William Woods University, Westminster College recognized in college rankings

By the Fulton Sun

Both William Woods University and Westminster College were included in recent college rankings by U.S. News and World Report.

William Woods was ranked second among Midwest universities for graduates with the lightest debt load.

According to a press release from the university, 63 percent of William Woods students incur debt while in school, but only owe an average of $15,581 upon graduation, in comparison to $56,208 from another, unnamed, regional university.

"We knew we were doing a good job of keeping our costs low and preparing our students well for careers and life after college, but it is always nice to be recognized for our accomplishments," William Woods University President Jahnae H. Barnett said in the release. "This ranking solidifies William Woods University's position among the leading universities in the region. It is excellent news for our stakeholders, particularly our alumni and students, as the value of their educational investment continues to increase."

Westminster College was ranked eighth among national liberal arts colleges for the highest number of international students, and seventh for best colleges for veterans.

According to a Westminster press release, 17 percent of the school's student body are from out of the country.

"Our diversity, emphasis on leadership and individual attention and support for our students all combine with that commitment to excellence to help our graduates achieve a 96-percent placement rate in new jobs and graduate school acceptance," Westminster College President Barney Forsythe said in the release.

The release goes on to quote the U.S. News report: "International students enrich the experience of other students on campus. Schools with a strong global presence often have a wealth of cultural groups and events, allowing international students an opportunity to share their food, music and traditions with their U.S. peers."
Two thoroughbred horses from William Woods University moved to New Mexico to help war veterans. The horses — Glory Road (JJ), 15, and Rampart, 18 — will work with the therapeutic program Healing America's Heroes (HAH), a nonprofit organization.

HAH’s goal is to help veterans develop and improve skills and promote healing and restoration. The grand opening or pilot program ran through Sept. 20 in Plaza Blanca, New Mexico. The pilot program included meals, tent lodging and therapeutic programs for four Vietnam veterans.

Separate sessions will be held for female veterans as well as for Iraq and Afghanistan veterans. A William Woods University press release stated, “According to a University of California-San Francisco/San Francisco Veterans Administration Medical Center study, 40 percent of U.S. Soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan suffer from a mental disorder or related behavioral problem.”

Studies have shown that if untreated, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) can lead to chronic mental illnesses.

Jahnae H. Barnett, president of William Woods, and her husband connected with HAH.

“We are happy to support such a good cause and give new purpose to horses that have served our students well, but were ready for retirement. JJ and Rampart will provide relief for veterans and their families in a natural environment, where they will be groomed, played with and ridden on a beautiful ranch,” Barnett said in a press release.

HAH is working with its local community to establish a variety of therapeutic opportunities such as animal husbandry, wool weaving, tire recycling and farm operations.

Eddie Crain, Vietnam veteran and founder/president of HAH, said in a press release that he is appreciative of the horses. He thinks the horses’ “retirement home” will help them as much as their move will help the veterans.

Jennie Petterson, chair of the equestrian studies division, agreed that the horses’ new home will be good for them.

“Both Rampart and JJ had been wonderful school horses, but were ready for a slower and easier lifestyle. As show horses ready for retirement, the combination of steady but light work and lots of turnout was just what we wanted for them,” Petterson said in the press release.

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Jumping for success

A student directs the horse she is riding as the horse jumps over one obstacle in the course at the William Woods University Hunter/Jumper Show Team's clinic Sunday morning. Professional horsewoman Diane Carney led the clinic. She taught the principles of riding. The two-day session cost $200 for William Woods students and $235 for all others.

(Above) A horse runs close to the arena's wall at the William Woods University Hunter/Jumper Show Team's clinic Sunday morning.
(Left, top) A student leads a horse through a course at the William Woods University Hunter/Jumper Show Team's clinic Sunday morning. The professional horsewoman leading the clinic screamed, "Right rein and leg," as those participating in the clinic led their horses through the course at William Woods.
(Left, bottom) Horsewomen line up their horses before completing a high-jump exercise at William Woods University Sunday morning.
William Woods to welcome family first weekend of October

By the Fulton Sun

William Woods University will welcome family and friends for its annual Fall Family Weekend Oct. 3-5.

Activities planned for the weekend include an art show, theater production, golf tournament, horse show, soccer game and the opportunity for parents to attend class with their children.

"Fall Family Weekend gives students a chance to share The Woods and the surrounding community with their families," Venita Mitchell, dean of student life, said in a press release. "It's really about spending time together. Families enjoy meeting the friends and faculty members they hear about and connecting a face to a story."

The schedule for the weekend includes:
- Exhibition by water color artist Carol Carter at the Mildred Cox Art Gallery. Admission is free and open to the public 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and 1-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.
- Trivia night hosted by student pre-law organization Phi Alpha Delta, 5:30-7 p.m. Friday in the Ivy Room. The event includes competition, dinner and a silent auction.
- Production of "Tartuffe" at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. There will be dessert and coffee with the cast after the Saturday production.
- Hunter Jumper Derby 8 a.m. Saturday at the cross-country equestrian course. Open house at the equestrian complex 10 a.m. to noon.
- Purple Ribbon Run starts at 9 a.m. from Seaman Park to support the Coalition Against Rape and Domestic Violence.
- Tailgate at Firley Soccer Field from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday.

"It's important for students to be able to share their WWU experience with their families. We try to offer events during Fall Family Weekend that allow students to do just that," Amy Dittmer, director of career services and student transition, said in the press release. "From the theatre production to a community 5k, soccer scrimmage, hunter jumper derby and live music, we have a variety of events that families can enjoy together on campus and in the local community."
William Woods promotes controller to CFO

By Megan Favignano
Fulton Sun Reporter

William Woods University promoted Julie Houseworth from controller to university chief financial officer (CFO).

Scott Gallagher, university vice president, said Houseworth started filling the role of the university’s CFO when the prior CFO, Cate Fessler, left for a job at Missouri Western more than a year ago.

“We knew she was going to be the person we would want in that position,” Gallagher said. “She’s really been doing it since Fessler left us.”

Houseworth was hired on as the university’s controller about two years ago. About six months later, Fessler left William Woods.

“I’m doing the same things I had been all along,” Houseworth said of her new title. “At this point, it (the promotion) is not as big of a change.”

The CFO develops and manages the university’s operating budget. William Woods has a revenue of more than $34 million, according to the university’s most recent 990 — a financial form nonprofits file with the government. The position also directs William Woods’s financial planning, accounting, lending and donors.

When William Woods hired Houseworth two years ago, Gallagher said the university was excited to add her experience to its staff.

“She’s been a fantastic addition to the university,” Gallagher said. Houseworth has a bachelor’s of science degree in accounting from the University of Missouri in Columbia. She is pursuing a master of business administration degree at William Woods. She was a staff auditor for the Missouri State Auditor’s Office in Jefferson City and she became a certified public accountant.

Houseworth left the Auditor’s Office to work for Boone County National Bank in Columbia as a staff accountant. She worked her way up to be vice president and controller at the bank. After almost 15 years in the banking and service industry, Houseworth switched to higher education and came to William Woods.

She said going from banking to higher education was a big change for her. However, she described the transition as seamless, she said having students around was a nice change.

“The interaction that we have with students — I obviously didn’t have that in my prior position,” Houseworth said. “That has been rewarding and fulfilling.”

Houseworth and her husband live in Fulton with their two sons — Owen, 13, and Wyatt, 1b. She had been looking for a job closer to home when she saw the open controller position. She thought it seemed like the perfect fit for her.

Houseworth said she is excited to fill the CFO role.

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ONWARD & UPWARD

Jennifer Bailey, group operations manager, Central Missouri region, has been promoted to vice president of Commerce Bank, Central Missouri region. Bailey has 15 years of banking and lending experience. In her position, she is responsible for branch security and audit; fraud training; product rollout; ATM oversight; and teller and group operations for 15 branches in the Central Missouri region and Hannibal.

Angela Hull has joined Great Circle, a behavioral health care for-profit, as a regional advisory council member. She has lobbied for K-12 associations in Missouri for several years, including 10 years covering State Board of Education meetings. In addition, she teaches public policy courses at graduate students at the University of Missouri and works on local district grant evaluations, policy briefs for various associations, and research for state agencies, not-for-profits and MU on a contract basis. She received a doctorate in policy studies from the University of Missouri College of Education in 2007 and a master's in public administration from MU's Truman School of Public Affairs.

Travis Neil has joined Commerce Bank as a residential real estate originator. In his position, Neil is responsible for business development and customer service related to the bank’s full line of mortgage loan products for Columbia and the surrounding area. Neil has 11 years of banking experience and is a graduate of Columbia College, where he received a degree in business.

Julie Houseworth has been promoted from controller to chief financial officer at William Woods University. Houseworth received her bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Missouri and is pursuing her Master of Business Administration degree at William Woods. She began her career as a staff auditor for the Missouri State Auditor's Office in Jefferson City and became a certified public accountant. She later joined Boone County National Bank in Columbia as a staff accountant, eventually working her way up to vice president, controller. After dedicating nearly 15 years of service to the banking industry, Houseworth was named controller for William Woods University.

Columbia College has announced a couple of promotions. Dan Gomez-Palacio has been promoted from assistant director to director of Career Services. Gomez-Palacio will be responsible for providing leadership for the Career Services department, which includes career counseling, employer relations and student and alumni assistance with job, internship and graduate school search. Gomez-Palacio also will be responsible for maintaining relationships with employers and campus administration to advance institutional and departmental priorities. Before joining Columbia College, Gomez-Palacio served as assistant director/internship coordinator of Career Services at Westminster College, where he was responsible for managing the college's internship program.

KUDOS

Boone-Central Title Co. employees received recognition at the 107th annual convention of the Missouri Land Title Association, the state trade association of the land title industry. Mary Jo Edmiston, executive vice president, received the Jack Filippo Title of the Year Award. The award is given to a person who has performed outstanding service to benefit the association and the title industry. She serves as first vice president of the Missouri Land Title Association.

Stacey Batterton Canterbury, policy manager, received the 25 Year Service Award for her more than 25 years of exemplary service in the land title industry.

Randy Macen of Reese & Nichols Mid-Missouri received the Teen Challenge Presidential Award at the Teen Challenge Benefit Auction Gala on Sept. 11. The award was given in recognition of his countless hours donated in the search to secure their Central Missouri location.

LIVE AND LEARN

John Weaver, CPA, a Williams-Keepers LLC tax member, recently attended training and earned certification related to advising family-owned and closely held businesses. Weaver attended training held by the Galliard Family Business Advisor Institute in Atlanta, Ga., where he focused on dynamics unique to family-owned and closely held businesses in the areas of operations, strategic planning and succession planning. The training and certification complement Weaver's 14 years of experience as a closely held business adviser.

BUSINESS CALENDAR

The Mid-Missouri Estate Planning Council will host a lunch meeting and seminar Wednesday at the Columbia County Club. Check-in is from 11 to 11:15 a.m. The guest speaker is Gary Flotros, and his topic will be “The Uniform Prudent Investor Act and Trust-Owned Life Insurance: The Impossible Dream or a Match Made in Heaven?” The cost is $30. The program will qualify for at least two hours of continuing professional education or continuing legal education. Register with Teresa Phillips at terry-phillips-cca@hotmail.com or 573-529-6792.

Columbia Chamber of Commerce events are scheduled for the following day:

TUESDAY

Chamber ribbon-cutting, 1 p.m., celebrate the awarding of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce 2014 Dream Big Small Business Award to JobFinders Employment Services, 1729 W. Broadway, Suite 4.

Are you proud of the recognition your company has received? Send a short description to topdrawer@columbiatribune.com.
Stephens' biographer shares insight of Fulton Olympian's life

By Brittany Ruens
Fulton Sun Reporter

Sharon Kinney Hanson, author of "The Life of Helen Stephens: The Fulton Flash," walked into the William Woods University's library auditorium Thursday night hoping to inspire the students and community members with the story of the two-time Olympic gold winner.

Hanson provided details of Stephens' life as a teenager track and field prodigy, an Olympic standout and advocate for women.

"I'm making her into a giant, but that's really how I see her," Hanson said at one point in her lecture.

Stephens seemed like a giant to others, standing at about six feet tall. She grew up poor on a Fulton farm, Hanson said, and couldn't afford to buy a track suit or shoes for her first major track and field event. Stephens, then a teenager, borrowed the athletic gear from two men at Westminster College.

With her rented gear, Stephens was prepared for the 1935 Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) Championship in St. Louis. There she faced off against Stella Walsh, who would later compete in the Olympics for Poland, and the St. Louis favorite Harriet Bland. Stephens, a country girl from Fulton, sped past her two main competitors and set a U.S. record in the 50-meter dash of 6.6 seconds.

Hanson said a reporter yelled to Stephens, "Do you know what you've just done?"

"I think I won," Stephens replied.

After high school, Stephens' father wanted her to work in a shoe factory, but she had other plans. Stephens earned a scholarship to William Woods University — a place she loved since her admission.

In 1936, Stephens traveled to Berlin to compete in the Olympic games — a dream come true for Stephens. She went on to win gold in the 100-meter dash and 400-meter relay.

"She had wit... And she brought fame to Fulton and fame to William Woods University," Hanson said.

She also caught the attention of German dictator Adolf Hitler, who would request certain elite athletes to visit him in his booth. Stephens' tall, blue-eyed physical characteristics, Hanson said, were attractive to Hitler. A photo of the two was taken and printed on postcards and sold the following day. The International Olympic Committee told Hitler what he was doing was slowing down the games and asked him to stop immediately.

He did, and Stephens was the last athlete to visit him, Hanson said.

After Olympic gold, Stephens' celebrity took off and she was asked to be featured in a magazine. The publication featured other female athletes, and over a photo of Stephens running was, "Is this a man or a woman?"

Hanson said Stephens wouldn't stand for the attempt at humiliation and used the magazine for libel. She won the case and was awarded $5,000 — money she used to fund her own women's basketball team. Hanson said.

The William Woods College president believed the magazine "brought shame" to the school, Hanson said, and Stephens' scholarship was taken away and she was asked to leave.

Stephens was hurt, but Hanson said she was determined to go back to the college she grew up fond of. Stephens' mother was her biggest ally in her return to William Woods.

"Helen's mother told her, 'Gold medals will open doors for you, but an education will keep them open,' " Hanson said.

Stephens remained faithful to William Woods and donated to the college. It's athletic complex is named after her.

In addition to her athletic and academic achievements, Stephens was also a fighter for women's rights. She advocated for Title IX, writing letters to congressmen expressing her views.

Hanson said she first met Stephens on the William Woods campus during an event. She was given the task to write a biographical sketch on Stephens.

Hanson, who once dreamed of being a filmmaker, reached out to a program and a pen to Helen asking for an autograph and phone number. She also wanted to know the answer to her question. Did you ever meet Leni Riefenstahl (Filmmaker of Olympiad documentary of the 1936 Olympics)?

"Yeah, she was a good-looking woman," Stephens said to Hanson.

While she was a public figure for the majority of her life, Hanson said Stephens never came out about her sexuality. Stephens was committed to her partner for 48 years, Hanson said.

After that initial meeting, Hanson quickly learned the depth and value of Stephens' life and wanted to tell her story.

"I'm interested in achieving women who have a life-long persistance," Hanson said. "Helen didn't settle."

Hanson traveled to Stephens' Florissant home to pick up documents, including Stephens' 1936 diary. The book took Hanson three-and-a-half years to write. Stephens read each section along the way except the

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that to the end, competing in the Show Me State games five months before her passing, Hanson said.

In her talk at William Woods, Hanson said she wanted to "touch lives" by sharing Stephens' story.

"Hope and strive — that's what it takes in this life," Hanson said.

"And, Helen did it with greatness."
In the same boat

This photo from the 1970s shows the University of Nebraska rowing team practices early in the morning. This was one of the university's first rowing teams.

William Woods professor discusses ‘Boys in the Boat’ One Read book, her time on college rowing team

By Megan Favignana
Fulton Sun Reporter

William Woods University professor Linda Davis wore her red University of Nebraska rowing-team shirt as she talked about the challenges and successes of the team at a presentation Tuesday night in the school’s library. Davis drew parallels between her team’s challenges and the challenges in Daniel Boone Regional Library’s One Read book, “The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics,” by Daniel James Brown.

“Look at the ‘Boys in the Boat’ and look at Nebraska and when someone is telling you you’re crazy for trying that, maybe you need just one or two other crazy people,” Davis said.

The University of Nebraska started a rowing team a few years before Davis’ freshman year. She rowed all four years she was in college. Davis said, “The Boys in the Boat” is a great read, even if you are not a rower.

“It’s about rowing, but it’s about much more than rowing, too,” Davis said about the book during her presentation. “There were so many obstacles (in the book) — it was just a bad time.”

“The Boys in the Boat” is about a men’s rowing team that made it to the 1936 Berlin Olympics. Davis said the financial difficulties of the Great Depression were the largest challenge for the team. The book, Davis said, painted a clear picture of the social, economical and political challenges the team faced.

When the University of Nebraska rowing team was first starting, it, too, faced challenges. The team did not have university funding and equipment was expensive. The shells and oars cost between $5,000 and $7,000 in the 1970s. Davis said. The team also struggled with recruitment at first. Davis said not many in the Midwest had even heard of rowing.

Harvard University donated one of its older boats for the team to use. Rowing-team members wrote letters to solicit donations and ask other teams for broken or old equipment for them to use. They also cleaned university stadiums after games to raise money.

After the team acquired enough equipment, it had another chal-
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lenge — storage. Davis said rowing boat shells are fragile and would not hold up against winter in Nebraska.

Members of the team broke the lock on a storage shed on campus, put their equipment inside and placed a new lock they had purchased on the door. While the university was initially upset, Davis said, they did let the team keep the storage shed.

To solve their recruiting struggle, the team used the lack of knowledge of rowing to their advantage. Davis said the team would plant a rowing shell and oars outside of the campus center and let students’ curiosity about the boat draw them in. Within a few years, the team became the second-largest activity on campus.

“Nobody knew what we were getting into, which is better I think,” Davis said.

During recruitment, Davis said, the team members failed to mention one thing — practice was at 4:15 a.m. Another surprise came when the coach announced to Davis and her teammates that they would be part of the light-weight rowing division. Every rower in the light-weight division had to weigh no more than 130 pounds.

Davis said she had just put on the “freshman 15.” The team helped each other stick to healthy eating and exercising habits. She said her team, which included two of her sisters, quickly became close friends.

Davis quoted Nancy Wood, one of the women on the first women’s team in 1973, during her presentation:

William Woods University professor Linda Davis discusses the 2014 One Read book, “The Boys in the Boat,” in the university’s library Tuesday night. Davis tied in her experience rowing at the University of Nebraska.

“There really are no tangible rewards in rowing... Instead we are content with knowing we have done the best we can,” Davis read.

That satisfaction in knowing they did their best and worked as a team is what Davis remembers.

The book and the story of her university rowing team’s founding, are both about more than rowing. Davis said.

Both stories show what is possible.

“It’s amazing what you can do if you have the little bit of tenacity that these people did,” Davis said.

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 ROW, ROW, ROW YOUR BOAT

Humanity, history make for a gold-medal finish to this year's One Read

BY ART WEISS

The 2016 One Read program began last week with a sold-out program, then a book talk with Peter Mauro, assistant professor of English at California College, at a screening of the film “The Root of Europe” at the University of Missouri.

The events centered on Daniel Jones Brown’s 2013 best-selling novel, “Rowing the Boat: Life, Hope, and Gold in the 1936 Berlin Olympics,” which Jones Newsweek as one of the most successful books of the year. Jones Brown is a historian focusing on the Great Depression, World War II, sports, building and how they relate.

The book’s theme is the life of Rantz and how his companions, even as children, knew that their potential could be realized. The story of Rantz and his companions, even as children, years before the Great Depression took hold — and of boat builder George Pacock and his brother, and their courage and grit in overcoming those hardships and coming together to win Olympic gold are part of what makes “Boys” such a compelling read.

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German chancellor Adolf Hitler opens the 1936 Olympic Games, Aug. 1, 1936 in Berlin.
The U.S. rowing team, top, crosses the finish line to claim the gold medal during the 1932 Olympics in Berlin. The U.S. team defeated the silver-medallist Italian team by 0.6 second and the bronze-medallist German team by one second.

**ONE READ SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

September's full slate of programs includes a Midsummer's Eve to the many interesting facets of this year's programming with the head selection, "The Boys in the Boat" by Daniel James Brown. For more information, visit onered.com.

**MONDAY:**
Calgary’s Special Olympics 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Calvary Chapel Church, 10615 University Dr., Mission Hills. Get in the Olympic spirit of "The Boys in the Boat" by meeting the many survivors of Calgary County’s Special Olympics athletes. There will be information available on how to volunteer for the Special Olympics.

**TUESDAY:**
On the Water reception 6 to 8 p.m. at One Street Studios, 10615 University Dr., Mission Hills. At the reception for this year’s One Read, every ticket holder will be awarded a prize-winning submission. Entertainment includes "The Boys in the Boat," inspired by the book by by Liz Tuccillo, performed by the "Icicle," Aurora Theater and Pack Matthews will also perform, based on the book. One Read Book: "The Monuments Men" by Robert Edsel.

**WEDNESDAY:**
Book talk with Mayor and Mrs. McInally 12:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 10615 University Dr., Mission Hills. Mayor Bob McInally and his wife, Susan, will lead a discussion of "The Boys in the Boat." Part of the "One Read."

**THURSDAY:**
The Value of Trees 7 p.m. at Community Public Library. Children’s program "Trees and the Forests" by Joy Ebert. There is also a tree-planting ceremony. For more information, call 10615 University Dr., Mission Hills. The program will include a discussion of the types of wood used in the construction of the library. The event is free and open to the public.

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**From left:** Cowra at Victoria Stadium, and the statue of King George VI, the Grand Marching Band, and the Queen's Own Rifles. Photographer: The authors.

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Fulton native and gold medalist Helen Stephens, center; Polish silver medalist, Steklenko, and German bronze medalist, Kepke, stand at the podium during the awards ceremony at the conclusion of the women's 100-meter dash at the 1932 Summer Olympic Games in Berlin.

**The Boys on the Boat** author Daniel James Brown will speak Sept. 30 at Columbia College.

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Some people were saying, ‘I didn’t expect to like it because I’m not a sports person.’ But ended up loving the human interest story,” Williams said. “It’s just a really positive book.

It’s no wonder that the team wins gold — it’s right on the cover, and then, wouldn’t be much of a story if they hadn’t — but the real gold is in the telling. Hudson captures readers in the lives of his subjects and in the context of sociopolitical events of the 1930s.

‘They tell us and pieces of information that make it much more valuable. You learn about Hitler’s Germany, but it’s not like reading a textbook,’ Mckinley said.

Hudson makes the data, prong information insight into the stories of his, and interactions of historic figures — giving faces, events, and information, larger than life, and heroes, for evil such as Joseph Goebbels.

**SEPTEMBER TO REMEMBER**

Williams said the McGovern and Adams to Chair Sally Worshneck met early in the project to ensure that in each year’s book selection, they talked about what stuck out in both, topics for conversation and topics for possible programs, and presentations. History is obviously really interesting, and what it was like to live during the Great Depression in this country,” she said.

And Hudson’s rise to power in Germany — the theme of great interest to filmgoers; and how his film was used to propagandize to prevent Germans in the world others could be distracted, for at least a while, about what was going on.

This year’s event in the spirit of the Austrian run of the book, subjects sell, tend to be more active than those of past years. These are the last book discussion discussions in keeping with their format — Mayor Bob McInally and his wife, Susan, will lead this Wednesday, at Barnes & Noble, and Hob’s, and there’s a discussion about the book’s author, and a discussion of the film’s director, and Pack Matthews, and Pack Matthews. The November discussion will be moderated by David Lewis, who is interested in the book, and Pack Matthews, and Pack Matthews. The November discussion will be moderated by David Lewis, who is interested in the book, and Pack Matthews, and Pack Matthews.

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MONDAY:
The Rhythm of Rowing and Poets in Rhythm 4 p.m. at William Woods University Library Auditorium, Fulton. How is the rhythm of a poet like the rhythm of a rower? Find out with WWU English Professor Matt Dube.

TUESDAY:
Remembering the '30s 6:30 p.m. at Callaway County Public Library, Fulton. Enjoy a throwback Tuesday as you look through articles and artifacts from the 1930s. The library will have a "slang wall," where attendees can try matching terms from that decade with their meanings.

One Read Goes to College 7 p.m. at Columbia Public Library. Each Columbia college will be represented at this One Read discussion. Scheduled to appear are Columbia College history Professor Michael Polley; Stephens College English and creative writing Professor Kate Berenking Kogut; and University of Missouri counseling psychology Professor Matthew Martens.

WEDNESDAY:
Reader's Theater 4 p.m. at William Woods University Library Auditorium, Fulton. WWU Professor Betsy Tutt and her students will deliver an interactive theatrical experience.

Center Aisle Cinema: "Glickman" 6:30 p.m. at Columbia Public Library. This HBO documentary explores the life of a Jewish-American athlete whose bid to compete at the Berlin Olympics was rejected. Marty Glickman later became one of the great sportscasters of his generation. Unrated.

THURSDAY:
Book Talk with Allison Wrabel 6 p.m. at Well Read Books, 519 Court St. in Fulton. Wrabel, a rower at MU, will share her experiences during this discussion of "The Boys in the Boat."

Book Talk with Laura McHugh 7 p.m. at Columbia Public Library. The locally based, nationally recognized author of "The Weight of Blood" leads this discussion.
THE SHIP'S CAPTAIN

Dogged research, 'informed imagining,' help author steer 'The Boys in the Boat'

BY ALAN WILSON

Tribune's award-winning multimedia book, "The Boys in the Boat," used by the community college's Anne Beall selection, is a new, personalized and insightful account of how students from the University of Washington rowed their way to gold at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin's Germany. The Tribune interviewed by its editor and the conversation is below, edited for width and emphasis for space.

Tribune: In reading the book, it's clear you used some imagination to bring your tale a bit of color and reliability for your readers. You would describe the conversations students might be having on campus, for example, or present an image of a character's personality, expression and attitude when speaking. This adds some flavor to the writing and helps with pacing, but at times it seems on the verge of blurring the boundary between an entry on a biography and history. How do you as a writer establish boundaries between the two? Where do you draw the line, and what, for you, is the importance of offering these details to your readers?

Finsen: I think it really does to capture the flavor of a story. You need to employ your imagination in places, but it has to be a well-informed imagination.

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So let me take the example you cite, where I describe students sitting around on a lawn at the UW campus on the first day of classes in 1982. I based that scene on some photographs I found that helped me to be taken on campus that very week. It showed a group of students, more or less, sitting on benches, chatting and studying. I learned what movies were being shown in Seattle that week that what was happening on the UW campus, and that there had been a dramatic con-man show at a Seattle theater the week before. I had also found the local weather records, but I didn’t want to mention them. So, to write that scene, my imagination was charged with all these facts, and they informed the limits of what I could and couldn’t portray in the scene. That’s what I call informed imagining.

In terms of establishing boundaries, I think there are three kinds of information that could theoretically go into a book like this: (a) information you know absolutely is factual and can point to a specific document or interview to prove, (b) information you can reasonably assume to be true based on your research and (c) stuff you wish were true because it would help the story, but you don’t have any existence to support it.

In a book such as “The Boys in the Boat,” I say roughly 50 percent of the information falls into the first category. I actually wound up with more than 2,000 footnotes in the book — too long to print them all in the book. I don’t use anything from the third category. So that leaves us with the knowledge that goes into the middle category — the product of well-informed imagining.

I think it’s very important to use your imagination — within the constraints I mentioned above — if you want to go beyond a dry recitation of facts. But my object in a book like this is to get at the emotional heart of the story, to help the reader understand not just what happened to these boys but also what it felt like, looked like, smelled like and so on from their point of view. You can’t immerse your reader in the world that these real-life characters experienced if you don’t re-create those details.

**Truba;**: Can one really accurately portray history when writing through the lens of contemporary culture and the fog of time?

**Brown;**: I think you can to a large extent. Of course, you’re never going to know what really happened in every small regard for any historical event. But with the tremendous research tools that are available today, you can if you are diligent enough, cover pretty close the key events step by step, and then build the historical and cultural context of your story. I go to great lengths to do that with each book, in “The Boys in the Boat” as well.

For instance, I spent countless hours reading old newspapers from Seattle in the 1930s, not to glean specific facts but to immerse myself in the life of the city during those Depression years. If you do that long enough, you find yourself thinking about what that world almost 24 hours a day. When you’re mowing the lawn, taking a shower, sitting at the dinner table, part of you is back there in 1933.

**Truba;**: Related to that, you have clearly done your research, and the narrative is well grounded in facts — even daily, seemingly insignificant details. You place these gracefully within the story to describe everything from the weather to politics (and the politics and rivalries of sports) to which movies were playing. In the cinema on a given day, it seems clear that in addition to interviews, you must have combed through newspaper archives extensively. What sources did you use in your research, and how did you determine where you should research?

**Brown**: To a large extent, it was pretty clear from the beginning what and where I needed to look in terms of researching as

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**ONE READ SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

September full slate of programs introduces Mid-America to the many interesting facets of this year’s community-wide One-Read selection, “The Boys in the Boat” by Daniel James Brown. For more information, visit one-read.org

**TUESDAY**

**One Read Art Show Reception 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.** at Gaylord Woods Kemper Center for the Arts, William Woods University, Fulton, W.Vu. professors and students contributed work to this exhibit inspired by “The Boys in the Boat.”

**One Read Authors Talk 7 p.m.** at Lauber Auditorium, 901 Rogers St., on the Columbia College campus. Brown will speak about his work and field questions. The talk also will be broadcast live to an audience at William Woods University Library Auditorium in Fulton and listeners at KSPR FM.

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**Photo courtesy of Dave James Brown**

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Joe Rantz reads a book to his wife, Joyce, and two children in an undated family photo.
Grab an oar, row along with One Read book

This year's edition of the Daniel Boone Regional Library's One Read selection is certainly worth the time for those who enjoy reading.

"The Boys in the Boat" by Daniel James Brown is the story of the University of Washington's 1936 eight-oar crew and their epic quest for an Olympic gold medal, a team that transformed the sport and grabbed the attention of millions of Americans. The sons of loggers, shipyard workers, and farmers, the boys defeated elite rivals first from eastern and British universities and finally the German crew rowing for Adolf Hitler in the Olympic games in Berlin, 1936.

As in each year, there are a number of activities surrounding the One Read including:

• A Flash Fiction Contest from Sept. 2-23.
• "On the Water" an art exhibit at Orr Street Studios in Columbia.
• A One Read Book Talk at the Southern Boone Library on Sept. 25 7-8 p.m. with Tracy Eichhorn.
• The One Read Author's Talk - hear from author Danie Brown on Sept. 30 at William Woods University Library Auditorium.

More activities are online at: dbri.org.

The One Read is terrific program provided by our library. This year, it reminds us, literally, how much we can accomplish when we all pull together.
Three Special Olympics athletes display their medals at the Callaway’s Special Olympians event as part of the One READ program. Pictured from left to right: Joey Garrard, Eric Crosby and Tina Jones.

By Haylee Rethman
Fulton Sun Reporter

Three Special Olympics athletes and three of their coaches presented to the public Monday at the Callaway County Public Library as part of the One READ program.

The book chosen for One READ this year was “The Boys in the Boat,” an uplifting, and fast-paced Cinderella story, according to the One READ website.

Monday night, the athletes and coaches related their experiences with the Special Olympics to the underdog story of “The Boys in the Boat.”

Three Special Olympics athletes: Joey Garrard, Tina Jones and Eric Crosby and their coaches: Head coach Ken Petterson, assistant coach Aiden Petterson and assistant coach Donut Jenkins shared their involvement throughout the years in participating and coaching.

Joey Garrard, a 40-year-old athlete, has been competing in the Special Olympics since he was 8 years old in a variety of sports including but not limited to: swimming, volleyball, bowling, basketball, track and field and golf. He has also been a Global Messenger for the organization, traveling to different areas to give speeches and presentations about his role in the program.

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Tina Jones, a 33-year-old Special Olympics athlete, displays a few of her many medals at the Callaway’s Special Olympians event as part of the One READ program.

SPECIAL

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Special Olympics. He has won more than 200 medals in his many years of competing, and he says that his favorite sport to participate in would be swimming.

Tina Jones, a 33-year-old athlete, has been competing since she was 8 years old as well. Like Garrard, she has won many medals and participated in many sports. She has also been a Global Messenger and she is an ambassador for the U.S. and national games. Jones competed as an ambassador for the world games in 1991 in St. Paul, Minn. in gymnastics where she won a gold and silver medal and a fourth place ribbon for her triumphs. She was also named Miss Special Olympics Missouri Basketball in 2004.

The final athlete at the event was Eric Crosby, an 18-year-old athlete, who participates in many sports including bowling, basketball and track. He also enjoys competing in a monthly horse show for the Callaway Rough Riders.

The head basketball coach Ken Petterson and his son, assistant coach Aiden Petterson, help with Special Olympics as well. Ken Petterson, who has been involved in some way with the organization since 1998, has been volunteer coaching the five-on-five basketball team for eight years. He said he hopes to grow the program in Fulton for Special Olympics.

"(We're) breaking down stereotypes as they do in "The Boys in the Boat," Petterson said.

He said that with the help of his son, Aiden, and the other assistant coach, Dontre Jenkins, he hopes to take the team as far as they are able to compete this season.

Aiden Petterson, 12, has been helping his father coach in the way of aiding in drills, stretching, and warm-ups at almost every practice. He is also involved with the Youth Activation Council, a part of the Special Olympics that helps plan and raise funds and awareness for Special Olympics. Aiden is also part of a unified team, partnering with Crosby in bowling.

Dontre Jenkins, a fifth-year senior from William Woods University and former guard for the WWU men’s basketball team had volunteered to help with the Special Olympics a year ago and made the commitment to help coach the Fulton Special Olympics basketball team. After graduating, Jenkins says he wants to be a coach.

"It would be a great way to get my players involved," Jenkins said when asked how volunteering for the Special Olympics is helping prepare him for his future career.

Coach Ken Petterson says he is "looking forward to the season," to teaching new things and learning new things.

"For somebody who doesn’t know much about Special Olympics, you see how vast it really is, and it’s a great thing to be involved in," Petterson said.
Fulton’s Brick District Plans Major “Welcome Back Students” Celebration

Each fall, the population of Fulton swells by approximately 2,000 as students from Westminster College and William Woods University arrive for the start of a new school year. This year, Fulton’s Brick District plans to welcome back the students in style.

The Brick District will host the first “Brick Blast” from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11. Court Street between Fifth and Sixth streets will be blocked off, allowing for easy access to all businesses.

“Fulton is very fortunate to have two quality institutions of higher education,” said Debbie Laffue, Brick District board member. “We want each student to know that Fulton’s downtown is a vibrant and welcoming place for shopping, relaxing and entertainment.”

Laffue says each institution conducted a student survey soliciting students’ opinions on shopping and entertainment options in downtown Fulton. The survey noted that students would like to visit the downtown area if more communication was provided regarding sales and shopping opportunities. Special events and having a place for student activities also would be a draw.

“We value the student input and are taking steps to meet their needs,” said Laffue.

According to Laffue, many, if not most, downtown stores will offer discounts to students. Businesses participating in the price breaks will place a decal in their window noting their involvement. The student simply shows his or her student ID to participate in the discount.

Brian and Danielle Warren, owners of Well Read Books on Court Street, invite students to not only review their books, but to also relax in their upstairs lounge.

“We want the students to know we consider them as important guests and ensure that they feel welcome in our store,” said Brian Warren.

During the “Brick Blast,” participating stores will show and sell their wares on the sidewalks. A number of restaurants and vendors will provide free food for the students. Local disc jockey, Josh Davis, will emcee and provide entertainment for the event. The first 250 students to attend will receive a custom-designed cinch bag. A scavenger hunt and other fun events also are planned.

“This is for more than a one-and-done event,” said Laffue. “Our goal is to demonstrate to each student that downtown Fulton provides a variety of shopping and dining experiences, competitive prices, and is a great place to be entertained and relax.”

The Brick District also plans to work with each school to ensure that the students know what is going on in the downtown area via social media, email, flyers and table banners. Future plans for drawing students may include extended store hours on certain days and even showing outdoor movies.

For more information, contact Dan Diedtriech at 573-592-4220.
A blast on the bricks

Westminster College students Alyssa Busken, left, and Grace Sanford laugh while playing a game of washers on Court Street Thursday during the Brick District's "Brick Blast," a welcome-back event for Westminster and William Woods University students. Local restaurants provided free food, and Brick District businesses and local vendors gave away freebies, discounts and coupons. The Brick District also provided a DJ for entertainment.

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Brick District welcomes college students back to Fulton with event

(Above) William Woods University students Alison Godar and Jodie Dolan walk toward their friends on Court Street on Thursday with Brick District drawstring bags in hand during the Brick District's "Brick Blast" event. The bags were full of coupons from local businesses.

(Right) Westminster College students Sydney Sexton, Manfredo Flores and Stefanie Eggleston make a stop at the Art House during the Brick District's "Brick Blast" event to paint on Thursday.
A WARM WELCOME

The Brick District in downtown Fulton held a "Brick Blast" on Sept. 11 on Court Street to welcome back Westminster College and William Woods University students. Participating stores set up sidewalk sales, and several restaurants offered free food. Photos by Mary Ann Beahon

Lauren Hagan, Robin Powell, Katy Zurowske and Ashley White

Kelly Suntrup, Molly Naxara and Stephanie Clawson

Jodie Dolan, Paxton Hemkens, Alison Godar and Mark Webb
Summer theater productions dazzled audiences

A quick summary of a fabulous summer of theater in Central Missouri:

- There might never be back-to-back community theater shows to match what the Capital City Players Dinner Theater did this summer — sellout crowds each night for the two-week runs of "Les Misérables" in June and "All Shook Up" in August. Rob Crouse directed both with Michael Dossen as music director. Veteran Branden Bise led large casts with his dancing, vocals and stage presence.
- Columbia Entertainment Company's "Spamalot" was the best in many a moon on the CEC stage with newcomer Il Musgrove and veteran Phil Howard as King Arthur and Patsy. It was directed superbly by 19-year-old Ashland native Jacob Huskey. A week later.

"Spamalot" was at the Arrow Rock Lyceum Theatre and by comparison, Arthur and Patsy at CEC outshined the pros at Lyceum.

- Speaking of Lyceum — "The King and I" with Crystal Kellogg as Anna and Wayne Hu as the king opened an excellent season. After "King," was a perfect "Witness for the Prosecution," a magnificently staged "Spamalot," an uproarious "Lend Me a Tenor" and a sold-out two weeks for "Ring of Fire," filled with the music of Johnny Cash but lacking a good story.

- The year at Maplewood Barn opened with "Witness for the Prosecution," a strong rival for the Lyceum production that gave us a funny "Adams Eve" and a young cast led by Shawnda Salazar and Sean McCumber. "Nunsense II" starred Caryl Bryan as Mother Superior and Jacquelyn O'Dell as the Prima Ballerina on roller skates. The season ended with the excellent mystery spoof "Something's Afoot."

- It was fun closing the TRIPS Little Theatre with "The Importance of Being Earnest" and opening the new digs at Stephens College with a dazzling production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" with great music and the trio of Audra Sargent, Carol Schmitz and Troy Hall.

- Maggie Hunter, a senior in theater at William Wood University, and a graduate of PACE, is a rising star as a director. For the second year, Maggie has given us a chance to see actors from middle school and younger — this time in "Mulan, Jr.," for PACE. She then co-directed PACE's "Guys and Dolls."

Good to see a great Broadway show back in town. And don't forget the name of Leah Huskey — Miss Adelaide.

- Talking Horse Theatre gave Ol' Clark three fun evenings. "Good People" gave us even more new faces. Remember Gwendolyn Schwinke, Anytime Addison Myers and Aaron Krawitz go on stage, quality happens. They did it again in "Freud's Last Session."

- Carolyn Wickwire was back in town to repris her 2012 presentation of "O'Keeffe!" At 78, she was even better than at age 77.

- At the University of Missouri's Rhynsburger Theatre, "The Drowsy Chaperone" and "It He Dead!" turned the stage over to Bill Dows, Thaigo Palmer and Dani Mann, who led the way in "Chaperone."

- "The Silent Knight," a part of the Rep's "Comedies in Concert," written by Chad Parmenter, has a chance to play far beyond the Corner Playhouse. And don't forget the name Jean Tartiere.

- The Maples Repertory Theatre's three summer shows were all worth the drive. "Forever Plaid" was filled with harmony, and Horace Smith gave us two memorable performances — as a handicapped person in "The Boys Next Door" and plenty of music as Jim in "Big River."

- Fayette County Community Theatre presented "Annie" and the names Lacey Eaton and Lewis Gerke, who starred earlier in Central's Opera workshop, emerged here in different roles. Lacey was the music director and conductor, and Lewis was the pit pianist.

- The summer variety show at Blackwater's West Side Theatre, as usual, defies a critique. Mary Burge, 80, sang and tapped to "Hanky Tidy Angel." You get the idea. The show is a summer fixture.

- Finally, the summer theater and dance programs at Stephens College left no doubt that the quality we always expect at Stephens will not disappoint in 2014-15.

- An apology to Nollie Moore for missing the musical "13" at Columbia College's summer institute production. It was a great summer in the theaters.

Bill Clark's columns appear Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Reach him at 474-4510.
GALLERY
ART EXHIBITS AROUND COLUMBIA

The Mildred M. Cox Gallery at William Woods University in Fulton presents Impressions of the Civil War in Missouri, an exhibit of paintings and sketches by Dan Woodward, through Sept. 25. Woodward, a Rolla-based artist, paints primarily in oils and focuses on original art with historic themes. The gallery is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

LIVE & LEARN
UPCOMING CLASSES AND EVENTS

Film: "The Monuments Men" 7 p.m. Tuesday at William Woods University Library Auditorium in Fulton. Based on a true story, this feature film follows a World War II platoon as they track down art stolen by the Nazis and return the masterpieces to their rightful owners. After the film, Greg Smith, WWU associate professor of English and film, will lead a discussion about the movie and the University of Washington’s crew team’s experiences at the 1936 Berlin Olympic games, as recounted in this year's One Read selection, "The Boys in the Boat."

Reader’s Theater: "The Boys in the Boat" 4 to 5 p.m. Wednesday at William Woods University Library Auditorium in Fulton. Explore this year’s One Read book with an interactive reader’s theater presentation by education professor Betsy Tutt and some of her WWU students.

LIVE & LEARN
UPCOMING CLASSES AND EVENTS

Helen Stephens, the Fulton Flash 7 p.m. Thursday at William Woods University Library Auditorium in Fulton. Sharon Kinney Hanson, author of "The Life of Helen Stephens, the Fulton Flash" will talk about the life and accomplishments of Stephens, who grew up in Fulton, attended WWU and won gold in the 1936 Olympics. This presentation is part of the One Read community reading program.

ON STAGE
PERFORMANCES

William Woods University in Fulton opens its theater season with Molière's "Tartuffe" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 2 p.m. Oct. 5 in Cutlip Auditorium. A 350-year-old work, the comedy follows the action when a pious con man ingratiates himself with a rich man and tries to wreak havoc on the man's family. Tickets range from $8 to $14. Visit www.williamwood.edu.
BEST BETS: THURSDAY'S EVENTS

Carlos Perez-Mesa Memorial Concert

What: Music
Where: Missouri Theatre, 203 S. Ninth St.
When: 7 p.m.
How much: $18 to $45
About: Three jazz titans combine to make for a memorable version of the “We Always Swing” Jazz Series’ annual Latin-themed concert. Pianist Chucho Valdes is a towering figure on the Cuban musical scene. Trombonist Conrad Herwig has devoted much of his career to exploring the “Latin side” of acts such as Wayne Shorter, Miles Davis and Herbie Hancock; Herwig’s Latin Side All-Stars, will receive a hand from venerable saxophonist Joe Lovano (pictured), who teamed with the group for the recently-released “Latin Side of Joe Henderson.” www.wealwaysswing.org.

Also Thursday:

Ben Rector, Jon McLaughlin
8 p.m. at The Blue Note, 17 N. Ninth St., 573-874-1944; $20.

Hennhouse Prowlers 9 p.m. at Mojo’s, 1013 Park Ave., 573-875-0588; $8.

Ragtag Cinema, 10 Hitt St., presents the Brazilian film “Casa Grande” at 6:30 p.m. as part of its Passport Series. See ragtagcinema.org for ticket details.

William Woods University in Fulton opens its theater season with Moliere’s “Tartuffe” at 7:30 p.m. in Cutlip Auditorium. Tickets range from $8 to $14. www.williamwoods.edu.
William Woods
to showcase artist

William Woods University next month will be showcasing the watercolor paintings of Carol Carter, an artist who describes her work as "mysterious, seductive, intense and inviting."

The exhibit will run from Oct. 1-31 in the Mildred Cox Gallery at William Woods University in Fulton. An opening reception is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. Oct. 1 in the Gladys Woods Kemper Center for the Arts on campus.

"Having grown up in Florida, my strongest visual impression of an environment for human activity is water," Carter said in a news release. "In much of my work, water provides the setting for anonymous figures. The paintings contain duality: clarity and ambiguity; sanctuary and threat; pleasure and pain. The use of vibrant, saturated-color contributes to the tension between these extremes."

Carter earned a Master of Fine Arts at Washington University in St. Louis and has had her work displayed in multiple countries as well as a significant representation in the United States.

The Cox Gallery is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Admission is free.
Local organizations host fun run fundraisers in Fulton

Friends of the National Churchill Museum hosts color run

A runner shields her face from green powder as she moves down Court Street on Saturday in the Churchill Color Challenge 5K, sponsored by the Mid-Missouri Friends of the National Churchill Museum.

William Woods University student Cassie Dunn reacts as green powder is thrown at her as she runs on Court Street for the Churchill Color Challenge 5K. The Mid-Missouri Friends of the National Churchill Museum sponsored the fundraiser. Proceeds will go toward the $50,000 goal of ruckpointing the Church of the St. Mary, Aldermanbury. Danielle Beadle, president of the Friends of the National Churchill Museum, said the organization is trying to make a "big push" to accomplish the fundraising goal. She added that Friends has raised more than $25,000 since it began the initiative.

A young boy covers his mouth as girls throw blue powder at him on Saturday during the National Churchill Museum's Churchill Color Challenge.

(Above) Marwa Sherzad, 7, of Fulton throws blue powder at runners Saturday on Fifth Street during the Friends of the National Churchill Museum's first color challenge. (Left) Runners make their way down Fifth Street in Fulton on Saturday as they participate in the first Churchill Color Challenge 5K.
Archie’s opens with tribute to local, national athletes

By Brittany Ruess
Fulton Sun Reporter

More than 100 photos cover the golden yellow walls of the newly-opened Archie’s Bar and Restaurant, and each piece of sports memorabilia comes with a story that owner Mark “Archie” Archambault is glad to tell.

He chuckled while pointing out a large, black-and-white photo of former New York Jet quarterback Joe Namath sitting on the sidelines of a game in a milk coat — something only Namath could pull off. His mother loved Joe, Archambault noted.

He smiled again while holding Tony Galbreath’s Vince Lombardi trophy from the 1986 Giants Super Bowl victory. It’s one piece on what he calls a “Tony Galbreath” shrine underneath one of 12 TVs. Galbreath, who lives in Fulton, let Archambault take various trophies and photos for the restaurant during visits to his home.

Galbreath is one of four athletes from Callaway County which Archambault paid special tribute to inside Archie’s front lobby. Charlie James, former St. Louis Cardinal who helped the team win the 1964 World Series; Arnold Ray “Bake” McBride, 1980 World Series champion with the Philadelphia Phillies; and “Fulton Flash” Helen Stephens, William Woods University track-and-field star who went on to be an Olympic champion; are honored at the front door.

Pictures of Archambault and sportscasters Jack Buck and Joe Buck are easily found. Joe Buck married Archambault’s cousin and the two struck a lasting friendship. Autographed photos of Joe Buck, like many other photos of athletes hung on Archie’s walls, have a sense of humor. One of Joe Buck’s autographed photos reads: “To Mark, My Fulton Flash. You complete me!”

Logos of Callaway County high schools and colleges are pasted on the walls because the students in the county are important to Archambault, too, he said.

Among the photos of famous football, basketball, golf, baseball and hockey stars, sets a special black-and-white photo behind the bar of Archambault’s grandparents and his mother as a small child.

It’s a personal touch on a space Archambault deemed as completely his own.

“When you walk into this place, this is me right here;” he said.

Having complete control over the restaurant was the biggest change Archambault experienced as he left the Arris franchise about three months ago. He opened up the Fulton Arris location seven years ago, and the switch has allowed him and his staff to have a say in everything from the memorabilia to the black and yellow napkins to the menu.

Originally from Aracadia, a small town in southeastern Missouri, Archambault first came to Fulton when he started attending Westminster College. A connection to the town made him stay.

“I just felt at home when I was here,” he said.

In his senior year, he became a co-owner of the Tap Room, which is now 1851 Underground located on East Fifth Street. He was a bartender at the establishment when its owners opened up a new location and released ownership. He ran the restaurant through the mid 1980s, learning “on the fly” with his business partner.

“Everything is easier said than done,” Archambault said, reflecting on his time at Tap Room.

Through his work there, Archambault learned the key to the restaurant industry — serve great food and show people you appreciate their business.

“It’s a pretty simple philosophy,” he said.

Archie’s opened Aug. 29 and previewed its new menu, which was developed after many recipes and taste tests. Archambault said the fried chicken is the restaurant’s “staple” item, and is served with mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans and a dinner roll. Archambault's confident enough in Archie's chicken that he gave a warning to Kentucky Fried Chicken.

"Look out, Colonel," he said.

Other menu items include appetizers like chili, chicken wings and ravioli, and entrees like burgers and sandwiches. Archambault said his crew tries to make everything from scratch. "We’re constantly peeling potatoes," he said.

He will work with his eight cooks (total staff is at about 15) on adding Italian dishes, salads and more sandwich and burger offerings to the menu. He gave credit to his whole staff, which consists of employees of Arris and new employees, to the success of Archie’s opening.

Archie’s has a Sunday brunch and live music (a two-man acoustic band) on Friday and Saturday nights.

Archambault said he’s committed to serving Fulton and Callaway County for years to come, and the proof of that is in the craftsmanship of his building and the quality of his product.

"When I built this place, I built it for longevity," he said.

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Weinhold aims to build relationships

Steve Weinhold, superintendent of Morgan County R-1 schools since July 1, didn’t always plan a career in education. “I entered college thinking I was going to major in business,” Weinhold said.

Path to administration

Before he went into teaching and school administration, Weinhold worked as a field supervisor for Busch Creative Services in St. Louis. His job was to manage a multi-million-dollar sports marketing display that traveled around the country.

“Wealth and the time I was here was a happy experience for me,” Weinhold said. It was playing college baseball that led him to consider coaching and teaching.

“I am happy to say it was one of the best choices I have made,” Weinhold said.

Weinhold earned a bachelor’s degree in education at Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg, now known as the University of Central Missouri.

From there he went to the University of Missouri St. Louis and a master’s degree in secondary curriculum. At UMSL he also earned a specialist degree in educational administration.

Weinhold completed his doctoral work in educational leadership at Missouri Baptist University in St. Louis. He is currently working on his dissertation.

Though this is his first time as a superintendent, Weinhold has served 16 years in school administration.

He was an assistant principal at the middle school in Union from 1998 to 2003. He served as the middle school principal in Montgomery City 2003-06, and as the junior high principal in St. Clair since 2006. In 2013, he was recognized as the South Central Region Middle School Principal of the Year.

“Creating positive relationships is a major takeaway from my previous administrative positions,” Weinhold said. “I realized early on to be successful I had to get to know the students and not just administer daily discipline. I have tried to continue this throughout all my positions.”

Educational expertise

Weinhold’s career in school administration followed five years’ experience as a teacher and coach. These included one year at Immanuel Christian School in Union, two years at the University of Central Missouri and two years at the University of Central Missouri.

In addition to his other work, Weinhold has served seven years as an assistant professor teaching graduate-level classes in school administration at William Woods University in Fulton.

Weinhold regularly appears at conferences and teacher training seminars, presenting his doctoral work on standards-based grading in mathematics.

“Standards-based grading reflects what the student knows about each standard,” Weinhold says.

Instead of lumping homework, class participation, citizenship, and other skills into one grade, standards-based grading measures a student’s progress in each skill area, such as fractions or decimals, against a clear standard. This gives parents and students better feedback on each kid’s strengths and weaknesses, and helps focus learning on the areas that need the most work.

It was during his years in St. Clair that Weinhold began to use the motto “Learning vs. Teaching.”

“At educators we need to focus on student learning and not solely on the teaching aspect,” said Weinhold. “We need to check regularly that students are learning from the teaching, and not to always assume that when we teach all students are learning.”

Moving to Stover

Weinhold had been looking for an opportunity to become a school superintendent when previous R-1 superintendent John French accepted a job offer at Lewis County C-1 in Ewing.

It wasn’t only a job opening that led Weinhold to choose Stover.

“I was attracted to the small-town setting with a small student population,” Weinhold said. “And on my first visit I was astounded by the cleanliness of the building and the positive interaction with the board and principal.”

Weinhold’s previous experience was in districts with 350 to 800 middle school kids.

“I’m really enjoying the smaller school district,” said Weinhold. “It’s great to walk out of the office and see the elementary students, and then walk around the building and see high school students, the whole progression from preschool to 12th grade.”

The nearness of the lake and many golf courses added to the appeal, especially for after hours and weekends.

“I enjoy spending time with my family playing games, golfing, boating, and rooting for the Cardinals,” said Weinhold.

Weinhold and his wife Tammy have two grown children. Their son Brady, 26, works in banking. Their daughter Madison, 18, lives at home when not studying at East Central College.

Tammy Weinhold, who was the director of advising and counseling at East Central College, is retired.

Moving forward

Weinhold said his biggest task, moving ahead at R-I, is to learn. “I’m learning something every day,” he said. “I need to educate myself in understanding the budget, so I can steward the funds raised by our tax levy for the best of our students.”

“We have a lot of good, hardworking teachers and students,” said Weinhold. “I’m trying to learn all about the program we have going on at the school – the elementary reading program, FCCLA, FFA, the new freshman transition class, athletics – to get the know as many of them as I can as fast as I can.”

Weinhold said doing this means building relationships with the district’s teachers and the school, the students, and the public.

Weinhold pointed to a diagram illustrating the three areas district administration aims to strengthen: academic performance, student leadership, and financial stability.

“This is why I am trying to meet individually with all the teachers and members of the staff,” said Weinhold.

Other steps in the process include upgrading the district’s technology and teaching teachers to teach with the latest technology. This is another challenge that perfectly suits Weinhold’s experience.

“I was very fortunate to guide St. Clair Junior High into their first year of 1:1 technology integration,” said Weinhold. “This meant every student was given a Samsung Chromebook to use at school and home.”

The 1:1 integration also required teachers to change how they taught in the classroom. This allowed technological growth and teachers’ professional growth to work together to improve students’ learning.

Since Weinhold came to Stover, R-I has started down the same path, beginning with the purchase of Chromebooks for grades K-6.

For the elementary school the technological push is a matter of responsibility by students and a better return on the taxpayer’s investment. All that will promote stronger relationships with staff, students, and the community.

“It’s all about relationships,” Weinhold said. “Relationships encompass everything we do.”

Steve Weinhold
SCHOOLS & SCHOLARS

William Woods Students Named University Ambassadors

High school students are faced with a challenge as they begin their college search — which school is best for them? Often, their decision-making process entails a campus visit.

At William Woods University, a group called University Ambassadors provides campus tours and aids prospective students by giving them insight into what college life is really like.

Twenty-two students recently were named University Ambassadors for the 2014-15 academic year.

In addition to campus tours, they assist with campus event days (such as Woods 101, Discovery Days and the Equestrian Academic Showcase) and host prospective students. They also attend bimonthly meetings and assist the admissions office with general recruitment.

New members are Andrew Bernal of Northridge, California; Lainie Buff of Cherokeeville, North Carolina; Hannah Corbin of Harrisburg; Mason Doll of Oviedo, Florida; Alex Dru of North Aurora, Illinois; Mason Kramer of Kirkwood; Victoria Johnstone of San Diego, California; Hannah Mansell of Jacksonville, Illinois; Rachel Ostrem of Radcliffe, Iowa; Alyssa Scheele of Beatrice, Nebraska; Dakota Smith of Montgomery City; Ryan Stocker of St. Louis; Kelly Suntrup of St. Louis, and Morgan Westhues of Fayette.

Returning members are Ashley Bauer of Warrenton; Anthony Dewey of Warrenton; Shelby Dorman of Grayslake, Illinois; Sadie Herrick of Washington; Alaina Leverenz of Centraltia; Adam Smith of Warrenton; Erin Strickland of Lebanon; and Mariah Wheaton of Independence.
College night at Chillicothe High School

Thirty-five colleges, technical schools, and branches of the armed forces will be at Chillicothe High School on Wednesday, September 17, 2014 from 6:30 – 8 pm in the commons. All interested students and parents in the area are encouraged to attend. Reservations are not needed, but students are encouraged to sign up ahead of time at www.gotocollegefairs.com and print a barcoded pass. Instead of time spent filling out contact cards, college representatives will be able to scan the bar code, leaving students more time to ask questions.

Avila University, Baker University, Central Methodist University, Chillicothe Beauty Academy, Culver-Stockton College, Graceland University, Grand River Technical School, Hannibal-LaGrange University, Kansas State University, Lindenwood University, Missouri Department of Higher Education, Missouri National Guard, Missouri Southern State University, Missouri State University, Missouri University of Science & Technology, Missouri Valley College, Missouri Western State University, North Central Missouri College, Northwest Missouri State University, Paul Mitchell, Southeast Missouri State University, Southwest Baptist University, State Technical College of Missouri – formerly Lim State Technical, Stephens College, Truman State University, University of Central Missouri, University of Missouri – Columbia, University of Missouri – Kansas City, University of St. Mary, Wentworth Military Academy & College, Westminster College, William Jewell College, William Woods University, US Army, US Marines.
New faces and new places for Jefferson City hospital
Group greets new Capital Region Medical Center president

Sem Bushman, left, Dr. Teri Deffenbaugh, right, and Mike Bates visit with Gaspare Calvaruso, second from left, Capital Region Medical Center's new president. Bushman is on the board of directors of the hospital and Deffenbaugh is with CRMC's OB/GYN Associates. Photo by Julie Smith.

By Landon Reeves
Friday, September 26, 2014

Officials from Capital Region Medical Center gathered on top of a parking garage to meet and greet Gaspare Calvaruso, their new hospital president, and to see the progress on the hospital's expansion project.
As the group mingled over warm coffee, fruits and pastries, sharp metallic clangs echoed off tools on steel foundation beams at the construction site a few yards away. The ceremony was hosted on top of the garage so attendees could see the progress of the work against the Jefferson City skyline.

Administrators, security guards and a few nurses just off the late shift watched the downtown area while the morning sun rose between the changing autumn trees and the cold blue clouds covering the sky.

After the previous president, Ed Farnsworth, retired, the hospital’s Board of Directors appointed Calvaruso to the position. He has held several executive positions for SSM Health Care in St. Louis and has been responsible for three facilities — St. Joseph Health Center in St. Charles and Wentzville and also St. Joseph Medical Park in St. Peters.

He has also served as president and service line executive for SSM Cancer Care. Calvaruso directed the strategic and day-to-day operations of the three facilities, which have about 1,700 employees and 600 physicians.

Prior to his role at SSM, he served as vice president of medical staff services at Memorial Hospital in Belleville, Illinois, where he led physician recruitment and marketing.

Calvaruso is a graduate of the University of Missouri in St. Louis and holds a master's degree in business administration from William Woods University in Fulton. He originally wanted to be a history teacher and football coach, but not finding any open work led him to a position in health care, he said.

“I have some familiarity with Jefferson City,” he said. “I actually worked here (from) 1995 through 1997.”

Calvaruso is married with three sons. His children attend St. Joseph Cathedral School and play soccer and football. Keeping up with his kids are his main hobbies, but he also enjoys golf, music and travel.

As for the construction, the medical center’s expansion is slated for completion during the summer of 2015, hospital spokeswoman Lindsay Huhman wrote in an email. The expansion will improve access for outpatient services and house specialty physicians, she said.

The project is estimated to cost $37 million. Construction started with a groundbreaking ceremony on Feb. 27, and several dilapidated and condemned structures were purchased, demolished and absorbed by the project, Huhman wrote.
Banking and Finance

SMC Packaging Group Senior Vice President and General Manager Mark McNay was elected to Empire Bank's board of directors.

Empire Bank promoted Tisha Harmon to banking center manager and retail officer at its Highlandville branch. Harmon has seven years of banking experience and has worked two of those years with Empire.

Matt Meadows joined Metropolitan National Bank as business development officer for the Tri-Lakes region. Meadows is a former real estate broker with 20 years of management and development experience.

Commerce Bank has promoted Eric McGuire to branch manager of the company's Willard branch. With seven years of banking and sales management experience, he is responsible for business development and customer service. McGuire holds a bachelor's from Missouri Southern State University and an MBA from William Woods University.
According to results released last week, students under the tutelage of Social Studies teacher Brent Broeking's shined in District 32's most recent tests standardized tests.

PHS scores high marks

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The students at Perryville High School had a lot to celebrate Friday morning when administration announced the students had earned significant increases in their achievement scores over last year’s findings.

A release from the school district said the data from Perryville High School is part of District 32’s Annual Performance Report (APR) released Aug. 29 by the Missouri
School

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The district saw a gain of 5 points in APR from 70.7 in 2013 to 76.8 in 2014. The district is fully accredited. Like PHS, 318 districts saw an increase in some areas, DESE reports.

"PHS backed the state trend, which showed a decline in scores on average," said Dr. Linda Bueck, Director of Instruction and Curriculum at Perry County School District 32. "This is a testament to all the hard work of our students and our staff. As a community, we should be extremely proud of them."

According to the release, the high school recorded gains in the End-of-Course (EOC) exams in many content areas including English II where the number of students testing proficient and advanced increased by 26 percent for a total of 83 percent of students who took the exam scoring in the proficient and advanced categories. Biology saw an increase of 9 percent over last year's scores, while Government increased the number of proficient and advanced students by 9 percent and decreased the number of students in the lowest achieving category by 11 percent. Algebra students increased the number of proficient and advanced students by 12 percent.

During Friday morning's assembly, High School Principal Rich Thomas said the entire high school student body would be remembered in true Perryville fashion, when they have a Hokie's doughnut breakfast at a date not yet determined.

Superintendent Scott Ireland said Perryville High School earned 100 percent of the MCRS-IP awards for academic achievement in all core content areas.

"...including English language arts, math, science, and social studies," said Ireland. "PHS also earned 100 percent of possible points for graduation rate. The total Annual Performance Report score for PHS was 94.6 percent."

Ireland credited the quality educators at District 32 for the dramatic increase.

"The quality of instruction that our students are receiving at PHS is excellent," Ireland said. "And the quality of work being produced by our students is exceptional. I am proud of everyone's efforts. And it's a team effort. It's an incredible feat, for instance, to increase the number of students in the highest performance levels by 36 percent in government, or for 83 percent of students to score 'well in English.'"

Three educators in particular were noted for the major improvements in their department's testing scores including Biology teacher Sara Hendricks, Social Studies teacher Brent Brocking and English teacher Lisa Martin.

Hendricks taught biology at Perryville High School for five years, and credits the relationship between students and teachers as a primary factor in the increase in student achievement. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Education emphasis in Biology from Southeast Missouri State University.

"In my opinion, those gains made in student achievement are the result of a collaborative effort between the students themselves and the faculty," she said. "As teachers, our ability to inspire confidence and instill knowledge is paramount to the success of our students, but the students' drive and determination to work toward their education is equally important, and they deserve to be acknowledged for their achievements as much as we do. I believe the best thing happening academically is that our advisory time is now focused on reading and student improvement. Students are able to go to the library to get more focused attention, seek help from their English teacher, or read a book/magazine of their choosing."

Brocking has taught Social Studies at PHS for 15 years. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in History from the College of Education at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, and a Master's Degree in Education Administration from Webster University.

"The best thing happening at PHS is that we are working to help our students reach their fullest potential," Brocking said. "My department looked into areas in which we could improve, and we did implement an incentive program to encourage students to do better, but I believe my students did better because they took the test seriously and tried to do as well as they could."

Brocking hopes that people take notice of the gains made at PHS. "I think it's important for the community to see how well the school system and our children are doing," he said.

Martin is in her 14th year of teaching English and language arts at Perryville High School. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Education, English for Grades 9-12 from Southeast Missouri State University. She earned her Master of Teaching from Webster University and principal certification (K-12) from Southeast.

She said that teacher collaboration is paying off at the high school.

"All professional learning teams collaborate once a week formally, but meet more often informally," she said. "This collaboration sharpens teaching strategies and supports student efforts in the classroom.

"Increased student achievement in 2013-2014 is, in part, due to teacher collaboration. Our collaboration helped us to focus on clear learning targets and give our time to truly help our students the tools they need to become high achievers, overcome their personal challenges they need to soar, our average students and resources they need to find success. I couldn't be more proud of the staff and students here."

Above, English teacher and 14-year veteran Lisa Martin works with her class on their latest project. Her students saw a rise in their test scores. At right, Biology teachers Sara Hendricks was one teacher whose students showed marked improvement in testing scores, with a 9 percent increase.

"Whatever the cause, a one-year dip in scores after nearly a decade of improvement does not alter the confidence the Department has in the teachers and leaders across our state," said Martin. The district's efforts are important to everyone, not just students and parents.

"Accountability is not just between students and teachers or between teachers and administrators, but also between the school system and the community," she said.

"Statistics are one way of several to measure student progress. Community members can use this information to participate in broader discussions about the future of our schools."

Brocking agrees. "For the parents, it's obviously a proud moment to discover how successful their child often hangs in school, but for other members of the community, it's reassuring for the future."
Education foundation awards three scholarships

CAMDENTON - Since May 2012, the Camdenton R-III School District Education Foundation, Inc. has awarded seven Educator Scholarships aimed at supporting teachers’ personal development and aspirations. The most recent three scholarships of $500 each for advanced degrees in education were presented at the August kick-off breakfast meeting for teachers & staff.

The recipients are:
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- Abigail Cunningham, CHS Interventionist, Masters of Art in School Administration from Lindenwood University
- Amy Atler, Middle School English Language Arts teacher, Masters in Education from William Woods University

Applications for the 2014-2015 school year can be found on the Education Foundation’s link under District Info on the school district website. The submission deadline is early summer 2015. More detailed information regarding the scholarship award process is noted on the application.

“The Education Foundation sincerely urges all District teachers pursuing advanced education degrees to take advantage of this program and apply for the Foundation’s financial support.” A spokesman said.

Pictured left to right: Scholarship recipients William Buxton, Abigail Cunningham, Amy Atler, Education Foundation President Selynn Barbour and Board Member Jim Jackson. (Photo provided)
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Sikes joins MAC's Education Department

PARK HILLS ~ Jennifer Sikes of Farmington has joined Mineral Area College's Career & Technical Education Division as department chair for the child development program. She fills the vacancy left by the retirement of Patricia Fields.

Sikes holds a bachelor's degree in early childhood education from Central Methodist University, and a master's degree in elementary administration from William Woods University.

She comes to the college from instructional administration, having been a lead teacher at W.L. Johns Early Childhood Center for the Farmington R-7 School District. She is a member of National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC); Missouri Association of Early Childhood Education (MAECTE) and MO-ACCESS (Associate Degree Early Childhood Teacher Educators).

"I'm excited to be a part of Mineral Area College and its mission to promote higher education in our local communities," she said. "It's an honor to become a member of an institution with a wonderful history of excellence in education."

Sikes, her husband, Jim, and daughter, Anna, live in Farmington. They are active in their church, New Heights, and enjoy travel, hiking, biking and spending time with family and friends.
Russellville New Faculty, Staff and Coaches

Elaine Booher, Principal

Elaine Booher is the principal at Russellville Elementary and Middle Schools. She grew up in Lebanon and graduated from Russellville High School.

Booher has a bachelor’s degree in education and masters degree in curriculum and instruction from the University of Missouri Columbia. A master’s in educational leadership was obtained from the School of Education at University of Missouri St. Louis, which earned her graduate degrees in instructional leadership.

Her career began teaching Title I. She pursued additional instruction to become an instructional coach and then principal.

"What I hope to bring into the district, aside from my professional experience, is my knowledge of the history of Russellville schools and the surrounding communities," she said. Booher and her husband, Paul, have six children, ages 23-26. While they are busy enjoying family and other various activities, they enjoy going to auctions, singing and camping.

"We have family in three generations growing up here in the district. It is my goal to actively participate in helping to forge new relationships between the community and school, as well as between the old and new ones," she said. "The whole community has an essential role to play in the growth and development of our young people. Parent, family, and community involvement in education contributes with higher academic performance and school improvement.

Russellville is a small but growing district, thanks to the hard work and dedication of its students, including the students, parents, teachers, administration and board of education. She would like to see her students grow up in the school. She can remember being in the Hall where the gymnasium is located. I remember seeing my mother and father in the stands, between two floors she also said the school had helping to make copies, cut things for the students, help in the office, etc."

Booher said, "It is a great honor for us to have our district improve. It is a great honor for us to have our district improve. It is a great honor for us to have our district improve."

"I have a dream that all students will have a great educational experience and will become successful in life."

Janice Davis, Special Services

Janice Davis is a special education teacher at Russellville Elementary School. She grew up in Lebanon and attended Missouri State University where she earned a bachelor’s degree in elementary education and early childhood education from the School of Education at the University. She has been a special education teacher at Russellville Elementary School and has also taught at the University at Missouri State University.

Her goal is to provide an educational environment for all students and to help them reach their full potential.

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Bart Green, English

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Green has a bachelor’s degree in English from Lebanon High School and a master’s degree in secondary education from the University of Missouri at St. Louis.

He has been a part of the Russellville High School community for 32 years, working as a teacher, coach, and administrator.

"I look forward to working with the students and making a positive impact on their future lives," Green said.

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Doris Jenkins, Special Services

Doris Jenkins teaches special education at Russellville High School. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in special education from the University of Missouri at St. Louis and a master’s degree in special education from the University of Missouri at St. Louis.

Jenkins has been teaching for 25 years and is currently coaching the girls’ basketball team.

"I look forward to being a mentor of a great team of teachers at the Russellville High School," Jenkins said.

Kayla Stewart, Middle School English

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She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in English from the University of Missouri at St. Louis and a master’s degree in secondary education from the University of Missouri at St. Louis.

She has been teaching for 25 years and is currently coaching the girls’ basketball team.

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Darren Brouder, paraprofessional and assistant boys’ basketball coach

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School faculty honored for years of service
New California Elementary Teachers

Andrew Hill is a new California Elementary teacher. After attending Cal State Fullerton in the summer of 2015 to complete his teaching certification, Andrew began his teaching career last year at Cal State Fullerton. He graduated from Cal State Fullerton with a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education, with a major in Multilingual Education. He holds a teaching credential in Multi-Cultural Education.

Rachel Bates is a new California Elementary teacher. Rachel began her career at California Elementary last year. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education, with a major in Multicultural Education and a minor in Multilingual Education. She is currently working on her teaching credential.

Jennifer Giffin is a new California Elementary teacher. Jennifer began her career at California Elementary last year. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education, with a major in Multicultural Education. She is currently working on her teaching credential.

Courtney Sramko is a new California Elementary kindergarten teacher. Courtney began her career at California Elementary last year. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology, with a minor in Multicultural Education. She is currently working on her teaching credential.

Cathy Austin is a new California Elementary kindergarten teacher. Cathy began her career at California Elementary last year. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Early Childhood Education, with a minor in Multicultural Education. She is currently working on her teaching credential.
School district welcomes many new teachers

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St. James schools are back in session and 14 new faculty members have joined the district. Twelve new teachers and four office personnel have joined throughout each of the three buildings.

High School Teachers

Amber Vick is teaching Communication Arts, English I, II, Composition I and Contemporary Literature. Vick’s hometown is Salem and she was a 2004 graduate of the College of the Ozarks, graduating with a Bachelor’s degree in Secondary Education and English. She has been teaching for 10 years, beginning in the Salem school district. “The staff and students have been great to work with and I’m thankful to be here locally now,” Vick said. She is married to Nathan Vick and they have one child. She enjoys reading and family oriented activities.

Rob Hauck is a new high school geography and speech teacher. The St. James native graduated from Webster University in 2008 and William Woods University in 2011. He has a degree in secondary education and a Bachelor of Education in Administration. Since 2008 he has taught in the Steelville High School, Norborne High School and St. Clair Jr. High. Hauck enjoys sports and spending time with his family. “I am an assistant softball and baseball coach in St. James. I am also sponsoring a new activity called the Constitution Project,” Hauck said.

Kristin Lorts is teaching Business Education. St. James is her hometown prior to attending the Missouri Southern State University, graduating in 2011 with a Bachelor’s of Science in Marketing Management. She would continue to earn her teaching certification from Columbia College in 2014. Previous work experience includes the Maries County Bank as a personal banker, over a year of teaching second grade and some fill in work at the St. James High School, and completed the second semester last year at St. James High as a business teacher. She is married to Justin Lorts and they have one daughter, Kinley. She enjoys helping with the girls’ basketball team, traveling, running and spending time with family.

St. James native Heather Bouse is the new high school Agriculture and FFA Advisor in St. James. She graduated from Linfield University in 1986, earning a B.S. in Secondary Education-Math, as well as graduating from William Woods University with a degree in Education Specialist-Administration. She has taught high and middle school agriculture and mathematics in Steelville for seven years, and various other schools in the area for the eight years prior. Bouse is married to husband Scott and they have three children together. She enjoys raising cattle, horseback riding and spending time with family.

Meredith Muenks will split time between the elementary and high school this year, teaching kindergarten through second grade and high school art classes. She has a Bachelor’s of Science degree in Art education with a K-12 minor in Spanish from Missouri State University, graduating in 2013. Muenks has a vast teaching history as a substitute teacher in Springfield and Jefferson City before bringing her artistry to St. James. She enjoys painting, ceramics, sewing, running and playing the piano. She will also serve as assistant coach for the high school volleyball team.

Samantha Deimeke is a new Communication Arts teacher for high school 9-12. She graduated in 2013 from Missouri State University with a Bachelor’s of Science degree in English Education. Deimeke has spent time as a classroom assistant in Rockwood Summit High School, as a substitute teacher in the Brentwood school district and as a summer school English teacher in Kirkwood High School. She enjoys running and hiking.

Middle School Teachers

Kati Craft is teaching sixth grade math in the middle school. St. James is her hometown and she graduated from Drury University in 2006 with a degree in Elementary Education. She has spent time teaching in West Plains and Sedalia as well as some work in the St. James Middle School. She is married to Dustin Craft. She enjoys spending time with family and friends.

Margaret “Maggie” Martens hails from Chunigak, Alaska. She attended Northwest Missouri State University with a B.A. in history in 2001, and a Master’s of Science in Education and Teaching History in 2014. This year, she is teaching seventh grade Social Studies. She is a graduate assistant for the NWMSU History Department as well as a Camp Instructor with the Ankeny Anchorage Museum. She enjoys reading, cooking and traveling.

Lauren Raymer is teaching Math Lab for seventh and eighth graders. From Munie, Indiana, she received a degree in Elementary Education from Beauty State University in 2013. This is her first teaching job and she comes to the area with her husband Justin Raymer. She enjoys traveling, sports and reading.

Elementary School Teachers

Angie Gunn is the new second grade Special Education teacher at the elementary school. From Cuba, she has a B.A. in Psychology from Missouri State in 1997 and a degree in Elementary Education from Drury University, which she graduated from in 2014. She has experience as a substitute teacher and has worked as a paraprofessional at the Tiger Cub's Early Childhood Center. She enjoys softball and watching her two children play ball and is involved with the First Baptist Church in St. James.

Amanda Weatherly is teaching fifth grade Special Education. She was raised in Salem before attending Drury University, graduating in 2006 with a Bachelor’s of Science in Criminal Justice and Psychology in 2006 and a Masters Degree in Special Education K-12 in 2013. She has worked as a Special Education teacher at Boys and Girls Town, St. James campus. Married to Chris Weatherly, she enjoys boating, fishing and traveling.

Tori Parker will be working as a fifth grade Special Education Paraprofessional. She graduated from Bunker High school in 1996 and has been a licensed technician for seven years with Mercy Pharmacy and is now in her second year as a certified paraprofessional. She has worked previously with the Salem Schools and in Dent County Developmental Preschool. She and her husband, Clinton Parker, have three children. “My family and I are happy to be part of the St. James community and schools. Also, very thankful for how my children and myself have been welcomed into the schools,” Parker said. She enjoys spending time with her family and hunting with her husband.
SPHS welcomes new teachers

The new school year at South Pemiscot High School has brought with it six new teachers to the school’s faculty: James Carlisle, Whitnee Morgan, Jessica Richmond, Jordan Shelton, Ashlee Taylor and Kathy Willingham.

James Carlisle is the new JAG (Jobs for America’s Graduates), world history, current issues and sixth-grade physical education teacher. He also coaches fifth and sixth grade basketball.

Mr. Carlisle’s hometown is Sikeston, Mo., and is the son James and Marsha Carlisle. His wife is Ladonna and they have two sons, Brevin and Parker.

Mr. Carlisle is a graduate of Sikeston High School and Southeast Missouri State University where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Education.

Whitnee Morgan is the new seventh and eighth grade science teacher. She is married to Will Morgan and has a daughter, Ashlynn, and a son, Brewer.

Mrs. Morgan is from Blytheville, Ark., and is a 1994 graduate of Blytheville High School. She attended Dyersburg State Community College, Union University and Jones International University. She has a B.A. in Christian Studies and biology and a master’s

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degree in secondary education.

Before teaching at South Pemiscot, Morgan taught at Christ Classical Academy in Dyersburg, Tenn.

The new special education teacher for general math, grades 7-12, is Jessica Richmond. Jessica is from Steele and currently resides in Cooter. She is the daughter of Keith and Deborah House and is married to Justin Richmond.

Mrs. Richmond graduated from South Pemiscot and ANC with an A.A. degree. She also is a graduate of Union University in Jackson, Tenn., with a B.S. degree.

Prior to coming to South Pemiscot she taught at Caruthersville Elementary and was a paraprofessional here at South Pemiscot in 2013-2014.

The new ninth and tenth grade English teacher is Jordan Shelton. She is the daughter of Eugene Shelton and Lori Landrum Telgen. Her hometown is Kennett, Mo.

Ms. Shelton is a 2008 graduate of Kennett High School. In 2013, she graduated from Missouri State University in Springfield, Mo., with a B.S. in English education.

This is Ms. Shelton’s first year of teaching and says, “SPHS is a great place to start out and I’m happy to be here!”

Ashlee Taylor is the new junior and senior high physical education and weightlifting teacher. She is from Dexter, Mo., and her parents are Brian Taylor and Blake and Rhonda Duckworth.

She is a graduate of Dexter High School, Three Rivers College with an A.A.
NEW FOURTH GRADE TEACHER: Carla Marlay is a new Maysville fourth grade teacher from Cameron. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from Graceland in Elementary Education, and her lasters from William Woods in Administration.
NEW THIRD GRADE TEACHER: Amber Estep is a new Maysville R-I third grade teacher from Maysville and Winston. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from Graceland in Elementary Education and Special Education and is currently working on her Masters from William Woods.
Joshua Alan Kleffner and Amber Dawn Mince, Rich Fountain, announce their engagement. The bride-to-be is a 2011 graduate from William Woods with a bachelor degree in Criminal Justice and Social Work and is employed with Chamois Head Start. The groom-to-be is a 2002 graduate of Fatima High and is employed at Riback Supply Company in Jefferson City.

An Oct. 11 wedding is planned at Sacred Heart Church in Rich Fountain.
DEBORAH J. GERITZ
Deborah Jane Geritz, 53, of Jefferson City, passed away Sept. 12, 2014 at her home after a decade long battle with cancer.

She was born July 8, 1961, in Jefferson City, the oldest child of Ronald and Janie Hahn Morrow.

On July 2, 1983, at the Hickory Hill Baptist Church, Deborah was united in marriage to Greg Geritz, who survives at their home.

She was a 1979 graduate of Eugene High School and a 1983 graduate of CMSU in Warrensburg, with a degree in Education. In 2008, Deborah obtained her Master’s in Education from William Woods University.

She retired in 2013, from the Miller County R-I School District in Eldon, where she taught for a total of 30 years, twenty-four of those as a third grade teacher.

Deborah could be found most evenings at the scorer’s table in the Eugene High School gymnasium or ball field, where she kept the score book and ran the clock for the ballgames for many years. She also enjoyed spending time reading a good book. However, her greatest enjoyment came from being with her family.

She was a member of the Hickory Hill Baptist Church.

In addition to her husband of 31 years, she is survived by her parents, Ronald and Janie Morrow of Eugene; three sons, Brandon (Julie) Geritz, Malta Bend; Chad (A.J.) Geritz, Eugene and Drew Geritz, Eugene; two brothers, Roland (Karla) Morrow and Shelby (Tawnya) Morrow all of Eugene; one sister, Sarah (Gamal) Collier, St. Peters; one granddaughter who is due in December, her mother-in-law, Anita Geritz, and sister-in-law, Peggy (Curt) Brown all of Lee’s Summit, along with 13 nieces and nephews, other relatives and many friends. Deborah was preceded in death by her father-in-law Hank Geritz of Lee’s Summit.

Services were Tuesday, Sept. 16, at the Eugene High School with Rev. Bill Cox officiating. Inurnment will be at a later date in the Hickory Hill Cemetery.

Memorial contributions were suggested to the Deborah J. Geritz Scholarship Fund.

(Arrangements were under the direction of the Scribner-Morrow Funeral Home in Russellville.)
Dorothy Walker Huddleston

Dorothy Walker Huddleston was born on July 4, 1925 in Mexico, Missouri, the only child of Rose Francis Walker and William Morris Walker.

She married Jack Huddleston at First Baptist Church in Mexico. They shared 49 loving years of marriage before he preceded her in death December 6, 1993.

She was a graduate of Mexico High School and attended William Woods College. She chose a career as a devoted mother and wife. She was a long time member of First Baptist Church and valued her church family. She was active and served in many areas. Her church was always an important part of her life.

She will be remembered most as someone who loved her family and was interested in all their activities and lives, always living as a good friend and neighbor. Thankfully, she led a rich and full life.

She will be sadly missed and deeply remembered by her children: daughter, Jacqueline Powers and her husband, BJ of Columbia; son, Rodney Huddleston and wife, Pamela of Wildwood; and son, Dr. Michael Huddleston of Houston, Texas; four grandchildren: Jason Huddleston and wife, Bethany of Four Seasons; Lori Headricks and husband, Travis of O'Fallon; Matthew Huddleston of Wildwood; and Bryan Huddleston and wife, Holly of O'Fallon; six great-grandchildren, twins Grant and Drake Headricks; Hannah, Jack, and Madison Huddleston; and Maya Rose Huddleston.

Visitation will be on Tuesday, September 23, 2014 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm at Memorial Funeral Home in Columbia. Funeral service will be Wednesday, September 24, 2014 at 10:00 am with interment to follow at Memorial Park Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations are suggested to Central MO Food Pantry or the Veterans Administration or First Baptist Church of Columbia.
AREA COLLEGE SOCCER

William Woods men, women top Park

BY THE TRIBUNE’S STAFF

In a matchup of perhaps the top two men’s soccer teams in the American Midwest Conference, William Woods topped Park 3-1 on Wednesday night in Fulton.

Alex Severino scored his team-high fifth goal of the season. Alan Matthew earlier netted his third goal on a penalty kick and Lendell Louis-Jacques added the final tally for the Owls (6-1-1, 1-1). Freshman goalie Conor Cable had five saves.

Park fell to 4-1, 1-1 with the loss.

WWU women 3, Park 1: In Fulton, Rachel Meyer scored two goals — including one on a penalty kick — and Jordan McNamara added her team-leading fifth of the season as the Owls improved to 2-3-1, 1-0-1.

Goalie Brittany Griffin, the reigning AMC Defensive Player of the Week, tied her career-high in saves with nine.

Park is now 2-4, 0-1.
Local colleges see stagnant enrollment numbers

By ASHLEY JOST

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As the semester kicks off, enrollment numbers haven’t changed much for some smaller area institutions compared to last year.

Stephens College’s overall enrollment is around 850 students, similar to last year’s numbers, but the freshman class this year is 250, 50 more than the 2013-2014 school year.

Janese Silvey, Stephens College spokeswoman, said the college’s three-year event and convention degree that started last year is experiencing increases in enrollment, as are some of the science-related fields.

At Columbia College, enrollment in daytime and nighttime classes stayed about the same as last fall’s numbers. Daytime students reached 916 and evening students reached 1,224 at the Columbia campus.

Stephanie Johnson, director for admissions at the college, said there was some growth in science-related programs during the day. No particular major or program showed significant growth in evening enrollment.

Moberly Area Community College’s numbers have decreased from last year at the Columbia campus and all of MACC’s campuses.

MACC Spokesman Scott McGarvey said in an email that the Columbia campus has about 2,060 students enrolled this semester, down 3 percent from last year. The MACC-wide numbers are down about 7 percent.

McGarvey attributed that slight decline to the positive effect from high school dual-credit programs across the region.

The area’s largest school, the University of Missouri, saw an increase in total enrollment this year.

The university reported 34,935 students enrolled on the first day, the most in MU’s 175-year history. That’s a 2.4 percent over last fall’s enrollment of 34,111.

Total enrollment is expected to increase during the first few weeks of the semester.