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Day at the Capitol will be Feb. 18

Join your Missouri newspaper associates for the annual Day at the Capitol Program on Thursday, Feb. 18. The program is on page 4. You're encouraged to go to Jefferson City a day early, on Feb. 17, to visit with your legislators.



You'll have lunch in the Governor's Mansion with Gov. Jay Nixon, and have question-and-answer sessions with him and legislative leaders after lunch.

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From high school to retirement — sort of — at the Columbia Missourian. **3**

Ask, ask, ask your colleagues

We can all learn about this business from one another

Last month I requested that Missouri Press magazine readers please send me any questions they had.

The first formal response was from a gentleman who bought a small newspaper in northern Missouri a little more than a year ago. The gentleman and his wife had been in sales for years and years and were quite successful in their business ventures throughout their lives. So, they bought a newspaper.

What's interesting to me is that although their paper is quite different from my publication — small vs. large circulation, paid vs. free, rural vs. urban — his challenges seem very common to most, if not all, newspapers.

His biggest concerns: declining advertising revenue, decreasing circulation and the inability to find additional "qualified" salespeople. He tried to do a lot of research on the subjects, but everything he found was targeted to major metropolitan dailies.

While I am certainly giving this gentleman some advice, I'm hooking him up with a former publisher of smalltown newspapers to give him first-hand knowledge of things that have worked and not worked in the past in that realm of the industry.

There are more challenges than ever in the newspaper industry, but sometimes the answers may be in our own backyards, right here in Missouri. Many, many Missouri newspapers are quite successful and are not sitting still.

The best advice I can give is to constantly see what other papers are doing, and ask, ask, ask, just like this gentleman did. Sure, look through other newspapers and see what they're doing and who their advertisers are, but there's a lot more information you can get beyond just seeing what the latest special section is.

Ask, ask, ask.

I see publisher Dane Vernon of Versailles several times a

year. Every time he's always asking colleagues questions. How do you pay your sales reps? What are you doing on your website? How are you charging for video?

I would like to encourage members to phone or email your colleagues. I have yet to find a newspaper person in the state who won't give you feedback on some of their initiatives. Get to know them.



Read each brief in the magazine and you'll be amazed at the knowledge you will amass. Last month, for example, the *Courier-Post* in Hannibal had a silent auction to raise money for its NIE program. If that sounds interesting to you, call Jack Whitaker and see how

it went.

In Eldon they're creating a professional services guide, which will be a glossy magazine distributed to 10,000 homes. We've never done a glossy. That sounds very interesting to me. We all have questions. Some of the answers may be a phone call or email away.

Again, please, please email me any questions you have and especially any success stories so I may share them with our fellow member newspapers in the great state of Missouri: kjones@stlamerican.com.

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50 years at the *Missourian*

By Elizabeth Brixey, Education Editor, *Columbia Missourian*

Eddie Cook is a big, gentle man who has worked at the *Columbia Missourian* for 50 years. Whenever anyone around the newsroom hears that, especially the students, they say, “Wow!”

That is a “wow.” That’s half the time the *Missourian’s* been around. Eddie was a junior at Hickman High School when he began working here in 1959 as a printer’s apprentice. Two years later, Eddie graduated from high school on one weekend, married Martha Barnes the next and then started the job full time.

“I made \$60 a week,” Eddie told me. “Funny thing, money was easier then when we had less. It’s more hectic now trying to budget.”

We sat talking right where he works three days a week, in a corner of the newsroom on the copy desk where stories are given their final edits. Headlines are written, pages are designed, and the stories are posted online and put into print. Eddie builds pages; he creates documents on a computer onto which we put stories and ads. He’s built pages his whole career, first with hot lead type then with what we call cold type, meaning computers.

When Eddie started, he did jobs nobody else wanted to do. One was to “pour pigs” — long, metal forms filled with hot lead, which was used to put type on the pages. They got the hot lead from a 50-gallon pot kept on all the time at 600-plus degrees. “I got burned a few times,” he said.

Today, Eddie’s page-building world is digital, and increasingly, so is his newspaper. He is embracing this change reluctantly.

“I take both papers in town,” he said. “I drink a cup of coffee and read the *Missourian* in the morning, and after we have dinner and relax, I read the *Tribune*. ... I don’t think I’m ever going to take my cup of coffee to the computer.”

Eddie, 67, and his wife have two grown sons, eight grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. Martha retired a few years ago from Missouri Credit Union, and Eddie officially retired from the *Missourian* in 2005. But he can’t quite seem to leave, which is good for us. He has the long view and helps us take changes to our jobs in stride.

“Just think how many of them I’ve been through in my lifetime,” he said.

And students — Eddie has helped tens of thousands of students go through the *Missourian*. Eddie helped me when I was a student in the ’80s. He helped my bad page designs come out OK.

“You have some that’s a lot better than others, but you can’t let that interfere,” he said. “You have to help them all equally.”

The university can’t recognize Eddie for his half-century of employment because he worked for the *Missourian*, which was separate until 1997 when we became an affiliate of MU. But the *Missourian* Publishing Association Board of Directors honored Eddie at the start of (a recent) meeting.

Eddie’s uncomfortable being the focus of any attention like that. He’s letting me write about him only because he knows that around here, publishing something demands our greatest care.

It’s the best way we know to say thanks.

And. “Wow.”

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School officials miss opportunity to learn about law

Many Cass County public office holders attend A.G.’s program on Sunshine Law

Cass County’s public office holders and their staff members did themselves proud — for the most part — overflowing the Sheriff’s Office Community Room Nov. 19 for the Attorney General’s Sunshine Law presentation.

Attorney General Chris Koster’s Sunshine Law expert, Tom Durkin, who is spending the year giving these seminars in every county in the state, told attendees that it was the best turnout he had seen before giving a rousing and entertaining talk on the importance of public access to information and discussions.

... But even with (the) surprisingly strong turnout, there were those organizations conspicuously missing. Though the Harrisonville and Cass-Midway school districts sent representation, the two largest districts in the county, Belton and Raymore-Peculiar, sent no one. This is particularly disturbing in light of the relatively large administrative staffs of both districts.

Also missing was the Pleasant Hill School District, as well as the majority of the smaller districts in the county. Additionally, there was only one water district represented and one fire district represented. Again, these organizations are run by taxpayer-elected boards. Those boards spend your tax money and are subject to Sunshine Law provisions. Therefore, representatives should have been in attendance.

The city of Peculiar was well represented at the seminar, despite hosting an elected officials training session (recently) that featured a Sunshine Law talk by a Missouri Municipal League attorney.

Below is a list of those government representatives attending the Attorney General’s seminar: ...

(Belton *Star Herald*, Nov. 26, 2009)

Visit legislators before Day at Capitol

MPA will join Gov. Nixon for lunch in Mansion on Feb. 18

Missouri Press Association hopes a number of MPA members will arrive in Jefferson City the day before Day at the Capitol to visit their legislators. MPA's annual Day at the Capitol will be Thursday, Feb. 18.

Gov. Jay Nixon will join guests for lunch in the Governor's Mansion, continuing a many-year tradition for this event. Elected officials will brief guests in the Capitol that morning, and legislative leaders will talk about their work after lunch in the Mansion.

MPA encourages all members who can get away to go to Jefferson City on Wednesday, Feb. 17, to visit with their representatives and senators. Missouri Press will distribute "talking points" about issues of concern for its members

to use.

The talking points will address issues like the importance of publishing public notices in newspapers rather than on the internet. Legislation has been introduced again this year to allow public bodies to post notices on their websites rather than publishing them in newspapers.

A reception for MPA members only will be held Wednesday evening at the DoubleTree Hotel. A block of rooms has been reserved there for

those who need them.

The agenda:

Wednesday, Feb. 17

MPA members come to the Capitol to visit legislators.

5:30 p.m. — MPA Reception for

newspaper members only at the DoubleTree Hotel.

Thursday, Feb. 18

Breakfast on your own.

10-11:45 a.m. — Program in the Senate lounge, third floor, Capitol.

Noon — Lunch in the Governor's Mansion.

1 p.m. — Gov. Jay Nixon, followed by legislative leaders panel.

2:30 p.m. — End of program.

To register, mail, fax or email the names of people from your newspaper who will attend Day at the Capitol. Be sure to indicate those who will attend lunch. Attendees' names must be on the guest list to enter the Mansion.

Email or fax the names to Kristie Williams at MPA, (573) 874-5894; kwilliams@socket.net.

If you need a hotel room (\$99), call the DoubleTree Hotel in Jefferson City, (573) 636-5101.

Day at Capitol is free, but honor reservations

Day at the Capitol is a free event for MPA members, including lunch with the governor, but you must register. Lunch will be paid for by Missouri Press. **If you register for lunch and do not attend, Missouri Press will bill your newspaper \$10 per no-show.**

Get to know legislators

It is important that local newspaper people get to know their legislators. The relationship you have with your state senator and representative helps the Missouri Press Association in the Capitol more than anything else.

Legislators frequently comment that it is contact from newspapers that helps them decide on issues like open government, public notices and a shield law.

Tell your legislators you are interested in what's going on in the Capitol and that you will contact them on newspaper issues. Plan to be a voice for newspapers in Jefferson City throughout the session.

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10 - 11:30 a.m. - Program in the Senate Lounge
(Third Floor) program to be announced

12 Noon - Lunch with Governor Jay Nixon in the Governor's
Mansion, followed by program ending at 2:30 p.m.

*Registration for this event is free. However, if you register and do not attend your newspaper will be billed \$10 per person to help cover costs of food and materials.



Need a sleeping room?

MPA is holding a block of rooms on Wednesday Feb. 17th at the DoubleTree Hotel, call 573-636-5101 by **January 28th** and ask for Missouri Press Association's \$99 room rate.

DoubleTree's Address is: 422 Monroe Street, Jefferson City

Name(s): _____

How many for lunch: _____

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Northwest Missouri Press Association elected Matt Daugherty (seated right), publisher of the Kearney Courier and Smithville Lake Herald, president for 2010. Northwest Press met Jan. 21-22 in St. Joseph for its 120th annual meeting. Others on the board are, from left, Steve Booher, St. Joseph, Director; Dennis Ellsworth, St. Joseph, Director; Phil Cobb, Maryville, Vice President; Kay Wilson, Maryville, Director; Jim Fall, Maryville, Past President/Director; Daugherty; Kathy Conger, Bethany, Secretary; W.C. Farmer, Rock Port, Treasurer; Jim McPherson, Weston, Director; and Jamey Honeycutt, Cameron, Director. Also elected to the board of directors were Adam Johnson of Mound City and Leslie Speckman of Savannah. Other board members are Steve Tinnen of Plattsburg and Chuck Haney of Chillicothe. The meeting was held at the Holiday Inn downtown.



Northwest Press meets in St. Joseph

Missouri Press Association presented newspaper consultant Peter Wagner of Iowa, below, with a framed copy of one of its Heritage prints. Wagner spoke during one session in the morning at the Northwest Press meeting and two sessions in the afternoon.



A reception at the Pony Express Museum opened the Northwest Press meeting in St. Joseph, right. Sue Tinnen, Plattsburg; Phil Cobb, Maryville; W.C. Farmer of Rock Port and Jim Fall of Maryville listen to the museum guide's program during the Thursday evening reception.



Jim Fall, president of Northwest Press, presents the James C. Kirkpatrick Award to Jean Maneke, Missouri Press Association's Legal Hotline counselor.

A panel of legislators from Northwest Missouri participated in the meeting. Each talked briefly about his work, and then the group answered questions from the audience. Legislators participating were, top center photo from the left, Senate President Pro Tem Charlie Shields, St. Joseph; Rep. Rob Schaff of St. Joseph; Sen. Brad Lager, Savannah; and Rep. Casey Guernsey, Bethany. In the center left photo, Rep. Mike Thomson of Maryville answers a question from reporter Tony Brown of the Maryville Daily Forum. Looking on is Rep. Jim Guest of King City.



Football coach Mel Tjeerdsma of Northwest Missouri State University, winner of three Division II championships, including 2009, visits with Kay Wilson of Maryville before his luncheon speech. Dave Bradley of St. Joseph listens in.



MPA board passes briefcase

A tradition at the first meeting of the new MPA board of directors, held in January each year, is the passing of a briefcase from the past president, in this case Vicki Russell of the Columbia Daily Tribune, to the new president, who is Kevin Jones of the St. Louis American. The board met Jan. 21 at the Reynolds Journalism Institute on the MU campus in Columbia. From left are Jon Rust, Cape Girardeau; Joe Spaar, Odessa; Steve Fairchild, Mt. Vernon; John Spaar, Odessa; Mark Maassen, Kansas City Star; Arnie Robbins, St. Louis Post-Dispatch; Jeff Schrag, Springfield Daily Events; Brad Gentry, Houston; Gary Sosniecki, former co-publisher of the Vandalia Leader; Dennis Warden, Owensville; Jack Whitaker, Hannibal; Walt Gilbert, Lakeway Publishers of Missouri, Louisiana; Richard Gard, St. Louis Missouri

Lawyers Media; Joe May, Mexico; Kate Martin, Perryville; and Phil Conger, Bethany. Also attending the meeting were Doug Crews, Greg Baker and Kent Ford of the Missouri Press staff.

National award for writer

Washington *Missourian* sports writer Craig Vonder Haar has been selected the 2009 Missouri Sportswriter of the Year by the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association.

Vonder Haar was informed of the award by officials from the Salisbury, N.C., based organization.

Vonder Haar also won this award in 2005.

Vonder Haar will receive his award at the 51st Annual Awards Program May 1-3 in Salisbury, N.C.

This marks the sixth year in a row that *The Missourian* sports staff has won the Missouri award. Sports editor Bill Battle has won it four times, in 2004, 2006, 2007 and 2008. Battle also was a finalist for this year's award.

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'Sunshine' suit gets school mold records

A lawsuit from a local teachers union has prompted the Kansas City School Board to agree to release building mold records the employee group requested roughly a year ago. The settlement occurred just days before the case was set to go to trial in Jackson County Circuit Court in December.

Judy Morgan, past president of the Kansas City Federation of Teachers & School-Related Personnel, Local 691, in November 2008 filed a lawsuit alleging Sunshine Law violations against the Kansas City School District's Board of Directors. She accused the school of not providing air quality and mold testing records she'd requested that November from tests that had been conducted on Knotts Elementary School.

The district declined to hand over

Post-Dispatch to fight charge against reporter covering health forum

Six people arrested in August outside a raucous town hall meeting in south St. Louis County have been charged with misdemeanor ordinance violations.

The six, including *Post-Dispatch* reporter Jake Wagman, had attended a demonstration outside a forum called by U.S. Rep. Russ Carnahan, D-St. Louis, in Mehlville to discuss health care reform.

The charges were filed Nov. 24 by the St. Louis County counselor's office. All six were to appear in court Jan. 21. The maximum penalty would be one year in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

Wagman, 30, was charged with interfering with a police officer. The charges allege that he failed to obey repeated commands to leave the site of a disturbance.

Post-Dispatch Editor Arnie Robbins issued a statement that said, "Jake was covering a newsworthy incident. He was not in the way or interfering with the police. His press credentials were fully displayed. The charge is unfounded and will be challenged in court."

the documents to the union, asserting that they were exempt from disclosure because of attorney-client privilege or they constituted legal work product or both, according to the board's answer to the complaint.

The school board's attorney said the records would be released and the school board had agreed to pay Morgan \$6,500 for attorney fees. (Kansas City *Daily Record*)



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Judge orders police to release details

Officers investigated after confiscated World Series tickets used

ST. LOUIS — Using strong words, a judge ordered in December that the Board of Police Commissioners release details of the investigation of officers who let family and friends use 2006 World Series tickets confiscated from scalpers.

Circuit Judge Philip D. Heagney said the board ignored open records laws and court decisions and failed to provide evidence to back up its arguments for continued secrecy.

Heagney wrote that “... if anyone should obey the law, the Metropolitan Police Department should.” His order said the circumstances led the court to believe that the board simply wants (to) have itself and the Metropolitan Police Department be declared exempt from complying with any requirements of Missouri’s Sunshine Law that it finds to be contrary to the traditional police ways of doing things.

John Chasnoff, an activist who filed the suit, called it a clear-cut win and said he hopes the department will give up the fight. He is a member of a group called the Coalition Against Police Crimes and Repression.

A police department spokeswoman said no decision had been made about an appeal.

Heagney’s order to open the records of internal affairs cases no longer under investigation could provide a wealth of information in other recent cases involving officers charged with crimes or accused of lying in court proceedings.

The issue arose with the arrest of Eric Johnson, a scalper from Texas. He filed a complaint with internal affairs alleging that officers who arrested him had also stolen just over \$2,000 cash. The inquiry could not sustain Johnson’s claim, but it did reveal that some officers allowed friends and family to use dozens of tickets seized from scalpers.

Several policemen were punished. Chasnoff sued after the department refused to release its reports. The *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* also sought the reports but was not a party to the suit.

Chasnoff said his goal is to see how the investigation was conducted, whether it was thorough and whether it confirmed rumors that higher-ranking officers had been involved.

Heagney wrote in his decision that

the board and the department “maintain authority and effectiveness in enforcing the law only to the extent that they maintain the trust of the people who created them?”

Police lawyers in St. Louis argued that the report should be kept from public scrutiny because it did not involve criminal activity but did involve personnel issues exempt under the law. The board also argued that releasing reports would be overly burdensome and could make investigations difficult or impossible by frightening witnesses with the possibility of disclosure.

Heagney, citing Missouri’s Sunshine Law, a 2001 Missouri Supreme Court opinion and an opinion from the Missouri Court of Appeals Southern District, disagreed. He ruled that Johnson’s complaint and the subsequent investigation are public records once the investigation is closed.

Heagney wrote that Johnson did allege criminal conduct, and that police lawyers provided no evidence to support their position.

—*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*

Editorial

Police must operate openly

In recent days, the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department’s long-standing practice of hiding potentially damaging information behind its “blue wall of silence” has suffered a couple of major setbacks.

- On Dec. 11, St. Louis Circuit Court Judge Philip D. Heagney ordered the Board of Police Commissioners to release details of its investigation into a 2006 incident in which police officers let family and friends use World Series tickets seized from scalpers.

- ... Police Chief Dan Isom overturned a department policy that kept confidential the names of police officers involved in shootings. The names of officers facing trials before the Police Board also will be made public.

... Police work is inherently different from the work of most other public bodies; we don’t ask members of the state Board of Cosmetology, for example, to put their lives on the line. But neither do we give them the right to deprive people of their lives and liberty.

That means the police department has a special obligation to come out from behind the Blue Wall to operate openly.

—*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, Dec. 23, 2009

Globe-Democrat name dispute settled quietly

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A settlement was reached in December that will allow a new online newspaper in St. Louis to use the *Globe-Democrat* name. Officials with the online site say the publisher of a print newspaper called the *Globe-Democrat*, Steve DeBellis, has agreed not to pursue a trademark infringement lawsuit against Dan Rositano and the *Globe-Democrat.com* website.

The website was launched recently.

The daily *St. Louis Globe-Democrat* ceased publication in 1986 after 134 years. DeBellis discovered the trademark had been abandoned years later and changed the name of his bi-monthly newspaper to the *Globe-Democrat* in 1994.

Scrapbook

• **Kansas City** — The Association of Opinion Page Editors announced the winners of its 2009 annual contest, and *The Kansas City Star* won two awards. Barbara Shelly won Best Op-Ed Feature for her July 12 column “The bills came due, and his coverage vanished.” *The Star* also won Best Series for its reports “A Good Exit: Leaving Iraq,” which ran from June 14-21.

• **Camdenton** — Lake Media, publisher of the *Camdenton Lake Sun* and other papers in the Lake of the Ozarks region, held an in-paper auction to

raise money for the Community Foundation of the Lake.

More than 40 items were listed in the paper during a week in early December. Readers bid on the items by calling the newspaper office.

Proceeds from the auction went to the Foundation, which assists area non-profit service organizations.

• **Independence** — *The Examiner* held a Christmas stocking sale in December to raise money for its Newspapers In Education program.

Each stocking in the full-page ads of-

ferred an item for sale from a local business at 30 percent off retail value. Items ranged from movie tickets to pizzas to a hotel stay.

• **Gainesville** — The *Ozark County Times* donated \$500 from ad sales in the *Ozark County Cookin’* cookbook to the Ozark County Food Pantry.

• **Marshall** — The *Democrat-News* began observing the 130th anniversary of its founding in December with a series of stories about the history of the newspaper and the community.

In 1889 *The Saline County Democrat* and *The Marshall Daily News* joined to become the *Daily Democrat-News*.

The newspaper, in its December fea-



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tures, noted that other births of note in 1889 included Adolph Hitler, Joseph Stalin, Albert Einstein, Charlie Chaplin, Edwin Hubble and Robert Taft. Deaths that year included Belle Starr, Jefferson Davis, George Caleb Bingham and Thomas Hart Benton.

• **St. Joseph** — Will Field of Gower was recognized as Carrier of the Year for 2009 by the *St. Joseph News-Press*. He received a denim *News-Press* jacket and lunch of his choice.

Field has been a carrier for the *News-Press* for four years. He delivers the Gower route and a Sunday farm route.

• **Bolivar** — Items with total retail value of more than \$160,000, includ-

ated Press Sports Editors in December.

From 100 entries, the group selected a Top 10 and 10 honorable mention winners in two divisions: under one million unique visitors during a month and over one million unique visitors during a month. The *Post-Dispatch* won in the over one million division.

• **Brookfield** — With a recent redesign, page 2 of the *Linn County Leader* now carries photos submitted by readers and the Leader of the Week People Profile feature. The weather report and page one jumps now appear on the back page.

A High School Senior Spotlight feature has been added, and the paper is more prominently promoting its web-

The new release, “Were You Born in a Barn?” offers humorous short stories about life in the country.

Black co-wrote “I Stand — A Miraculous Journey from Paralysis to Praise” earlier in the year.

She writes the columns “The Word’s Out” and “Outside the Box” for the *News Xpress*.

• **Independence** — John Morrison, a lifelong Independence resident, tells his story of delivering *The Kansas City Star* for 50 years in a novel about life, love and local history. “Star Struck” was published last summer.

Morrison followed in his father’s footsteps. Bill Morrison had a paper route in Independence for 50 years.

• **Boonville** — The *Daily News* was named the overall winner in the Yahoo HotJobs Small Market Contest for Gatehouse Media’s northern region. Eighty-two GateHouse papers nationwide — 14 in Missouri — participated in the contest.

Daily News ad manager Mike Kellner said the contest was based on customer service and staff participation in training. He credited classified ad consultant Karen Rugg with the *Daily News* win. The paper won a pizza party.

The *Rolla Daily News*, another GateHouse newspaper, received a most-improved designation, Kellner said.

• **St. Louis** — Donald M. Suggs, president and publisher of *The St. Louis American*, was one of the two honorees at the Jan. 24 Jews United For Justice annual Heschel/King celebration.

Suggs and Bob Cohn, editor emeritus of the *St. Louis Jewish Light*, were honored for careers of reaching out to the Jewish and African-American worlds through their newspapers and for being active in the cause of civil rights.

• **Hannibal** — During its fall auction to raise funds for its Newspaper In Education program, the *Courier-Post* raised \$7,200.

The paper holds an auction in the spring, too. Together they raised around \$15,000 for the NIE program in 2009, publisher Jack Whitaker reported.

Publisher’s comic book wins national honor

Brian Rice, editor and publisher of the *Excelsior Springs Standard and Town & Country Leader*, recently took a top prize in the communications competition of the Cooperative Communicators Association (CCA).

Rice and Heather Berry, of the Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives, took first-place in the category of brochures, pamphlets and one-time publications with a budget of less than \$5,000. The prize was for “Buddy Bear’s Electrical Safety Book of Adventure,” a comic book written and drawn by Rice.

CCA’s annual communications competition attracted 817 entries. It honors the best in the Electric Cooperative organizations across the nation.

The Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives had another top prize winner. Jim McCarty of *Rural Missouri* magazine took first place in the category of member newspaper/tabloid. (*Excelsior Springs Standard*)

ing a modular home, were offered in the eighth Ozarks’ Auction Mania online auction hosted by the *Bolivar Herald-Free Press*. Nine other newspapers participated.

Readers could bid online or by calling a participating newspaper office. After bidding closed on Dec. 9, winning bidders paid the newspaper, received a voucher and claimed their items from the retailers.

• **Republic** — The Republic Pumpkin Daze Committee donated \$500 to the *Republic Monitor’s* Newspapers In Education program to provide newspapers to classrooms.

• **St. Louis** — The sports website of the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* received honorable mention from the Associ-

site, which contains galleries of photos submitted by readers.

• **St. Louis** — The St. Louis American Foundation recently held a job fair called “Is a Health Career for You?” at a hotel in the University City Loop. The Foundation’s health outreach mission includes increased health education, health literacy and access to health careers, according to *The American*.

“We are encouraging African Americans to pursue careers in the area of health care at all levels,” said Dina M. Suggs, senior vice president of *The American*.

• **Butler** — Brenda Black, columnist for the *Butler News Xpress*, published her second book of 2009 in early December.

Mexico Ledger selling pictorial history book about last 50 years

The *Mexico Ledger* has sold more than 180 copies of its 2009 pictorial history book.

Creating the book was a collaborative effort of the community and Don Shire, who dedicated two years to putting the publication together.

The 128-page book, "Mexico, Missouri: Our All-American City in the American Century," contains more than 450 photographs submitted by local people.

Shire said this book is more of a narrative than the first pictorial that covered Mexico's 1880-1959 period.

"There are so many stories that it makes the book come alive," he said. "In selecting the photos, I tried to make a relationship to what was happening in the nation ... Seniors in the community will remember the events. Folks in their 40s will be wowed, and students

will be able to use the information as a history book for many years to come."

The last pictorial published by *The Ledger* was the "Saddle Horse and Fire Clay Capital of the World" version in 1990. Requests for additional copies of that book prompted *Ledger* publisher Joe May to produce the new book.

"When Shire retired from *The Ledger's* Newspapers in Education coordinator position, I asked him if he'd be interested in taking on the project, and he agreed," May said.

The book is being sold for \$39.95 at *The Ledger* office.

Shire is a retired educator with the Mexico School District, where he taught history for 15 years. In 1991, he wrote his first young readers book, "Apes and Monkeys," based on information he gathered over the years during trips to zoos around the country.

Percy Pascoe book recounts founding of weekly papers

'I never went to work'

Percy Pascoe, founder of the *Cuba Free Press* and the *Steeleville Star/Crawford Mirror*, has written an account of his journey from printer to inductee of the Missouri Newspaper Hall of Fame.

"It all began with a few simple handwritten words across the corner of one of three sample columns I had written," Pascoe wrote in the Foreword to his book.

"In Mr. Kehr's notation on the corner of one of them, he wrote that, if any columns were to be published in his newspaper, he would write them. These incredible words concluded: 'Once we have elected our city officials, we will humbly submit to their authority.'

"This rejection, and his astounding philosophy on the relationship between a newspaper and all elected officials, was the seed that grew to be *The Cuba Free Press*. ...

"The title of this book, 'I never went to work,' defines my feelings about this venture. I never felt that I was 'going to work' when I left each day for the newspaper office. It was a labor of love, as is this book."

Pascoe sold his papers to Rob Viehman and retired several years ago. He was inducted into the Missouri Newspaper Hall of Fame in 2005.

Nominate someone for MPA honors

MPA is taking nominations for the Newspaper Hall of Fame, Photojournalism Hall of Fame and Outstanding Young Journalist of the Year.

Newspaper Hall of Fame inductees and the Outstanding Young Journalists of the Year, one from a daily paper and one from a weekly, will be honored in October at the MPA Convention at

Lake Ozark. The Photojournalism Hall of Fame inductees will be honored this fall at the annual installation program in Washington, Mo.

Download nomination forms at mopress.com/current_forms.php or contact the MPA office to have forms mailed, emailed or faxed to you, (573) 449-4167; kwilliams@socket.net.

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Anecdotes from *K.C. Star* recounted

Peter Wagner writes about publisher Mark Ziemann's Convention speech

(These comments were written after the MPA Convention in Kansas City in October.)

By Peter W. Wagner
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The Missouri Press Association traditionally hosts one of the better state newspaper conventions, and last weekend's 2009 meeting, held in President Truman's hometown of Independence, held true to all expectations.

I especially enjoyed Friday morning's breakfast program featuring *Kansas City Star* publisher Mark Ziemann as the convention's kick-off speaker.

Ziemann shared a quick presentation of great Americans who began their careers as journalists. He finished the list by relating how Ernest Hemingway got his professional start as a cub reporter at *The Star*, moving there right out of high school. He only got the job, Ziemann said, through the influence of his uncle, who was a close friend of the editor.

But it was a good move for Hemingway. Although he only worked at the paper for six months — for a reported monthly salary of \$75 — Hemingway learned to depend on *The Star's* style guide for all his future writing. That one page guide's simple directive: "Use short sentences. Use short first paragraphs. Use vigorous English. Be positive, not negative."

But the lessons Hemingway learned at *The Star* didn't stop with his writing style. Once, Ziemann reported, Hemingway was sent to cover a major fire. It was a nice break for a new re-

porter, taking him off the humdrum beats to where the action was.

In the process of getting the story, Hemingway crossed over the established firelines to get close to the action. But he got too close, and the fire's hot ashes burned holes in a brand new \$12 suit.

Hemingway petitioned *The Star* for money to replace the suit, but was refused. The lesson he learned, the author later shared, was "never risk anything unless you're willing to lose it." He also said it taught him that you had to go to where the action is to get the real story. That belief may explain his desire to be on the front lines of so many wars and skirmishes.

Respected as one of our nation's most explicit writers, Hemingway never ignored the dark side of any story he related in his novels. Although he stayed at *The Star* only six months, he credited his time there for this writing strength, too, saying those reporting years taught him to always strive for absolute accuracy and truth.

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Still, *The Star* didn't always get it right, Ziemann shared.

Back in the days of Hemingway there was only one way you could get a job at *The Star*, and that was by knowing somebody who worked there.

Another unusual candidate didn't have Hemingway's luck. He applied for a job three times. The first time as an illustrator and later for less demanding production positions. But his only connection to *The Star* was a father who took care of one of the newspaper's delivery routes in the mornings before his regular job. The applicant, Walt Disney, was turned down every time.

"It was really too bad," the current publisher shared. "If my predecessors had hired him we'd have had both Hemingway and Disney working at our paper at the same time."

Disney eventually moved to California, where he established his own company. That firm much later bought the corporate organization that then owned *The Kansas City Star*, among other publications.

The Kansas City Star has other owners now, and Ziemann is glad. He said folks in the newsroom didn't like getting memos from the Disney offices that began "Dear Cast Member."

Beyond that, Ziemann has great hope for the future of *The Star*. There are only two publishers who count in the history of a newspaper, he said, the one who started it and the one who was in charge when it closed. "I'm not going to be the one remembered for *The Star's* closing."

Versailles staffer won free Convention fees

Bryan Jones of the *Versailles Leader-Statesman* won free registration for the 2010 Convention for filling out the 2009 post-Convention survey.

All MPA members were invited to fill out the survey, whether or not they attended the Convention. Everyone who did had a chance to win.

Fraud cost McClatchy pension \$32 million

The McClatchy Co., owner of *The Kansas City Star*, said in December that its pension plan expected to lose about \$32 million in a fraudulent investment scheme that snared others, including Sacramento County, Calif., where McClatchy is headquartered.

McClatchy said the loss is tied to a

scheme uncovered last February, when two men were arrested by the FBI in connection with a firm called Westridge Capital Management.

McClatchy said the losses "will not jeopardize the overall health of our pension plan."

—*The Kansas City Star*

4,360 photos in December, and counting

(In his Christmas greeting to readers, Rob Viehman of the *Cuba Free Press* included these observations.)

Each week I create a folder called Raw pics on my computer. For this past week, I put 1,501 pictures in that folder. That was definitely a little above average, but so far this month I've taken 4,360 pictures, and we've still got a week to go!

As many of you have probably noticed, I write a lot of sports stories (all of them in Steelville and St. James), so most of those photos were taken at sporting events. Just this past week, I

went to three different basketball games in St. James, one in Sullivan and one in Cuba. I can't believe I pay myself to do that!

My staff and I covered an amazing amount of things this past year, from road rally races in a blustery snowstorm to the bike races in the heat of summer, from a child's first day of kindergarten to a senior's final day, from a man's tragic death to the lifesaving organ donation his loss brought another area resident, and much, much more.

We'll be doing the same things in

2010, not just because it's our jobs to bring you the news, but because we truly love what we do. We are part of this community, too, and we care about the readers, businesses and residents we serve.

Children in crowd recognize Newsbee

To The Editor:

I would like to thank *The* (Washington) *Missourian* for letting us be the host of Newsbee on the 1936 aerial firetruck in the Parade of Lights.

What a program this is for children. All along the parade route you could see children waving and calling Bee, Reader Bee, or Newsbee.

He was as popular as Tweety and Daffy.

Pat Placke

Member of Washington Firetrique

College Media Advisers honor Corrigan

Don Corrigan, editor of the *Webster-Kirkwood* and *South County Times*, won the national Distinguished Newspaper Adviser Award for 2009 from the College Media Advisers.

Corrigan, a journalism professor at Webster University, received the award

at the National Media Convention in Austin, Texas, last fall.

Since joining Webster University in 1978, Corrigan has developed a print journalism program and has advised students on the campus weekly, *The Webster Journal*.

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On the Move

• **Glasgow** — Megan Watts, a rural Armstrong resident, has joined the staff of the *Glasgow Missourian*. She is a 2003 graduate of Glasgow High School and 2007 graduate of Central Methodist University with a degree in social science education. She recently completed a master's in secondary administration from William Woods University.



Megan Watts

Watts previously taught school in the El Dorado R-II District in Southwest Missouri. She also works at the River Bend Restaurant in Glasgow.

• **Stover** — Dena Dean, 37, has taken over as editor of the *Morgan County Press*. She replaced Connie Viebrock, who semi-retired and now works part-time for the paper, the position Dean held previously.



Dena Dean

Dean started at

the *Press* in September 2005. She and her husband have three children.

Viebrock was the editor for more than 15 years.

• **Sullivan** — James B. Bartle has been promoted to editor of the *Independent-News*. He has been with the newspaper for 19 years and has served as assistant editor since 1999.



James Bartle

Bartle is the third editor in the paper's 45-year history. He succeeds the founder, Del Abell, and Kathleen (Abell) Manion, publisher/editor.

• **Joplin** — Former *Joplin Globe* and *Carthage Press* reporter Melissa Dunson has been hired as a communications associate by Tamko Building Products Inc.

Dunson will work on projects involving research, writing, community relations and support for various departments of the company, which manufactures roofing products and other material.

Mt. Vernon weekly, editor named in libel suit by former dispatcher

A former Lawrence County Sheriff's Office dispatcher has filed a suit against the sheriff, the *Lawrence County Record* and its editor, Kathy Fairchild.

The dispatcher, a woman who was fired last summer, claims the sheriff erred in information he provided to the newspaper, that he knew the statements were false or made them with reckless disregard of whether they were false.

The article quoted the sheriff as saying the plaintiff was dismissed for violations of jail policy related to a jail escape. It also said she was on duty at the time of the escape.

The petition claims those statements are false.

"The innuendo ... was that plaintiff was in some way responsible for and may have committed a crime," the petition said.

The count against *The Record* and Fairchild makes the same claims.

The suit claims neither of the defendants questioned the employee about her possible involvement in the escape. It seeks at least \$75,000 damages and unspecified punitive damages from each defendant.

Fairchild said the fired employee never contacted the newspaper about any inaccuracies and never requested a correction. (*Lawrence County Record*)

Free AMBER Alert workshop April 23

Missouri Press Association will host a free seminar on April 23 about the AMBER Alert program for all Missouri media, AMBER Alert coordinators, law enforcement, school officials and public information officers.

Children in Jeopardy is an interactive, four-hour workshop taught by a team from the University of South Carolina's College of Mass Communications and Information Studies.

The workshop is underwritten by Fox Valley Technical College through a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice.

DATE: April 23, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

LOCATION: Missouri State Highway Patrol General Headquarters Building, 1510 East Elm St., Jefferson City.

REGISTRATION LINK: <https://www.fvtc.edu/apps/mytraining/Public/Home.aspx?1=65535>. Register for Class 65535.

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'Citizenship' series from Missouri Bar

Promote your program during NIE Week

More than 80 newspapers are participating in Missouri Press' annual Reading Across Missouri project by publishing this year's serial story, "Colorful Characters," about Missouri artist George Caleb Bingham. That's great momentum to begin a new year!

Most of you will be publishing the story throughout the month of February, but if you're looking for another youth series now – or later – we have a terrific new civic education series just released in partnership with The Missouri Bar.

Millie Aulbur, director of civic education for The Bar, wrote the six-part "Handbook on Citizenship." The features address: Who is a United States Citizen; Rights, Rights and More Rights; Another Side of Citizenship: Privileges and Responsibilities; Uncle Sam Needs You; Voting – The Ultimate Right; and What Every Citizen Should Know.

Each feature includes information as well as classroom activities all correlated to Missouri's learning standards. To access these timeless features, visit www.mo-nie.com and use download code: handbook6.

While we create this content for young readers, no one can argue that readers of all ages could benefit from a primer on good citizenship.



Dawn Kitchell is MPA's NIE director. Contact her at (636) 932-4301; kitchell@yhti.net.

March 1-5 is Newspaper In Education Week. This commemoration began in the 1980s after a teacher in Indiana decided to try a week of teaching with no textbook, just newspapers. The idea caught on, and soon teaching resources were being created and distributed through the Newspaper Association of America Foundation (then ANPA), the International Reading Association and the National Council for Social Studies.

As research began to show the benefit of more consistent use of the newspaper in the classroom, Newspaper In Education grew to be a year-long endeavor instead of just a week each spring. But the NAA Foundation has continued to create NIE Week teacher guides to support the use of the newspaper in the classroom.

This year's guide, "Critical Thinking Through Core Curriculum: Using Print and Digital Newspapers," provides elementary and secondary resources on financial literacy, nutrition, environment, character education and information technology.

Missouri Press Foundation is correlating the guide to Missouri's learning standards, which will make it even more valuable to your educators. It will be available early this

month at www.mo-nie.com using the download code: niewk10. You may forward the guide to teachers or post it on your website.

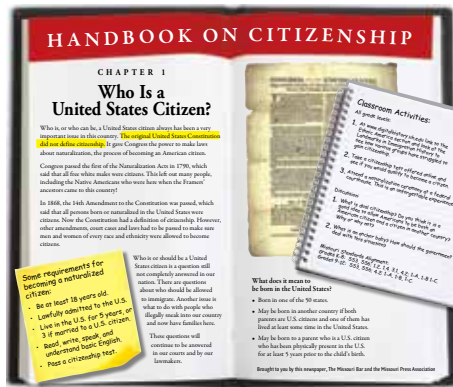
Newspaper In Education Week is a great time to promote your efforts reaching out to young readers in your community. NAAF also has provided a print promotional ad and a web banner ad, which we'll post along with the teacher guide.

We have guest editorials and political cartoons archived at www.mo-nie.com under the codes: nieops and mocartoon. Print the editorials or use them as springboards into your own column on the importance of connecting young people to their community through your newspaper.

Need even more inspiration – just call me!

Beginning in March, Missouri Press Foundation will partner with the National Newspaper Association to help newspapers across the nation engage young readers. Through NNA, newspapers will have six months of access to our serial story "A Fine Fella" about President Abraham Lincoln.

This eight-chapter story will be available to any newspaper at no charge from March through August thanks to the generosity of author Kay Hively, illustrator Billie Gofourth-Stewart and the Missouri Press Foundation. Last year, newspapers from 35 states published the MPF story "Twist of Fate: The Miracle Colt and His Friends." For more information, visit www.nna.org.



Obituaries

Jackson

Bernice Quade

Bernice Quade, 80, community news reporter for the *Jackson Cash-Book Journal*, died Dec. 5, 2009.

Mrs. Quade worked as a reporter for the *Southeast Missourian* in Cape Girardeau for 20 years before joining the *Cash-Book Journal* in 1987. She suffered a heart attack last summer and had returned to work on Saturdays several months ago.

Grandview

Arthur McGregor

Arthur J.J. McGregor, 37, Grandview, office manager and reporter for the *Jackson County Advocate* since 2007, died of injuries suffered in a car accident on Dec. 30, 2009.

Mr. McGregor is survived by his parents, a grandmother, a stepbrother and stepsister.

Kansas City

Thomas Bogdon

Thomas J. Bogdon, 69, a Kansas City journalist for 40 years, died of pneumonia on Jan. 16, 2010. He was 69.

The native of Kansas City joined the staff of the *Kansas City Times* in the mid-1960s as a general assignment reporter. He climbed the ranks to become City Hall reporter. After leaving the *Times* in the late 1970s Mr. Bogdon became the editor of the *Richmond Daily News*.

He later became editor of the *View*, predecessor of the *New Times* in Kansas City. He then became editor of the *Kansas City Labor Times*. After the *Labor Times* folded in 1996, Mr. Bogdon was hired as the editor of *Kansas City Labor Beacon*.

On July 4, 2008, he launched *KC-Tribune*, an online news weekly that covers greater Kansas City. Mr. Bogdon served as publisher, editor and reporter until his illness no longer allowed.

He is survived by a brother and a sister.

Joplin Globe, photographer honored by Associated Press

The *Joplin Globe* was named the Associated Press 2009 David R. Bradley Member of the Year during the Missouri-Kansas Associated Press Publishers and Editors meeting Dec. 5-6 in Kansas City. *Globe* photographer T. Rob Brown won the annual award for photo of the year.

The Globe was honored for its contributions to the AP cooperative in Missouri and Kansas, including efforts to provide news copy and photos for sharing with other member newspapers. *Globe* editor Carol Stark accepted the award.

Brown's winning photo captured a member of the 203rd Engineer Battalion hugging his children during a deployment ceremony Sept. 19 in Joplin.

Maria Sudekum Fisher, a longtime reporter for the AP based in Kansas City, was named the AP's 2009 Fred Moen Kansas-Missouri Staffer of the Year. She was honored for work that included coverage of the killing of an abortion provider in Wichita, Kan., of a *Missourian* who was jailed in Myanmar and other breaking news and enterprise stories.



Foundation donations

These individuals and businesses made recent contributions to Missouri Press Foundation.

The Foundation recently launched its "Give it Another 25!" campaign in observance of its 25th anniversary. MPA members have been sent envelopes requesting their contributions to this effort.

Donations to the Foundation are tax deductible. Consider a contribution in honor of or in memory of an associate or friend. All donations are greatly appreciated: Missouri Press Foundation, 802 Locust St., Columbia, MO 65201.

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Divorce files closed until final dissolution

Check out coming Media Law Seminar

Some of you may have already discovered that when you attempt to look at a dissolution case filed before Aug. 28, 2009, those files are closed. If you haven't discovered this yet, you probably will soon.

A statute passed by the legislature last year has closed all but the interlocutory or final judgment in such files, except to the parties and their attorneys, or under a court order issued after a finding of good cause for access to the file.

This change in the law arises from the fact that dissolution files generally contain significant financial information, such as bank account, and often contain Social Security numbers for the parties and their minor children. The court system thought it imperative to protect this information, but felt that it was going to be impossible to require court clerks to redact all of it from the files, so the only way to protect such information from being disclosed was simply to close the file.

Understand the issue. There are no easy solutions to problems such as this. It is, however, unfortunate that a better solution was not available. Since Aug. 28, 2009, lawyers have been instructed that only the last four digits of a party's Social Security number shall be used in pleadings and a separate, confidential cover sheet containing full Social Security numbers and employer information for parties shall be provided to the Court. That separate page will be kept confidential by the Court and not be part of the Court's record.

But records of dissolutions are important court records to historians and journalists. Having all of these prior

court records closed to the public is going to eventually create a hardship in doing research. And at least a few legislators are aware of this problem and are seeking to change this law.

Reps. Cox, Funderburk, Sater and Grisamore are co-sponsoring a bill (House Bill 1405) to allow the clerk, upon request, to redact Social Security numbers from filings and then make them available to the public. This would allow cases to be opened one by one, and only burdening the clerks with this additional work "as needed," but still giving back to the public the right to access their records held in courthouses.

It is far too early to know how this bill will fare. I hope it will find a place in something that is

moving along, because I believe closing all of these court records is bad precedent.

This is not the only change in the access to court records lately. The State Judicial Records Committee decided that effective Jan. 1, 2010, protection orders will not be made available on Case.Net until a full order of protection is issued.

Apparently, the complaint that generated this change came from spouses against whom orders of protection were sought. Some lawyers apparently make this request every time a dissolution is filed, without regard to whether any actual danger exists to their client. As a result, a preliminary order of protection was being issued, and appearing on Case.Net.

These preliminary orders are generally issued "ex parte" (without a hearing and time for the spouse to raise a defense), and employers or potential



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employers of the spouse who was subject to the order would see the preliminary order, and that could impact the employment or prospective employment. In many cases, they are totally unjustified because there is no real threat of harm to one spouse from the other.

Due to the high likelihood of prejudicial impact, the State Judicial Records Committee has concluded that only full orders of protection (a final decision after a full hearing before the judge) will be made public and put on Case.Net.

And while I have your attention, let me tease you with some information about the annual media law seminar we hold in Kansas City each April, sponsored by the Media Law Committee of the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association. It's set for April 23 this year, and one of the subjects we'll be addressing is "Aggregators or Agitators? Does the Copyright Act need to be amended to save newspapers?"

Speakers for that session will include David Marburger, a lawyer with Baker & Hostetler in Cleveland, and Daniel Marburger (his brother), an economics professor at Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, Ark., with Srinandan Kasi, general counsel for the Associated Press, moderating.

Other sessions will deal with new media (Twitter and Facebook) and the challenge it gives the traditional media, including discussing issues such as Twittering during a trial, and other ethical issues raised by the social networking forums.

If you've never attended this program, you should look into it. The cost for journalists is only \$60 for the entire day, including lunch. It's an incredible opportunity to hear some excellent nationally known speakers (including our noontime speaker, Jake Adelstein, an American journalist who wrote about crime in Japan and now is the chief investigator for a U.S. State Department-sponsored study of human trafficking in Japan).

More information is available at www.continuingEd.ku.edu. (Search for "media and law" on the right sidebar.) Hoping to see some of you there this year!

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- 17 — MPA Day visiting legislators, Reception in Doubletree Hotel
- 18 — MPA Day at the Capitol

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- 1-5 — National Newspaper in Education Week
- 14-20 — National Sunshine Week
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- 18-19 — MSNE/Ozark Press Association joint meeting, Chateau on the Lake, Branson

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- 23 — AMBER Alert Media Workshop, Highway Patrol HQ, Jefferson City
- 23 — Media Law Seminar, Kansas City

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- 14 — Southeast Missouri Press Association, Southeast Missouri State University, Cape Girardeau

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- 10 — MPA/MPS Board meeting, Resort at Port Arrowhead, Lake Ozark
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