cutbirth (Monett) (Fall 0:38)

Round 4 - Kaleb Artherton

(Cassville) over Bryce Bade (Clinton) (Fall 0:00)

3rd Place Match - Boni Lopez (Cassville) over Bryce Bade (Clinton) (Fall 0:11)

Connor Bramell (Clinton) - DNP

Round 1 - Connor Bramell (Clinton) over Kole Fry (Cassville) (Fall 0:39)

Round 3 - Connor Bramell (Clinton) over Cam Hooten (Lonoke) (Fall 0:22)

Round 5 - Simon Hartline (Monett) over Connor Bramell (Clinton) (Fall 0:59)

3rd Place Match - Connor Bramell (Clinton) over Logan Gunderson (Greenwood) (Fall 1:38)

Evan Dubina (Clinton) - DNP

Round 5 - Evan Dubina (Clinton) over Luis Sanchez (Monett) (Dec 16-9)

1st Place Match - Jonathan Martinez (Greenwood) over Evan Dubina (Clinton) (Fall 0:18)

Carson McCandless (Clinton) - DNP

Rendy Lazzo (Berryville) over Carson McCandless (Clinton) (Fall 1:47)

Round 2 - Bryce Williams (Greenwood) over Carson McCandless (Clinton) (Fall 0:59)

Round 3 - Aidan McCall (Monett) over Carson McCandless (Clinton) (Fall 0:37)

Lucas McMenemy (Clinton) - DNP

Round 2 - Lucas McMenemy (Clinton) over Boni Lopez (Cassville) (Fall 1:31)

1st Place Match - Lucas McMenemy (Clinton) over Kaleb Artherton (Cassville) (Fall 1:38)

Jordan Oliver (Clinton) - DNP

There are no match results associated with this wrestler

Donovan Pack (Clinton) - DNP

Round 1 - Jaret Hinson (Cassville) over Donovan Pack (Clinton) (Dec 12-5)

Round 2 - Donovan Pack (Clinton) over Case Oberneufemann (Buffalo) (TF 16-0 1:16)

Round 3 - Donovan Pack (Clinton) over Silas Davies (Buffalo) (Fall 1:33)

3rd Place Match - Donovan Pack (Clinton) over Chris Spears (Monett) (Fall 1:25)

Triston Switzer (Clinton) - DNP

Triston Switzer (Clinton) over Keegan Morgan (Berryville) (Fall 0:19)

Round 3 - Triston Switzer (Clinton) over Jobe Losinger (Buffalo) (Fall 1:37)

Round 5 - Triston Switzer (Clinton) over Landon Rofkahr (Greenwood) (Fall 1:52)

1st Place Match - Colton Roark (Cassville) over Triston Switzer (Clinton) (Fall 1:12)

Andy Vandenberg (Clinton) - DNP

Andy Vandenberg (Clinton) over Alvaro Reig Martinez (Berryville) (Fall 0:55)

Round 1 - Andy Vandenberg (Clinton) over Luke King (Greenwood) (Fall 1:40)

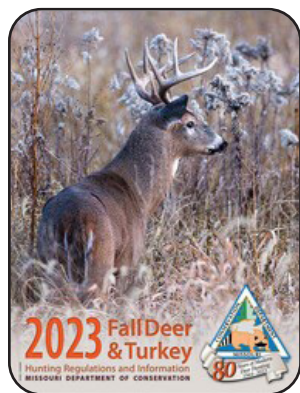
Round 5 - Andy Vandenberg (Clinton) over Cade Norton (Lonoke) (Fall 1:01)

1st Place Match - Levi Morris (Hillcrest) over Andy Vandenberg (Clinton) (Fall 1:49)

Ezekiel Velazquez (Clinton) - DNP

There are no match results associated with this wrestler

MDC Reports 193,669 Deer Harvested During November Portion Of Firearms Deer Season



Top harvest counties were Franklin, Texas, and Howell.

Preliminary data from the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) shows that deer hunters in Missouri harvested 193,669 deer during the November portion of firearms deer season, Nov. 11-21. Of the 193,669 deer harvested, 105,614 were antlered bucks, 16,081 were button bucks, and 71,974 were does.

Top harvest counties were Franklin with 4,289 deer harvested, Texas with 4,208, and Howell with 3,749. For current ongoing preliminary harvest totals by season, county, and type of deer, visit the MDC website at extra.mdc.mo.gov/widgets/harvest_table/. This year's harvest total

was 3% lower than last year and 2% higher than the previous five-year average. For more harvest information from past years, visit mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/species/deer/deer-reports/deer-harvest-summaries.

New CWD Portion in Management Zone Counties: Deer hunting continues in Missouri with the new CWD firearms portion running Nov. 22-26 in CWD Management Zone counties. Hunters will be able to use any unfilled firearms deer hunting permits during the CWD portion and must abide by the statewide limit of one antlered deer during the firearms deer season, all portions combined. Hunters must also abide by county-specific firearms antlerless permit numbers. CWD testing is not required during the CWD portion, but voluntary CWD testing is available.

Archery deer hunting resumes Nov. 22 through Jan. 15, 2024. The late youth portion runs Nov. 24-26. The late antlerless portion of firearms deer season runs Dec. 2-10 in open counties and the alternative methods portion will occur Dec. 23 through Jan. 2, 2024.

Get more information on Missouri deer hunting from MDC's 2023 Fall Deer and Turkey Hunting Regulations and Information booklet, available where hunting

permits are sold and online at mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/species/deer.

MDC Sets Deer And Turkey Hunting Dates For Upcoming Seasons



Get more information at mdc.mo.gov and search by game species.

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) recently set turkey and deer hunting dates for the 2024-2025 seasons. The hunting dates were approved by the Missouri Conservation Commission at its Dec. 8 open meeting in Jefferson City.

2024 Spring and Fall Turkey Hunting Dates

-Spring Youth Portion: April 6-7

-Regular Spring Turkey Season: April 15 through May 5

-Fall Firearms Turkey Season: Oct. 1 - 31

2024 - 2025 Firearms Deer Hunting Dates

-Firearms Early Antlerless Portion: Oct. 11-13 (in open counties)

2024 - 2025 Firearms Deer Hunting Dates

-Firearms Early Youth Portion: Nov. 2-3

-Firearms November Portion: Nov. 16-26

-Firearms CWD Portion: Nov. 27 - Dec. 1 (in open counties)

-Firearms Late Youth Portion: Nov. 29 - Dec. 1

-Firearms Late Antlerless Portion: Dec. 7-15 (in open counties)

-Firearms Alternative Methods Portion: Dec. 28 - Jan. 7, 2025

Detailed information on the upcoming seasons and portions will be included in the MDC 2024 Spring Tukey Hunting and Regulations booklet and the MDC 2024 Fall Deer & Turkey Regulations and Information booklet, available closer to the seasons. The booklets will be available where permits are sold and online at mdc.mo.gov.



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Clinton Cardinal Wrestling



WILL GOLDER



PAYTON GOTH



DONOVAN PACK

Coach: Todd Mowery
Years/Years @ Clinton: This will be my 2nd year as the Varsity Head Coach

Record/Record @ Clinton: Not really something we keep track of for wrestling. It's more about the individual records at this time

2022 record/result: In 2022 we qualified 2 kids for the state tournament. Lucas Mcmenemy was a Sophomore at 106lbs and Amitria McNack was the 145lb State Champion. She was the first ever girls state champ for Clinton

Asst Coach(es) & roles: Brandon Jolley, Jd Bristow, Dave Batschelett

Key Returners: For the Girls we are returning almost our entire lineup from last year. Junior Amitria McNack will be going for another state title opportunity. Juniors Kylee Whalan, Bailey Pack and Mia Bagley are off to a great start and looking to punch their ticket to state this year as well. All three were one match from qualifying last year.

Same story for the boys. We are returning all but one wrestler from last season. Senior Triston Switzer was a previous state qualifier who is off to a strong start. Junior Will Golder is also off to a great start. He lost a heartbreaker to qualify for state last year and he's determined to not relive that situation. Sophomores, Payton Goth, and Donovan Pack are also off to a great start and we expect them to qualify this year as well.

Newcomers: For the girls we have several new wrestlers this year. Making big strides so far are Freshman Kiya Eshleman and Gwen Phillips. They both have placed in the top 5 at our last two tourna-

ments

For the Boys, Freshmen Connor Bramell and Brody Barnhart have both won several matches already this season against some great opponents. They are both wrestling at a high level and we're excited to see what they can do the rest of the year

Keep an eye on (who & why): We feel very confident in our entire lineup this year. After qualifying 2 kids for the state tournament last year, we are hoping to significantly add to that amount this year.

Team strength(s): One of our biggest strengths is how young we are on the boys and girls side both. We are continuing to build the size of the team and it's making for a great atmosphere in our room.

The kids are working hard and their mindsets are starting to come together in order to become strong competitors

Team challenge(s): We have one of the biggest teams we've had in years, which is great. The downfall to this is we have several kids in the same weight classes that still leave us with a few open spots. This hurts us when we compete in duals or tris due to point losses at certain weight classes.

Offensive summary (scheme, etc): We teach to be offensive wrestlers. We want to see our kids scoring points from every position on the mat.

Defensive summary (scheme, etc): A good defense comes from a strong offense. We want to be the ones

pushing the pace

Save the date (game most looking forward to & why): As we all love the state tournament, Districts is probably one of the biggest of the year. Strange things happen during districts. People that aren't supposed to win, win. People that aren't supposed to lose, lose. It creates chaos and the energy is through the roof. This is where everyone is wrestling at their highest level in order to try and make the tournament

Overall season outlook: I'm really happy with where we are now. We are still growing and still very young. We're gonna have some bumps this year but we are on the right track with a rapidly growing program.

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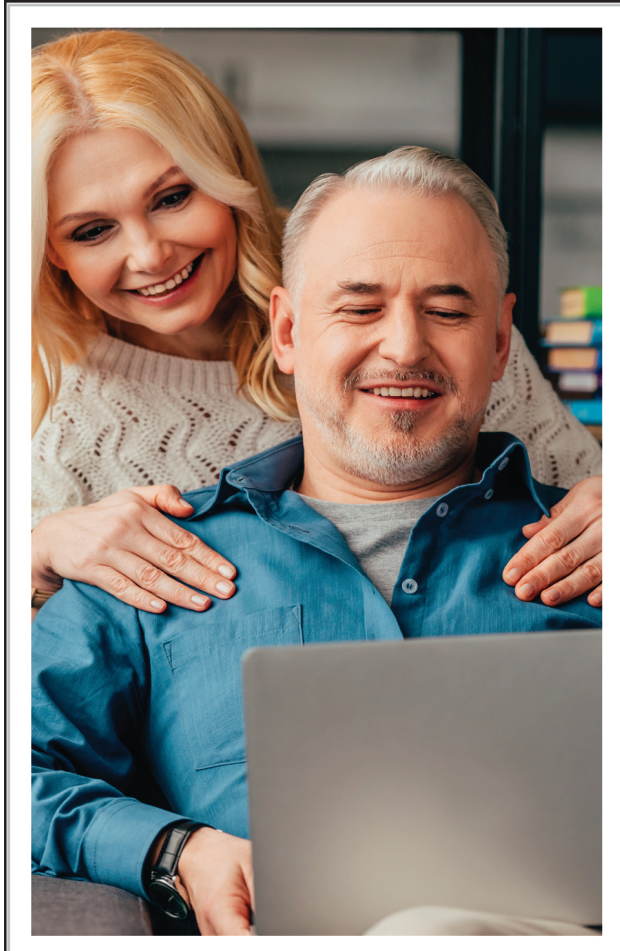
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Clinton Cardinal Girls Basketball



Coach: Stacie Womack
 Years/Years @ Clinton: 3rd Season as Varsity Coach 5 year total at CHS
 Record/Record @ Clinton: 44-18
 2022 record/result: 23-6 MRVC West Co-Conference Champions, Clinton Tournament Champions, MRVS Tournament Champions
 Asst Coach(es) & roles: Zach Adams- JV Head Coach
 Key Returners: Briley Wishard, Ava Potter, Skyte Wilson, Vyla Brown, Allie Goucher
 Newcomers: Addison Little and Lily Kenney
 Keep an eye on (who

& why): This team as a whole! They are very talented and hard working! They work well together on defense to cause turnovers and chaos and on the offensive end they work the ball inside to our strong posts and kick it back out for our guards to put the ball in the basket.
 Team strength(s): Great hands and speed as well as strong post play on the inside
 Team challenge(s): Settling in on offense and moving the ball and attacking the basket with the dribble. Rebounding! I think every coach will tell you that

they want to dominate the rebound battle!
 Offensive summary (scheme, etc): We like to work the ball inside and outside giving us more opportunities for good looks at the basket and scoring opportunities
 Defensive summary (scheme, etc): We have quick defenders that work very well together rotating and helping each other out to get stops and create turnovers
 Save the date (game most looking forward to & why): Monday December 18th at 6:00pm, we will play Sherwood in the Coaches vs Cancer game. It is a great opportunity to support the boys and girls basketball teams as well as raise money for the new cancer center here in Clinton.
 Overall season outlook: Taking the season one game and at a time. We will come out and be very competitive in all our contests and are again looking to be competitive in the MRVC West tournament and conference play.
 Coach speak (comments): It is a privilege for me to get the opportunity to coach these young ladies. Not only are they competitive basketball players but they are also great people and students getting the job done in the classroom as well.



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WHOLE TEAM HUDDLE

Clinton Cardinal Boys Basketball



Coach: Andre Steward
 Years: 3rd year all at CHS
 2022 result: 13-5
 Asst Coaches: Tyler Greer(C team) and Mike Baker (JV)
 Key Returners: Jase Wilson, Kaiden Townsend, Garrett Etheridge, and Jake Balke
 Newcomers: Evan Mantonya, Ryan Lowe, Turner Gardner, Collin Berry
 Keep an eye on (Who and Why): Jake Balke, because he became a leader in the locker room and on the court. Great example of a good teammate.
 Team Strength(s): Height has been better than previous years.
 Team Challenges: Building team chemistry with new players with previous players. We are very young but hard workers.
 Off summary: We try to push the floor as much as possible with Jase Wilson leading the way. A lot of paint touches for the highest percentage shot.
 Def summary: We change up our defensive strategies depending on the opponent.
 Save the date: February 13th and we play against Harrisonville
 Overall season outlook: We are going to be a hard working team competing every game. We are getting better every day and keeping a positive mind set.
 Coach speak: The players are holding themselves accountable and wanting to get better. I feel like we all have a chip on our shoulders. Very excited for the season.



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CCA Band



SHAUNA TOWNSEND has been the band director at CCA off and on for 8 years. She holds a music minor from University of Central Missouri, and has been playing the piano since she was seven years old. CCA offers a concert band class 5 days a week for 7-12th graders who chose to take it, and a beginning band class twice a week for all 6th graders. Concert band competes in a christian school academic and fine arts festival every spring in Kansas City.



CCA Boys Basketball



CCA BOYS begin their 17th season of Junior High Boys basketball and its 5th season of competition at the Varsity level. Both programs compete in the competitive Mo-Kan Conference which features Christian schools from Belton, Independence, Blue Springs, Fort Scott, KS, and Overland Park, KS. CCA will also have a 5th/6th grade team.

The Junior High team hopes to defend its regular and conference tournament championship from the 2022-2023 season where the team ended with a record of 18-2. The team will be led by returning 8th graders Parker Lowe, Collin Higgins, Gauge Schlagle, and Hadley Hyke. 7th grader Isaac Curnutte is also a returning starter and the team will look towards the other 7th graders filling the remaining roles. The Junior High program has an overall record of 191-105 and hopes to secure its 200th win in program history this year.



THE VARSITY PROGRAM is in its fifth year and is coming off a 13-12 season which included winning the consolation bracket at the State Tournament in Joplin, MO. The team will be led by Senior captains Jared Wisniewski and Kade Manning. Jared was recognized as an All-State player and secured his 1000th point at the state tournament last year. Sophomore Colten Manning is also a returning starter and the team will rely on Sophomores Mason Plumb and Mathew Hansen along with a number of newcomers. The Varsity boys open its season at home against the Mo-Kan Conference favorite and state contender in Division I Plaza Heights. The team looks forward to the challenge of the Mo-Kan Conference as well as learning to exemplify the attributes of a Christian athlete to strive towards the challenge of Colossians 3:23. The team is coached by Jeff Adams who is assisted by JD Manning and Jeff Lowe.

CCA Girls Basketball



CCA GIRLS BASKETBALL team is coming off a season where the Lady Patriots finished 2nd in the state tournament held at Joplin. Returning from last year's team are All-State and All-Conference player, junior Clara Hyke, along with 2nd team All-State junior player Audrey Foster. Also seeing a lot of varsity time from last year are juniors Dakota Vallentine, Kennedy Vaughn, and freshman Carissa Compton. Other players for the Patriots are Hannah Wright, Lily Bramlett, Miyah Carmichal, Brooklyn Wisniewski, Lexi Callaway, Lily Hardin, Mackenzie Jones, Kalynn Matney, Brynn Manning, Kaitlyn Seaton, Lexi Woodington, Arinanna Ramirez, Ilaina Scott, Becca Beebe, Charlee Compton, Everly Martin, Isabella Wombles, Izzy Dennis and Lucie Wallhoff. The girls teams are coached by J.D. Manning and assisted by James Phillips and Gerad Wombles.

CCA Cheer



WE ARE HAPPY TO INTRODUCE our 2023-24 CCA Patriot cheerleaders. The coaches this year are Sarah Kernohan and Keri Huisman. The girls cheer for 5th and 6th grade, Junior High and Varsity High School basketball teams. They have worked hard and are excited to get this year started. The games are listed on the CCA calendar located on our website www.clintonacademy.org

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600-700 lbs.	\$221 - 256.50	Rep Sales	
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