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7:00 p.m. ~ Fellowship Hall
Village Heights Community of Christ
1009 Farview Drive
Independence, Missouri

Visitors Always Welcome!

Annual Dues

Individual ----- 25.00
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President's Letter

I don't know why. I don't know how. I don't know when. I don't know the answer to any of those statements. I don't know why, how or when a man I have never met came to mean so much to me that I am truly saddened by his passing. Of course, I am writing about Senator John McCain.

He was a true American hero. Not just for his military service. That was just a small, but very important part of his life. He was a true American hero to me, for being one honest voice in morass of anything but. I didn't always agree with him. I always respected him.

To me he placed the good of the American people before any party policy. This meant he often was at odds with his fellow politicians. At odds, but not seeking revenge or to embarrass his colleague. He believed in fighting for the greater good no matter whom he had to partner with to achieve the goal. He believed that doing good for the majority was the right path to take.

In our world today, I will be searching, like Diogenes, for the one true honest man. My search will carry me far aground and might take a very long time. I know this because I have a model to conduct my search with, Senator John McCain.

Rest in peace. Your voice is silenced. Your example and ideals are not.

~Mike Calvert

President, Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri

CWRTWM Calendar

September 2018 Membership Meeting

Wednesday, September 12, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.
Village Heights Community of Christ Church,
Fellowship Hall, 1009 Farview Drive, Independence, MO. Erin Pouppirt: “Female Spies during the Civil War.”

Board Meeting to follow speaker and refreshments.

October 2018 Membership Meeting

Wednesday, October 10, 2018 – 7:00 p.m. Village Heights Community of Christ fellowship Hall, 1009 Farview Drive, Independence, MO. Bruce Mathews: “Elmwood Cemetery, Kansas City, MO.”

November 2018 Membership Meeting

Wednesday, November 14, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.
Village Heights Community of Christ fellowship Hall, 1009 Farview Drive, Independence, MO. Ted Stillwell, Jimmy Hunsucker and Anne Mallinson: “Quantrill Men’s Reunions.”

December 2018 Membership Meeting and

Christmas Potluck - Saturday, December 1, 2018 – 12 Noon. Village Heights Community of Christ fellowship Hall, 1009 Farview Drive, Independence, MO. Chris Edwards: “Quantrill’s Raid on Lawrence, KS.” Bring a dish to share.

Daytrip to Glasgow and Keytesville, Missouri

Saturday, October 27, 2018 – 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Transportation by car; we will match up drivers and passengers. Meet at the General Sterling Price Museum, 412 W. Bridge Street, Keytesville, MO at 10:00 a.m. Tour museum for an hour to 1½ hours. 11:30-Continue by car to Glasgow, MO. Have lunch at Beckett’s and meet our guide, J.Y. Miller, who will show a PowerPoint about Glasgow to prepare us for our guided tour by car. Projected cost is \$20 per person which includes lunch. Transportation is on your own or carpooling. Email Beverly Shaw at bevjoshaw@hotmail.com or call her at (816) 225-7944 if you are interested in going.

Other History Events

Walking Tours of Downtown Independence, MO

Half hour walking tours of historic architectural sites of less than one-mile distance. Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. Free. Meet on the north side of the

Truman Jackson County Courthouse at 112 W. Lexington, Independence, MO. September 8, 2018– Family Ties to Truman; October 13, 2018 – Merchants on the Square; November 10, 2018 – Historic Churches.

Historic Liberty, MO Walking Tours

Saturday, September 8, 2018 – 10:00 a.m.
Meet at the rock arch at Fairview Cemetery on West Schrader Street. Adjacent to the former Clay County Fairgrounds, hence its name. Burials of many of Liberty’s most influential and well-known families. Free.

Big Shoal Country Fair

Saturday, September 8, 2018 – 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Atkins-Johnson Farm and Museum, 4109 NE Pleasant Valley Road, Gladstone, MO. Free. Includes live music, museum tours, petting zoo, garden tours, country fair games, and craft vendors. See the museum exhibit, *Imprinting the West: Manifest Destiny Real and Imagined*.

Pickin’ on the Front Porch

Saturday, September 8, 2018 – 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Front porch of the Atkins-Johnson Farmhouse, 4109 NE Pleasant Valley Road, Gladstone, MO. Afternoon performance by the Knobtown Skiffle Band at 3:00 p.m. Evening performance by the John Brown Boys at 6:00 p.m. Free. Bring a picnic, blanket, cooler, and chair to enjoy outdoor live bluegrass. In case of extreme storms, this outdoor event will be cancelled.

Directions to Meeting Place; Village Heights Community of Christ Church

The address is 1009 Farview Drive in northeast Independence, Missouri. Take Highway 291 north to Highway 24. Turn east about .8 of a mile to Farview Drive which is across the street from Hardee’s in Susquehanna Shopping Center. Turn north and you will find the church at the intersection of Farview and Swope Drive. The parking lot is on the east side of the church, and we enter from the east side to the fellowship room. If you are unsure if weather and road conditions will prevent a meeting, you may call Beverly Shaw on her cell phone: (816) 225-7944.

Civil War in Missouri

Saturday, September 8, 2018 – 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Battle of Lexington State Historic Site, 1101 Delaware, Lexington, MO. Joseph McCoskrie and Brian Warren, authors of *The Civil War Missouri Compendium: Almost Unabridged*, will speak about Missouri's role in the Civil War and will be available for a book signing.

Jesse James Farm – Book Signing

Sunday, September 9, 2018 – 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Jesse James Farm 21216 Jesse James Farm Road, Kearney, MO. Mark Lee Gardner, an author about the American West, will sign copies of *Shot All to Hell*, a Graphic Novel.

Kansas City Posse of the Westerners

Tuesday, September 11, 2018 – 6:00 p.m. Buffet Menu (about \$12), Golden Corral, 8800 N.W. Skyview Ave., Kansas City, MO (near Home Depot). Robert Jones: "The Pony Express."

Cass County Civil War Round Table

Tuesday, September 11, 2018 – 7:00 p.m. Pearson Hall, Cass County Library, 400 E. Mechanic, Harrisonville, MO. John Moloski: "John Brown – From Kansas to Harper's Ferry."

Anniversary Open House – Battle of Lexington, MO in 1861 - Saturday and Sunday, September 15-16, 2018 – 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Saturday and Noon – 4:00 p.m. Sunday. Enjoy a film and museum at the Visitor Center and then take a self-guided tour of the grounds and battlefield. See the Anderson House, the "best arranged dwelling house west of St. Louis" which has been restored and furnished in mid-19th Century fashion, but it still bears the scars of the shot and shell which hammered it during the three-day battle when it was used as a hospital for both sides.

Dedication of Lake Lotawana Historical Marker

Saturday, September 15, 2018 – 10:30 a.m. Lake Lotawana Park. Unveiling of historical marker erected by the Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas City and Gary L. Hicks and wife Louise Willig Hicks (niece of Louise Willig Rehn). Remarks by representatives of the NSKKC and Lake Lotawana, including the Mayor. Refreshments will be served. The marker says in part, "Here in the Valley of the

"Sni", Lake Lotawana is greater Kansas City's premier residential lake community. Located in Jackson County, it's one of Missouri's largest such developments. This region was considered a confederate stronghold in the Civil War. Quantrill, the James Gang, and the Younger brothers are within its lore. Named for the mythical "Princess Lotawana", the lakes development contains over 7,200 total acres, with approximately 600 acres of surface water, 27 miles of shoreline, and over 2,200 platted lake sites. Take Colbern Road to Lake Lotawana Road. Go ¾ mile past the City Hall and Fire Protection District facility to the Lake Lotawana Park. Parking is shared with the Maintenance Bldg.

American Mountain Men Camp

Saturday, September 15, 2018 – 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Fort Osage National Historic Landmark, 107 Osage Street, Sibley, MO. Cost is \$8 for Adults and \$4 for youth and seniors. Discover how the traders and mountain men survived the rugged terrain of the western United States. Demonstrations of daily activities from camp life to Native American sign language. Pets not permitted.

If It Looks Like a Man

Sunday, September 16, 2018 – 2:00 p.m. Central Library, 14 W. 10th Street, Kansas City, MO. Free Parking in the covered lot across Baltimore Street from the Library. Diane Eickhoff and Aaron Barnhart explore why hundreds of females – Union and Confederate – cut their hair, bound their breasts, donned men's clothing, and reported to army recruiters for duty. Others served as scouts, spies, or rode with their husbands and brothers. Free but registration requested at (816) 701-3400.

Mid-Missouri Civil War Round Table

Monday, September 17, 2018 – 7:00 p.m. Boone County Historical Society Museum, 3801 Ponderosa Drive, Columbia, MO. Sharon Weeden: "The Vicksburg Campaign."

Military Discipline on the Border

Tuesday, September 18, 2018 – 7:00 p.m. North Independence Library, Community Room 2, 317 W. 24 Highway, Independence, MO. Arnold Schofield recounts the gruesome history of military discipline, court-martials, and executions in Kansas and

Missouri during the Civil War. Free but Registration is requested at (816) 252-0950.

Brown Bag Lunch at Shawnee Indian Mission

Wednesday, September 19, 2018 – Noon. Bring your own lunch and enjoy a program about 12:30 p.m., 3403 W. 53rd Street, Fairway, KS. North building. Come upstairs from the street. Loren Taylor: “New France and the Fur Trade.”

Independence, MO Civil War Study Group

Wednesday, September 19, 2018 – 7:00 p.m. Perkins Restaurant, 3939 S. Bolger Drive, Independence, MO (across from Walmart). Ted Stillwell.

Researching Your Civil War Soldier

Thursday, September 20, 2018 – 6:30 p.m. Midwest Genealogy Center Community Room, 3440 S. Lee’s Summit Road, Independence, MO. Discover the sources to find ancestors who served in the Civil War using HeritageQuest. Free but registration required at (816) 252-7228.

3rd Thursday at Clay County Museum

Thursday, September 20, 2018 – 7:00 p.m. Clay County Museum, 14 N. Main Street, Liberty, MO. Liz Verkler: “Dr. Wm. H. Goodson.”

Historic Funeral at Missouri Town 1855

Saturday, September 22, 2018 – 10:00 a.m. Missouri Town 1855, 8010 E. Park Road, Lee’s Summit, MO. Cost is \$7 for adults, \$4 for youth and seniors. Children under 5 are free. No pets. Join the villagers as they mourn the loss of one of their own.

Civil War Roundtable of Kansas City

Tuesday, September 25, 2018 – 6:30 p.m. – Dinner (\$28). Holiday Inn and Suites, 8787 Reeder Road, Overland Park, KS. Sunset Ballroom, 8th Floor. Dennis E. Frye, Chief Historian at Harpers Ferry National Historic Park “McClellan and Lee: A New Perspective.” Dinner reservations must be made by Thursday Noon, September 20th, by calling Susan Keipp at (816) 333-0025.

Stopping Stones at the Harris-Kearney House

Thursday, September 27, 2018. Harris-Kearney House, 4000 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO. The Westport Historical Society and the 1855 Harris-Kearney House are partnering with Stopping Stones

to honor Harriet (Hattie) Drisdorn Kearney, a woman who was enslaved as a child. Stopping Stones is an arts initiative to bring recognition and respect to those enslaved in the United States. A stone in Hattie’s honor will be installed on the front walkway.

Grand Festival of Chez les Canses

Saturday, September 29, 2018 – 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Fort Osage National Historic Landmark, 107 Osage Street, Sibley, MO. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for youth and seniors. Explore the history of the early French explorers who settled the confluence of the Kansas and Missouri Rivers in the late 1700s. Skilled interpreters in 18th century clothing will explore arts, crafts, and customs. No pets permitted.

Historical Society of Lee’s Summit

Friday, October 5, 2018 – 6:30 p.m. Museum at 220 SW Main Street, Lee’s Summit, MO. Barbara Hughes: “Nurses during WWI” to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Armistice Day.

Liberty, MO Historic Walking Tours

Saturday, October 6, 2018 – 10:00 a.m. Jewell District Expanded. Meet at the corner of Missouri and Kansas streets. This was the first addition to the Town of Liberty in 1839. See some of Liberty’s oldest and most beautiful homes.

43rd Annual Missouri Town 1855 Festival of Arts

Saturday, October 6, 2018 – 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Missouri Town 1855, 8010 E. Park Road, Lee’s Summit, MO. Cost is \$7 for adults; \$4 for youth and seniors. Under 5 Free. No pets. Skilled interpreters, crafters and artisans will bring this antebellum living history site to life with period music, dancing, games, crafts, fun-filled hay wagon ride, and delicious food.

Annual Quantrill Tour – Johnson County, Missouri

Saturday, October 6, 2018 – 12:30 p.m. starting from Bates City BBQ, 201 E. Market Street, Bates City, MO. Annual Reunion and Tour. Johnson County, MO. Rebel sites such as Howard’s Mill, Devil’s Ridge, Columbus, Bluff Springs Cemetery, Shore Cemetery and Perdee/Pardee Farm. People such as Archie Clement, Rev. Jeremiah Farmer, and Nancy Longacre. Pre-register for a seat on the bus. For questions Email taylorci53@yahoo.com or call

(620) 794-1084 (Cindy). Cost is \$15 for tour and \$10 for barbecue meal at the reunion meeting after the tour. If you have a Quantrill ancestor, please bring any information you have and a picture if possible. Please eat lunch and use the restroom before boarding the bus and bring a water bottle. The territory will be countryside with few amenities.

Steeped in History: Tea & Harmonies at the Wornall House - Saturday, October 6, 2018 – 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Wornall House, 6115 Wornall Road, Kansas City, MO. Tea on the lawn (weather permitting) and musical performance by Jayne Siemens and Tom Garrison in the parlor using the piano originally owned by the Wornalls. Tickets may be purchased by calling (816) 444-1858.

Kansas City Posse of the Westerners
Tuesday, October 9, 2018 – 6:00 p.m. Buffet menu (about \$12), Golden Corral, 8800 N. W. Skyview Ave., Kansas City, MO (near Home Depot). Dick Titterington: “1862 Battle of Glorieta Pass.”

Cass County Civil War Round Table
Tuesday, October 9, 2018 – 7:00 p.m. Pearson Hall, Cass County Library, 400 E. Mechanic, Harrisonville, MO. Angela Schear continues the story of her ancestor, Abby Gibbons, who served as a nurse during the Civil War. During a visit to the Smithsonian, Angela identified a picture of Abby which had previously remained anonymous.

Architectural Walking Tours in Downtown Independence - Saturday, October 13, 2018 – 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Meet on North side of the Truman Jackson County Courthouse, 112 Lexington, Independence, MO. “Merchants on the Square.”

50th Annual Arrow Rock Heritage Festival
Saturday and Sunday, October 13-14, 2018 – 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. \$2.00 entrance fee. Traditional and modern artistic handcrafted items, historic reenactments, living history, musical entertainment, and food.

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Voices of the Past-Mount Mora Cemetery, St. Joseph, MO - Thursday and Friday, October 18-19, 2018 – Thursday at 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Friday at 6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., and 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$22 and must be purchased in advance at the St. Joseph Museum by calling (816) 232-8471 or go to stjosephmuseum.org/events. Tours begin at the St. Joseph Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, 911 Frederick Ave., St. Joseph, MO. Traditional fall treats and a greeting from “Old Joe” Robidoux himself before a short ride to the cemetery. The year is 1843, the year St. Joseph was platted. As visitors stroll Mausoleum Row, a Union soldier will share his experiences.

Music at the Fort – Historic Fort Osage
Saturday, October 20, 2018 – 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Fort Osage National Historic Landmark, 107 Osage Street, Sibley, MO. Price is \$8 for adults, \$4 for youth and seniors. Under 5 free. The sound of music from a century ago from wind ensembles and stringed instruments. Families may also take part in sing-alongs of music from the period. No pets.

Civil War Round Table of Kansas City
Tuesday, October 23, 2018 – 6:30 p.m. Dinner (\$28). Holiday Inn and Suites, 8787 Reeder Road, Overland Park, KS. Sunset Ballroom, 8th Floor. Matt Spruill: “Decision at Stones River: The

Sixteen Critical Decisions that Define the Battle.” Dinner reservations must be made by Noon Thursday, October 18, 2018, by calling Susan Keipp at (816) 333-0025.

32nd Annual Fall Muster at Fort Osage

Saturday, October 27, 2018 – Sunday, October 28, 2018 – 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Fort Osage National Historic Landmark, 107 Osage, Street, Sibley, MO. Cost is \$8 for adults; \$4 for youth and seniors. Experience the trepidation felt by the soldiers and civilians living at Fort Osage in 1812 as news of imminent war with Great Britain reaches their remote outpost. Cannon practice, musket practice, and infantry drills keep the soldier “at the ready.” Nationally recognized as one of the most authentic interpretations of the period. No pets permitted.

Walk with the Spirits – Lone Jack, MO

Saturday, October 27, 2018. Go to website for more details: www.historiclonejack.org.

Candlelight Hospital Tours – Battle of Lexington,

MO - Saturday, October 27, 2018 – 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Battle of Lexington State Historic Site, 1101 Delaware, Lexington, MO. Tours cost \$5 for adults and \$3 for youth (not recommended for children under the age of 9). Tickets must be purchased in advance by calling (660) 259-4654. Tickets go on sale October 1st. Tours last about 30 minutes. The Anderson House served as a hospital for the Federal Troops during the 1861 Battle of Lexington. Doctors performing surgeries, women tending the wounded, and soldiers planning their next move.

A Fierce Glory: Antietam

Thursday, November 1, 2018 – 6:30 p.m. Central Library, 14 W. 10th Street, Kansas City, MO. (Free parking in lot across Baltimore). Justin Martin, author of *A Fierce Glory: Antietam – The Desperate Battle That Saved Lincoln and Doomed Slavery*. Justin lives in New York now but has ties to Kansas City through his mother, Donna Martin. Published on September 11th, the book is a selection of the History Book Club and the Military Book Club. Harold Holzer who also has spoken at the Central Library has this to say: “More than the repulse of a Confederate invasion, the Union victory at Antietam paved the way for black freedom -

thus proving in its way, the most important battle of the Civil War. Appropriately, *A Fierce Glory* is more than a military history (although it depicts the actual fighting vividly). Martin has culled a vast array of sources to explore the political, religious, medical, and ultimately, the societal impact of Antietam. A highly original work.”

Tour of Fort Leavenworth, Kansas with Palmer

Center - Thursday, November 8, 2018 – 8:15 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Deadline to Register is October 5, 2018. Price is \$75 including lunch and motor coach. Reservations will be accepted after September 14, 2018 by calling (816) 325-6200. Things to see at the oldest active military post west of the Hudson River are the Frontier Army Museum including personal artifacts of General Henry Leavenworth and an exhibit depicting the history of African American servicemen – the Buffalo Soldiers. Lunch at the Riverfront Community Center served by Harvey Girls. Entertainment by the Possum Holler Four Barbershop Quartet. After lunch take a ride on the restored wooden carousel at the CW Parker Museum. The Palmer Center serves people 60 years of age or older, but you do not have to reside in Independence. Tour departs from the parking lot on the SE corner of Maple and Pleasant, Independence, MO. Picture ID required to enter Fort Leavenworth (passport preferred). It’s very difficult to gain access unless you are with a sponsoring group.

Fall Civil War Reenactments in the Midwest

Hermann, MO-White House Hotel & Grounds and Hermann Farm - Saturday and Sunday, September 15-16, 2018. White House Hotel and Grounds on Saturday: Living history tours throughout the day (\$5). Urban warfare skirmishes – 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Ambush of Captain Manwaring reenactment – 11:00 a.m. Guided lantern tours (\$10) – 7:30 p.m. Cannon night firing on the Missouri River – 8:00 p.m. Grand Ball on the terrace after cannon firing – 8:30 p.m.

Sunday at White House Hotel and Grounds: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Living History tours (free). 11:00 a.m. – Non-denominational Sunday service

on the terrace. Urban warfare skirmishes during the day.

Hermann Farm: 2:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday – Civil War battles. For more information, visit www.visithermann.com/hermann-heritage-days.

Mexico, MO – Walk Back in Time (Multiple Eras)
Saturday and Sunday, September 29-30, 2018.
Wild west gunfights, Civil War reenactments.
Camps close at 5:00 p.m. Saturday to prepare for
6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. candlelight tours. Tickets
required. 8:45 p.m. – Aztec Fire Dance at the
Amphitheater. For more information, please visit
www.audrain.org/walk-back-in-time.

Brownville, NE-Old Time Autumn Civil War
Reenactments - Saturday and Sunday, October 13-
14, 2018. Demonstrations and Speakers in various
locations. Saturday – 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Museums open. 10:30 a.m. – Street Battle by
Fremont Pathfinders. Noon-Chicken Biscuit Lunch
at Town Hall. 2:30 p.m. – Battle by Fremont
Pathfinders. 6:00 p.m. – Dance at Town Hall with
the Roundhouse Bluegrass Band.

Sunday – 10:00 a.m. – Combined Church Service.
12:30 p.m. Civil War Reenactors Parade on Main
Street. Afternoon – Buggy and Trolley Rides. 1:30
p.m. – Battle by Fremont Pathfinders. 2:00 p.m. –
4:00 p.m. – Museums open. 3:00 p.m. – Sightsee-
ing Cruise on *The Spirit of Brownville*.

News about Members and Friends

We are happy to welcome **Joyce Gillespie** of Raytown, MO as a new member. She volunteers at the Old Jail Museum on the Square in Independence, MO. **Charles Bianco** has been very helpful in informing the volunteers there about our Round Table.

Harry Rinacke of Eastern Jackson County has been the go-to guy for several organizations including the Round Table who want to erect historic markers. He has been able to save the hardware for our marker at Ripley Junction which had been vandalized, and we did not have to take it out of the concrete and install a new one. We had already ordered a new set of hardware and now have a spare. Harry has very kindly stored it for us

at his home, but we recently took it off his hands and it now resides at the home of board member **John Moloski** in Cass County. We thank Harry and his family for storing the boxes for us and to John for taking over this responsibility.

The Round Table has received two thank you notes recently for donations we made. Bryan Ivlow, president of the **Friends of the James Farm**, thanked us for our contribution in memory of Harold Dellinger. He says a tree will be planted in his memory and a plaque set in his honor. Denise Jessen, Corresponding Secretary of the **Newtonia Battlefields Protection Association**, thanked us for our donation to help with the restoration of the Ritchey Mansion which some of us visited as a part of our tour to Wilson's Creek and Newtonia last fall.

Unfortunately **the Lewis-Gregg Cemetery** which we own in eastern Jackson County has been damaged by vandals again. Our mowing man discovered that the gate and a portion of fence had been manhandled. He will undertake repairs soon.

In a recent *Ripley's Believe It or Not!* Beverly Shaw noticed this piece of trivia: The U.S. Civil War started and ended in the same man's house! I asked Mike Calvert how they came to that conclusion since I thought the war started at Harper's Ferry. Mike said that the house at Appomattox Junction where Lee and Grant signed the surrender papers was owned by **Wilbur McLean**. He also owned a farm next to the Manassas Battlefield. So, by tradition, the war started and ended at his house. Manassas was the first "major" battle.

Congratulations to the **National Frontier Trails Museum** at 318 W. Pacific, Independence, MO for winning the 2018 "Crosby Award" named for **R. Crosby Kemper III**, head of the Kansas City Public Library. The museum is the only one in the nation devoted to the three great western routes – the Santa Fe, California, and Oregon Trails, thus the name of the Labor Day weekend festival held in Independence each year: SantaCaliGon. The museum is now owned by the City of Independence and is now in the process of expanding and rearranging its space to better serve the public. It has a very active "friends" group for which Mike Calvert and Sarah Poff volunteer.

Sarah Poff is a recently retired art teacher and was nominated by Beverly Shaw and Mike Calvert for an Excellence in Education award from the Missouri Humanities Council. She did not receive the award, but the Executive Director noted that her work was invaluable to our state. Sarah said she was honored just being nominated.

Bill and Chris Rinck were surprised to see a picture of their home, the Lewis Jones House at 104 W. Elizabeth in Independence, as a part of the website of the interpretive Retracement Trail that seeks to pinpoint where the trails went from the Missouri River at Sugar Creek to the Square in Independence. The main starting point and loading area was called Wayne City Landing, essentially the intersection of River Boulevard and Kentucky Road in Sugar Creek where there are now interpretive markers.

The saga of “The Wild Bunch” continues in the *Missouri Life* magazine. In the June/July 2018 issue **Ron Soodalter** from New York wrote an article about riding with the Younger Brothers. He is a full-time historical writer for various publications. Beverly Shaw takes the magazine by subscription and forwarded a copy of the article to our Round Table Email “blast” participants. **Jean Warren** of the James Country Mercantile in Liberty immediately wrote a letter to the Editor which was published in the August issue. In the meantime, **Don Gilmore**, who is also a professional researcher, writer, and consultant for various Civil War movies such as “Ride with the Devil”, mixed it up with Mr. Soodalter by civil Emails, and those letters were published in the September issue. It just goes to show that you can disagree with someone without resorting to crude language. Mr. Soodalter has also written a pair of articles about Native Americans who made up the Tribes of Missouri for the August and September issues. You can sometimes find *Missouri Life* on local newspaper stands or look up articles on the internet.

Lake Lotawana Marker

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Jackson County was prosperous when cattlemen, lumber baron and oil tycoon Milton Thompson relocated from Cushing, OK to this region in 1919. Thompson acquired 8000 acres in Jackson County plus 3700 acres in Pettis, Cass and Howard Counties, purchasing 95% of farm land that changed hands in Jackson and Cass counties from 1922 to 1925! Highland Farms became the largest in the State of Missouri and the world’s largest registered Hereford breeding farm. In 1923 Thompson, first president of the Jackson County Park Board, donated land for a “fresh air camp” for youth and land for several parks in Jackson County. Thompson, prime developer of Lake Lotawana, also invested in Lake Tapawingo in Jackson County.

In 1929, Thompson established the Lake Lotawana Development Company (LLDC) to serve as administrator for the Lake’s developing community. Constructed using mules, horses and heavy equipment, the 1700 feet-long dam was completed in late 1929, by clearing nearly 2900 acres of virgin forest and farmlands. Sawmills processed prime timber to construct the Lake’s new cabins. One log cabin located at 14F Street was already permitted by the county and under construction, being built by Native Americans from Oklahoma.

The lake was filled with overflow waters from Sni-A-Bar Creek and rainwater runoff. It continues to be replenished by rainwater and spring waters within its large 12,000 acre watershed.

In 1932 the Lake Lotawana Association incorporated for community welfare purposes to collect fees and maintain the subdivision, waters and easements.

ERECTED 2018. The Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City. Gary L. Hicks and wife Louise Willig Hicks (niece of Louise Willig Rehn).

