



# *The Border Star*



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*"Studying the Border War and Beyond"*

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**THIS MONTH IN THE WAR:** Eastern Theater: The Battle of Cold Harbor, VA is characterized by a series of fruitless attacks as Lee and Grant sought to outflank the other. Finally on June 3, 1864, Grant orders a direct assault which results in 7,000 Federal troops killed and wounded in one half hour. The bodies "fall in waves like mown wheat." Grant finally realizes he must move his army south across the James River to threaten Petersburg, the back door to Richmond. Petersburg did not fall until April 3, 1865.

## The Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri

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2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month  
7:00 p.m.

Villages of Jackson Creek  
3980-A S. Jackson Drive  
(lower level)

Independence, Missouri

**Visitors Always Welcome!**

### Annual Dues

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## "In God We Trust"

From an essay by John F. Marszalek, the Giles distinguished professor emeritus of history at Mississippi State University.

In 1956 during the Cold War, the U. S. Congress passed and President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a resolution mandating the words "In God We Trust" as the official motto of the United States.

In fact, these words were actually the product of the Civil War. On Nov. 13, 1861, a minister from a small town in Pennsylvania urged Secretary of the Treasury Salmon P. Chase to place on American coins an indication that the United States was a Christian nation whose God supported its battle against the slave-holding South.

On April 22, 1864, Congress passed a law authorizing a 2-cent coin with this motto on it. On March 3, 1865, Congress expanded permission for the motto to appear on a variety of gold and silver coins. The motto lived a quiet existence, used on some American coinage, but not universally mandated by congress. The 1956 law then required it on all currency.

No Civil War legislation has influenced the national for so long a time as this motto. In 2011, the House of Representatives reaffirmed it, and a variety of court cases pop up regularly calling for its elimination. Some Americans take it less seriously, however. Over the years, "In God We Trust, All Others Pay Cash" has appeared on signs in more than a few mercantile shops.

### Use of Keypad at Villages of Jackson Creek

Our meeting room is in the Fitness Center on the lower level of the far east wing with the number "3980A" above the entrance. If the inside sliding door is secured, use the keypad on the right to enter 1207\* and stand in front of the door to activate. If there is a problem, call Beverly at (816) 225-7944 (cell). To exit the building, use the keypad to the left of the sliding door and enter 1207\*. Stand directly in front of the door to activate. Please do not try to force the door but instead call Beverly at (816) 225-7944

## CWRTWM Calendar

### June 2014 Membership Meeting

Wednesday, June 11, 2014 – 7:00 p.m. Villages of Jackson Creek, 3980-A S. Jackson Drive (lower level), Independence, MO. Dr. Gary Rex Walters: “Missouri River Steamboats: Missouri River Packets – The Steamboat *Arabia* and Steamboat *Twilight*.” Silent auction to be held at refreshment time. Feel free to donate books or other small items for bidding.

### June, 2014 Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 18, 2014 – 7:00 p.m. Home of Beverly Shaw, 17313 E. 51<sup>st</sup> Terr. Court. S., Independence, MO. If you are interested in planning the multi-media event for the Second Battle of Independence to be held October 18, 2014, visit the Board Meeting for further planning. Call Beverly for directions to her house: (816) 225-7944 (cell).

## Other Civil War Events and Exhibits

### Continuing Exhibits: Heritage Quilts

Now through June 27, 2014. Ferrel Museum, 220 Ferrel Street, Platte City, MO. Quilts from circa 1890-Mid 19<sup>th</sup> Century. Hours are Thursday-Friday from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Admission is \$5. Group tours by appointment. Call (816) 431-5121 or (816) 805-1112.

### An Old-Fashioned Sunday Afternoon: Mount Mora

Cemetery - Sunday, June 1, 2014 – 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Mount Mora Cemetery, 824 Mount Mora Road, St. Joseph, MO. Park on streets outside the cemetery. Adults - \$8, Kids 3-12 - \$6, ages 2 and under are free. Living history characters, horse drawn buggy rides and ice cream treats.

### Dawn at Black Jack, Kansas

Monday, June 2, 2014 – 4:45 a.m. – 7:00 a.m. Black Jack Battlefield, 163 E. 2000 Road, Wellsville, KS. A solemn walk and talk by park staff at the exact time and date the battle occurred in 1856. Free.

### John Brown Museum Ice Cream Social

Tuesday, June 3, 2014 – 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. John Brown Museum State Historic Site, 1000 Main Street, Osawatomie, Kansas. Ice cream at 50 cents a scoop to benefit the museum and educational garden fund. Live music by Asylum Bridge and the Band of Oz. The museum will be open to display nationally and internationally important history.

### “The Abolitionists”

Tuesday, June 3, 2014 – 7:00 p.m. Carnegie Library, 200 W. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Lawrence, KS. Westport Historical Society sponsors the screening of “The Abolitionists” followed by a discussion led by Dan Smith, noted Civil War historian of the Border War, about the men and women of both races who questioned the societal norm of slavery and fought to end the practice. Refreshments will be served.

### Breakfast at the Bingham

Saturday, June 7, 2014 – 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Bingham-Waggoner Estate, 313 W. Pacific Ave., Independence, MO. Advance Tickets Required-\$9. May be purchased at the Carriage House Boutique or by calling Shireen at (816) 461-3491. Musical entertainment by The Pheasant Pluckers bluegrass musicians. Homemade baked goods available at the Bake Sale. Carriage House Boutique will also be open. Tours of the Mansion will be available at 9:00 a.m. for an additional charge.

### Shoal Creek Living History Museum First Saturday

Saturday, June 7, 2014 – 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. 7000 N.E. Barry Road, Kansas City, MO. Free family event with reenactors to bring the village to life. Features 17 authentic 19<sup>th</sup> century buildings dating from 1807 - 1885. Located in Robert H. Hodge Park.

### Confederate Memorial Day – Higginsville, MO

Saturday, June 7, 2014 – 10:00 a.m. – Visit vendors, look at displays, period music. 10:30 a.m. – Don Ross: “The Story of the Confederate Brazil” in the Chapel. 11:00 a.m. – Wade Ankelsheilm: “Naval History.” 11:30 a.m. – Quantrill Society Meeting. 11:30 a.m. – Brown bag lunch. 12:15 p.m. – Parade to the Cemetery. 12:45 p.m. - Memorial Day Service and ending about 2:00 p.m. Observance honors 800 souls buried at the Confederate Memorial State Historic Site, just north of Higginsville. From I-70 go north on Highway 13 through Higginsville to AA and turn right (east).

### Friends of the James Farm Annual Reunion

Friday, June 6, 2014 – 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Reception at the Jesse James Bank Museum, Liberty, MO. Saturday, June 7, 2014 at the James Farm, 21216 James Farm Road, Kearney, MO – 9:00 a.m. – Registration, donuts, fruit, and coffee. 10:00 a.m. – Panel Discussion led by Scott Cole and Christie Kennard: “Reverend James.” 11:00 a.m. – Bryan Ivlow: “Guns of the Civil War.” Noon – Keven Marken – “Guns of the Gangster Era.” Saturday evening from 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Woodneath Library, 8900 NE Flintlock Road, Kansas City, MO (near Liberty). Midwest Genealogical Society representatives available. 5:00 p.m. – Tour of the

historic Woodneath plantation house which forms the core of the new library. 6:00 p.m. – Dinner, 7:00 p.m. – Dan Pence – “Rev. James’ Letters.” \$25 for both days. Contact Beth Beckett for tickets at (816) 736-8502.

#### Historic Arrow Rock 2014 Lecture Series

Saturday, June 7, 2014 – 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Arrow Rock Historic Site Visitor’s Center. Dr. Herschel and Jacque Stroud: “Abe and Mary Lincoln, A Family Portrait.”

#### Liberty, MO Historic Walking Tour

Saturday, June 7, 2014 – 10:00 a.m. New Hope/Fairview Cemetery on Shrader Street. Meet at the stone arch.

#### Battle of Kingston (Caldwell County) Missouri

Saturday, June 7, 2014 – Kingston, MO. 9:00 a.m. – Exhibit of “Divided Loyalties” at the historical society. 9 a.m. – Fashion Show. 10:00 a.m. – Thrailkill-Taylor Raid Preview. 10:30 a.m. – Raid on Kingston. Noon – Living history vignette – Historical Society Welcome Center. 2:00 p.m. – Civil War Tactical Battle planned by area schools and carried out by reenactors. 3 p.m. – Medical demonstration. 7:30 p.m. – Ball at the courthouse square.

Sunday, June 8, 2014 – 9:00 a.m. – Exhibit of “Divided Loyalties” at the historical society. 10:00 a.m. – Period church service. 11:30 a.m. – Cornstalk Fight between Confederate Bushwhackers and Union Cavalry. 1:30 p.m. – Optional generic battle to settle the score from Saturday.

#### Historic Homes Tour – Platte County, MO

Saturday, June 7, 2014 – Noon – 5:00 p.m. Sponsored by Platte County Historical Society. Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased at the Ben Ferrel Museum, 220 Ferrel St., Platte City, MO. Sites are Pleasant Grove Confederate Cemetery, Camden Point; Worden Home, 500 Main Street, Parkville; Gram’s House (formerly Harrell Ferrel’s), 714 Fourth Street, Platte City; Eighteen Ninety Venue, 1560 Hwy. 92 Spur, Tracy; Kunce Home, 1102 Spring Street, Weston; and National Silk Art Museum, 423 Main Street, Weston.

#### Battle of Black Jack Commemoration

Saturday, June 7, 2014 – Black Jack Battlefield and Nature Park, 163 E 2000 Road, Wellsville, KS. Interactive tours at 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Battle of Black Jack is considered the first battle between opposing forces over the issue of slavery which led to the coming Civil War. Free.

#### Iconic Kansas City from Our Postcard Past

Sunday, June 8, 2014 – 2:00 p.m. Central Library, 14 W. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Kansas City, MO. Steve Noll, executive director of Jackson County Historical Society and a postcard collector, leads an illustrated walk through Kansas City’s postcard history. Also on display is the exhibit “Greetings from Kansas City: Postcard Views of a Midwestern Metropolis, 1900-1950” which earned the American Library Association’s Excellence in Library Programming Award.

#### Posse of the Westerners

Tuesday, June 10, 2014 – 6:00 p.m. – Dinner. \$25. Golden Ox, 1600 Genessee Street, Kansas City, MO. Robert Jones, president of the Kennesaw (GA) Historical Society: “The Top 10 Gunslingers of the Old West.” For dinner reservations call Ann Schultis at (816) 456-0669.

#### Civil War Round Table of Cass County

Tuesday, June 10, 2014 – 6:30 p.m. Harrisonville (MO) City Park off North Lexington at Shelter #4. Annual picnic with pot luck salads, vegetables, and desserts. The Round Table provides fried chicken.

#### Sons of Confederate Veterans-Hughes Camp

Thursday, June 12, 2014 – 7:00 p.m. Kross Lounge and Ernie’s Restaurant, 605 N. Sterling, Sugar Creek, MO. Mike Calvert: “Second Battle of Independence.” The SCV is the oldest organization for male descendants of Confederate soldiers. There is also an associate membership for those who just have an interest in the history. Visitors are welcome.

#### Black Powder Shoot – James Farm

Saturday, June 14, 2014 – 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Jesse James Farm and Museum, 21216 James Farm Road, Kearney, MO. Cap and Ball Revolver or Cartridge Revolver; Replicas OK. Fixed sights and dueling stance only. \$15 entry fee. Historically accurate costume is encouraged but not required. Call (816) 736-8500 for information.

#### The Battle of Island Mound

Saturday, June 14, 2014 – 10:30 a.m. – Noon. Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Heritage Center, 3700 Blue Parkway, Kansas City, MO. Joe Mattox, local historian, convenes this Communiversity Class – “The Battle of Island Mound: Black Soldiers and White Officers.” United States Colored Troops (USCT) fought at Island Mound in Bates County, MO on Oct. 29, 1862. Screening of a new documentary called “The Battle of Island Mound.” Special guests will be descendants of Cpl. Rufus Vann and Lt. Bethuel Hitchcock. Class fee of \$10. Class #2802A. Can register on-line at

www.umkc.edu/commu/signup using Visa, MasterCard or Discover; by mail using a check or credit card to Student Union, Office of Student Involvement, 5100 Cherry, #320, Kansas City, MO 64110. Payable to "Communiversity." In person by cash, check or credit card at Student Union, 5100 Cherry, #320; or by phone to (816) 235-1407. Mon. - Fri., 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

#### Dedication at Wakarusa River Valley Heritage Museum

Saturday, June 14, 2014 – 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Museum located in Bloomington Park, Clinton Lake, Kansas in Douglas County. Dedication of addition to the two-story exhibition gallery. Cake and punch will be served. Free.

#### Slavery by Another Name

Saturday, June 14, 2014 – 2:00 p.m. Westport Library, 118 Westport Road, Kansas City, MO. Film screening of "Slavery by Another Name." Shawn Leigh Alexander, Associate Professor, University of Kansas History Dept. and director of the Langston Hughes Center, will lead a discussion of Radical Reconstruction after the Civil War, the prison lease system, and other topics related to the new kind of bondage faced by blacks after the passage of the 13<sup>th</sup> amendment to the U. S. Constitution. Sponsored by the Westport Historical Society. Free.

#### Hail to the Chiefs: John Quincy Adams

Wednesday, June 18, 2014 – 6:30 p.m. Plaza Library, 4801 Main Street, Kansas City, MO. Fred Kaplan: *John Quincy Adams: American Visionary*. Kaplan sheds light on this sometimes overlooked president whose progressive values helped shape the course of the nation. Adams was a leading abolitionist and fervent Federalist who championed both individual liberty and the government's role in driving progress and prosperity.

#### Independence Civil War Study Group

Wednesday, June 18, 2014 – 7:00 p.m. Southview Manor Apartments, 2600 A Hub Drive, Independence, MO. Tony Meyers and Keith Nelson: *Divided Loyalties – Civil War Soldiers of Clay County*. The authors are volunteers with the Clay County Archives in Liberty, MO and will speak about their research.

#### Family Fun Night at the Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop & Farm

Thursday, June 19, 2014 – 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. 1200 Kansas City Road, Olathe, KS. "Border War." Hands-on activities. Free admission but some small fees for activities. Stagecoach rides are \$2 for ages 3 and up.

The Battle of Westport Led to Freedom for Slaves in Missouri - Saturday, June 21, 2014 – 10:30 a.m. – Noon. Battle of Westport Museum and Visitor Center, 6601 Swope Parkway (west entrance to Swope Park). Joe Mattox, the Lt. William D. Matthews Scholar at the Battle of Westport Museum, will discuss "Blacks and the Fourth of July" and "Blacks at the Battle of Westport" on Oct. 23-25, 1864. \$10 registration fee to Communiversity for Class 2803A. See details for "The Battle of Island Mound" on June 14, 2014.

#### Brady Lecture at the Historic Truman Courthouse

Saturday, June 21, 2014 – 1:00 p.m. Brady Courtroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Historic Truman Courthouse, 112 West Lexington Ave., Independence, MO (elevator available). Dr. Diane Mutti-Burke: *On Slavery's Border: Missouri's Small Slaveholding Households, 1815 to 1865*. Free optional tour of the historic courthouse on the Square including Truman's office and Courtroom and the Jackson County Museum of George Caleb Bingham paintings.

#### Battle of Westport: Memory and Legacy

Sunday, June 22, 2014 – 2:00 p.m. Central Library, 14 W. 10<sup>th</sup> St., Kansas City, MO. Dan Smith takes a ground-level look at the "Gettysburg of the West," a bloody clash in October 1864 between Gen. Sterling Price's Confederate army and a Union force under Gen. Samuel Curtis. RSVP to (816) 701-3407.

#### Civil War Round Table of Kansas City

Tuesday, June 24, 2014 – 6:30 p.m. Dinner - \$27. Meadowbrook Country Club, 9101 Nall Ave., Prairie Village, KS. Don Bates, Sr.: "Grant's 45-day Overland Campaign – Wilderness to Cold Harbor." Dinner reservations to Paul Gault at (816) 741-2962.

#### Battle of Camden Point 150<sup>th</sup> Remembrance

Saturday, June 28, 2014. Around 1:00 p.m. on Saturday and perhaps another in the early afternoon on Sunday. For more info contact the Camden Point Landmarks Society at [www.camdenpoint.wordpress.com](http://www.camdenpoint.wordpress.com).

#### Bluegrass Music at Historic Pharis Farm – Clay County, MO

Saturday, June 28, 2014 – 5:00 p.m. – 8 p.m. Historic Pharis Farm, 20611 EE Highway, Liberty, MO. An evening of music. Bring your own lawn chair, picnic blanket, snacks and drinks. Free.

## **News About Members and Friends**

**Pat Gradwohl**, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and Program Chairman, announces that the July 9<sup>th</sup> program will be given by Carolyn Grover, wife of our member Bob Grover, on the subject of the Orphan Trains. On August

13<sup>th</sup> we will be watching the 8<sup>th</sup> in a 9 episode series by Ken Burns on the Civil War. It's called "War Is All Hell."

We want to thank **Chris and Bill Rinck** for their generous donation to the Coffee Fund to help with refreshments between the program and our business meeting. Thanks also to the many members who bring cookies, cake, fruit, and candy for our enjoyment and to those who donate soft drinks. Most of all we thank **Karen Wells** for scheduling the refreshments and to her helpers from north of the river who carry all the supplies in. Karen went the extra mile by also coordinating refreshments for the Union Cemetery Memorial Day events on May 24<sup>th</sup>, and she was assisted by **Linda Fewell**. She reports that there was a light rain falling, but there were still about 50 people who attended plus the many Boy Scouts who distributed the American flags to the graves. The cookies donated by the board members were greatly enjoyed by all. If you would like to help with refreshments at one of our meetings, please call Karen at (816) 429-5165.

The Round Table also appreciates the time and efforts of its volunteers at the Lewis-Gregg Cemetery on May 17<sup>th</sup>: **Terry Chronister, Harry Rinacke, Vonda Clark, Matthew Thaller, and Beverly Shaw**. **Terry** brought a Betsy Ross flag which was flown on the pole that he so generously donated and was finally officially dedicated on May 17. Unfortunately the cemetery has suffered some vandalism in the form of some stones knocked off pedestals and damage to the front gate and the aluminum fence. Vonda's friend **Matthew Thaller** used his pliers and muscle power to straighten some of the fence, but we are not able to save the gate. If anyone has a nice wide gate that they could donate, we would be glad to install it. It needs to be wide enough to get a big lawnmower through it. Call Beverly for more info at 816 225-7944. Vonda is also going to try using some marble adhesive to reset the stones.

While she was "out in the county" on May 17<sup>th</sup>, Beverly inspected our two low-profile Little Blue Battlefield markers and found them to be in bad shape. The one at Blue Mills Road and 24 Highway is very faded and crackled, and the one at Ripley Junction Park on the Little Blue Trace hiking and biking trail has been vandalized. The whole frame has been bowed by some heavy duty vehicle. The Round Table would like to thank **Dana Johnston** for his generosity in providing funds for the replacement of the frame and for new tablets for both markers. We have heard that Jackson County Parks in coordination with the Santa Fe Trails Association would like to erect a kiosk at Blue Mills Road and 24 Highway to shelter the three markers

standing there – one from the DAR to mark the Santa Fe Trail, the older style metal marker to show the location of a portion of the Battle of the Little Blue on October 21, 1864, and our more modern low-profile marker with text, pictures, and graphics.

Congratulations to **Jim and Judi Beckner** on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary which will be celebrated on Sunday, June 1, 2014 in Raymore, Missouri. The actual date of their marriage was May 31, 1964. If you would like to send a card, their address is 1018 Redwood Drive, Raymore, MO 64083.

Welcome to new members who attended our May meeting to hear Ted Stillwell. They are **Mike and Molly Clay** of Oak Grove and **Dayton and Maudie Saunders** of Independence, MO.

Also visiting our meeting was **Jon Fields** and **Mike and Marsha Bergman** who were standing in for Harold Dellinger to deliver copies of the Quantrill Society newsletter. The Bergmans were awarded the Don Hale Award in December 2013 for their contributions to the Society and the study of the Missouri-Kansas border wars. Michael has been treasurer of the Society for 10 years, and Marsha serves on the board and is a granddaughter of a Quantrill guerrilla.

Many thanks to **Steve Hatcher, Paul Bond, Liz Murphy**, and all those who have donated items for our monthly "silent auction." We put the items on the pool table in the lounge with slips of paper so that members and visitors can write a bid which can be trumped by someone else writing a higher bid. At the end of refreshment time, the highest bidder pays his money and takes the item home. This little extra source of income which was suggested by Liz Murphy helps to defray our normal operating costs for the Round Table. In May we collected \$50 thanks to the contributors and buyers.

In honor of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the **Battle of Westport**, the Kansas City Parks Department is building a more accessible walkway to the low-profile Civil War markers and the 10-pounder Parrott cannon in Loose Park. The markers were an Eagle Scout project of **Doug Dietrich** many years ago when he was assisted by the **Westport Historical Society**. His mother is **Barbara Dietrich** who is part of the **George Family** whose cemetery in Oak Grove is being restored and marked as the final resting place of several Quantrill men. The cannon was donated by the **Monnett Fund of the Battle of Westport** headed up by Dan Smith. A picture of the cannon appeared in the April 8, 2014 issue of the Kansas City Star.

**Frank Buhro** of the tourism department of the City of Independence has put out the word that he is still looking for some motivated volunteers to help staff the historic sites in Independence and the Historic Truman Courthouse visitors' center. You will receive professional training and the opportunity to learn a lot about local history. Call him at (816) 325-7112 or e-mail him at fbuhro@indepmo.org.

The **Smithsonian Channel's** three-part "Civil War 360" is now available on DVD. Each episode features recreations of famous battles and uses examples from the Smithsonian's extensive Civil War artifact collection. Retail price is \$19.95 and is available through Amazon: [www.amazon.com/Smithsonian - Channel-Civil-War-360](http://www.amazon.com/Smithsonian-Channel-Civil-War-360).

The display of the **Confederate battle flag** is again causing discussion. In April a Blue Springs high school student allegedly displayed a flag on school grounds and the situation was promptly addressed by school officials. In May the Sons of Confederate Veterans met with Missouri lawmakers about restoring the Confederate flag to fly over the Confederate Memorial Cemetery at Higginsville. About ten years ago the Confederate flag was removed from two state historic sites.

In the state of Maryland descendants of Confederate Medal of Honor recipients are defending their right to recognize recipient **Maj. James Breathed** by having Confederate reenactors go to his grave in Hancock, Maryland. This honor has only been awarded 50 times since its inception in 1977.

It was good to see **Audrey Elder**, a member of the Heritage Commission for the City of Independence, at the ceremony where the Round Table received the Hickman Award for organizations supporting historic preservation. Audrey helped us financially when we sponsored the Independence Antebellum Homes Tour several years ago. She is now sponsoring the publication of the Jackson County Historical Society's newsletter through her real estate business with Keller Williams. Audrey specializes in area homes over 50-years-old. You can contact her at (816) 419-2710 or by E-mail at [AudreyElder@kw.com](mailto:AudreyElder@kw.com).

We were glad to see **Kevin Fewell's** name on his letter to the editor in the "816" section of the Kansas City *Star* on May 14 2014. Kevin is president of the Union Cemetery Historical Society, and his letter was titled "Stand Up To NRA."

We hope you have been able to catch Ken Burns' latest program on PBS since it first aired in April, 2014.

Burns chronicled 50 great boys who memorized the **Gettysburg Address** as a part of their curriculum at the Greenwood School in Putney, VT. It specializes in teaching boys with learning disabilities. The program is called "The Address" and is worth watching.

We received a notice of a new book by Shelby Harriel called *Forbidden, Hidden, and Forgotten: Women in the Ranks During the Civil War*. You can contact her at (601) 916-9606 or by e-mail at [shar\\_14\\_22@yahoo.com](mailto:shar_14_22@yahoo.com).

Congratulations to **Frances Hose** as she assumes the presidency of the Blue Springs Historical Society, and best wishes to Mary Potter who is stepping down to pursue other interests. Both ladies have worked many years to secure funds for continued repairs and maintenance of the Dillingham-Lewis Museum, 101 SW 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Blue Springs, Missouri.

**David Jackson**, head of the Jackson County Historical Society Archives, has written a new book called *Winding the Clock on Independence Square: Jackson County's Historic Truman Courthouse*. It is available for \$15 at the JCHW history center in the courthouse, at the 1859 Jail, or at [www.jchs.org](http://www.jchs.org).

He offers complimentary guided tours of the Historic Truman Courthouse Monday – Saturday at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to include Harry Truman's Office and Courtroom, the Brady Courtroom, and the Jackson County Museum of Art which houses George Caleb Bingham paintings. Jeff Fox of the Examiner wrote an article in the weekend edition of April 12-14 outlining the outstanding programming which will be offered in the Brady Courtroom, the oldest part of the courthouse (see Calendar on June 21<sup>st</sup>).

On January 16, 2014 the JCHS presented the following outstanding awards for 2013: **Unity School** for restoration and adaptive reuse of Unity's iconic water tower for offices and health center; **Ralph A. Monaco II** for historical book of the year *Scattered to the Four Winds: Order No. 11 and Martial Law in Jackson County, Missouri, 1863*; **Rice-Tremonti House** for "Bringing History to Life;" **Gail Fines** for Archives and Research Center Volunteer; and **Frances Gabbard** for 1859 Jail Museum Volunteer of the year.

While on vacation in Minnesota Beverly Shaw read an article in the St. Paul *Pioneer Press* about the origins of Mother's Day in the U. S. Credit goes to Anna Jarvis of West Virginia who lobbied for a day to honor all mothers while grieving her own, Ann Reeves Jarvis who died in 1905. Her mother was a longtime Sunday school teacher who organized a "friendship" church picnic in

the years after the Civil War for the families of Confederate and Union soldiers. On the second anniversary of her mother's death, she distributed 500 white carnations, her mother's favorite flower.

**Kent State University** in Kent, Ohio is being recognized for its large number of Civil War books which have helped scholars study and chronicle its 150-year-old history. You can read an article by Gary Brown at [www.cantonrep.com/article/20140318/Lifestyle](http://www.cantonrep.com/article/20140318/Lifestyle).

Speaking of the term "Civil War," **Rodney Rom** of Butler, MO wrote a letter to the *Kansas City Star* on May 13, 2014 called "Historical inaccuracy." He contends that a civil war connotes a conflict between opposing groups over control of a government. He maintains that the Confederacy did not want to control the government; the seceding states wanted complete and sovereign separation from the U. S. He would prefer the term "War of Secession, but because "Civil War" was shorter and more print-worthy, that's what we got.

**Alison McElwee** has written to the Round Table about the efforts of a group to raise funds to produce a mini-series called "To Appomattox." You can read more at [www.toappomattox.com](http://www.toappomattox.com). Former president of the Kansas City Round Table and historic tour organizer, **Lane Smith**, is presenting a dramatic reading of materials about Lee and Grant at Appomattox to various history groups in the Kansas City area.

We are happy to hear that **Charles and Claudetta McCorkendale** were honored for their contributions to the Ray County Historical Society and Museum at the April 17 quarterly meeting of the group. The guest speaker was Darryl Levings of the *Kansas City Star* who spoke about his book *Saddle the Pale Horse* which we also enjoyed at our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary luncheon. Darryl had listed the Ray County Museum as one of his Top 10 little-known Civil War resources in the Kansas City area. Darryl also had a very interesting feature article in the March 30, 2014 issue of the *Star Magazine* about "Missouri's History, Told in French" about a rogue explorer named Bourgmont who found redemption as the first European explorer in Missouri about 300 years ago.

We have not seen the **McCorkendales** recently because Charles underwent back surgery in March to relieve pain in his back and legs. He claims that his physical therapist must be kin to nurse Ratchett: "Where is that walker? Where is that gate belt? Did you take your pain med? Sit up close and hold on to that chair before you

get up. Did you do all your PT instructions?" And a lot more that he can't mention.

The Abraham Lincoln Museum offered a program in April called "The Power of Music in the Civil War." Author and scholar **Christian McWhirter** explored the impact of music and signed copies of his book *Battle Hymns: The Power and Popularity of Music in the Civil War*. Music was used as propaganda. A Southern song might urge women to take pride in homespun clothes rather than being jealous of Union women with gowns and jewels. Northern soldiers sang about the superiority of their Enfield rifles.

The April 2, 2014 "816" issue of the *Kansas City Star* had an interesting column by **David Knopf** about a story of a Confederate major and a Union Army mule named Jule. Major Robert Williams lived at Stanwick, Missouri, west of Richmond. Apparently he had ridden with Gen. U. S. Grant before the war and was given transportation home as a courtesy by a former comrade. Knopf is filming a music video for his son for a song called "Major Williams' Mule."

Congratulations to the **Mid-Continent Public Library** for receiving the National Medal for Museum and Library Service from First Lady Michelle Obama. Jeff Fox of the Examiner wrote an article called "50 years of hard work honored" on April 26-28, 2014, and Brent Schondelmeyer, president of the library board, followed it up with a report of the ceremony on May 13, 2014 in an article "Learning for All." The Round Table is hoping to use the new "book machine" at Woodneath to publish the 2nd volume of our "Monuments" book. We are also lucky to have the excellent programming at the **Kansas City Library** which was recently honored by the American Library Association.

The Round Table has been given a copy of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition of **Clancy Moore's monumental Civil War Reference (2011 Edition)** to add to our archives. Steve Hatcher has previewed this reference work of Civil War events day by day in all theaters of the War and was heartened to see that Clancy included the attack on the Liberty arsenal. It has from 5,000-7,000 computer pages and has taken 10-15 years to complete. You can give it a test drive by contacting Beverly Shaw at (816) 225-7944. If you want your own copy for reference, the price is \$30 and can be ordered at [www.moorecivilwar.com](http://www.moorecivilwar.com).

Beverly Shaw recently had occasion to talk with a "tech guy" at Office Max on 39<sup>th</sup> Street in Independence and found that he was quite a battlefield scholar. He said that there is even a pretty good computer game called



“American Conquest” with 4 centuries of war. One section is called “Divided Nation” and is rated for “Everyone 10 years of age to teen.”

Congratulations to **Janice Pearson** for receiving the Hickman Award for Distinguished Service for her many accomplishments at the Bingham-Waggoner Estate. The Pearsons were gracious to invite the Round Table to tour their home near Buckner when Tim Cox was president.

**Thomas R. Pero** is publishing a new book on Gettysburg called *Seething Hell* which can be previewed at [www.newgettysburgbook.com](http://www.newgettysburgbook.com).

**Kathy Pickering** recently wrote a letter to the *Examiner* to compliment a Van Horn student who received an outstanding youth award for participating in the Junior ROTC at this Independence, MO high school. This was at the **Sons of the American Revolution** awards service where Josh Ramirez read his award-winning essay which was concise, clearly understandable, and historically accurate. Kathy’s son also received an award for law enforcement in his role as director of homeland security for Missouri.

The **Pioneers Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution** is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year and continues to foster historic preservation. We are honored to have three of our members who are members of Pioneers Chapter: Goldie Lewis, Fran Mason-Nix, and Jo Ann Dale.

Platte County, Missouri is celebrating its 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2014 by publishing **Platte County’s History Illustrated** on sale now for \$25 at the Ben Ferrel Museum in Platte City, Missouri, or by ordering direct at [ww.nationsprint.com/clients/bhpublic/corp.cgi](http://ww.nationsprint.com/clients/bhpublic/corp.cgi). They are also sponsoring a homes tour on Saturday, June 7, 2014 (see calendar). They are continuing their heirloom quilt show through June 27<sup>th</sup> which features a quilt from the 1880s called “Blazing Star” belonging to Martha Brenner Noland inherited from her early Platte County Millsap family.

**Stuart W. Sanders** has notified us that he has a new book called *Maney’s Confederate Brigade at the Battle of Perryville*, Kentucky’s most important battle. You can go to [www.amazon.com/Maneys-Confederate-Brigade-Perryville-Sesquicentennial](http://www.amazon.com/Maneys-Confederate-Brigade-Perryville-Sesquicentennial).

**Richard Stewart** is in the process of moving to Branson, Missouri but he is continuing his search for Quantrill partisans, especially those who may have settled in Arkansas. He has been able to secure some

artifacts to donate to the Quantrill Collection at the Benton County Historical Society in Bentonville, Arkansas. During a recently tour of middle-schoolers, he heard a boy say, “Wow, there’s dirt from one of the graves.” This came from the grave of guerrilla chief, Gabriel George, interred at the George Cemetery in Oak Grove, Missouri.

Richard has another source of information about Quantrill partisans from old issues of the *Kansas City Daily Journal of Commerce*. He would like to copy and bind the issues for reference at the Quantrill Collection but this incurs some expense. If you would like to contribute, you can reach him by E-mail at [www.josieqscr.blogspot.com](mailto:www.josieqscr.blogspot.com).

We want to thank **Ted Stillwell and his sister Gloria Miller** for their wonderful program on the Noland family of Independence, Missouri, of which they are descendants. Ted had an interesting column in the *Examiner* on May 14, 2014 about “Uncle Joseph Tilford Noland” and his kind acknowledgement that he would be speaking to our Round Table that evening doubtless led to our great attendance. Gloria came straight from work to share her pictures of the Nolands.

**Mike Marshall** of Enid, Oklahoma is letting us know about an effort to create a documentary about the *Sultana* steamship, the largest maritime disaster in U. S. history. Over 1,800 Civil War veterans lost their lives when the *Sultana*’s boilers blew on April 27, 1865. For more info go to [www.RememberTheSultana.com](http://www.RememberTheSultana.com).

We want to recognize **Randall Todd and his wife Teresa** for being honored as the Jackson County Family of the Year. They were pictured in the April 16 issue of the *Examiner* with their present group of six children. For the past 16 years Randy and Teresa have raised other people children in addition to their own two, Charles and Stephanie.

We want to recognize **Wide Awake Films** in Kansas City for winning the Silver Telly Award for the production of the Battle of Gettysburg Animated Map. Karen Wells tells us she can pick out her son Kevin as one of the reenactors.





## **CWRTWM Receives City of Independence 2014 W.Z. Hickman Award**

Independence City Council Meeting - May 5, 2014



**Pat Gradwohl & Mike Calvert**



**CWRTWM Members Attending Awards Ceremony**

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