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Officials should be educated on laws

Need for published notices, transparency escapes many

I recently was involved in a lively debate with a county commissioner on the Kansas side regarding the publishing of public notice advertising. His thoughts centered on the trendy misconception that newspapers are dead and no one reads them.

Furthermore, he did not understand why his county couldn't satisfy its state mandated responsibility by just posting legal advertising on its own website. When it was pointed out that it was against the law, he challenged that decision by recommending that the county "do it anyway, and see what happens."

It is at times like these that I appreciate the fact that newspapers have organizations like the Missouri Press Association that has our backs. MPA has been arguing this issue in Jefferson City for decades. And never before have we needed MPA's help as much as we do today. It seems that every year someone in our legislature tries to skirt the issue of published legal advertising, tagging legislation to eliminate it onto some broader bill to hide it and pass it on.

Some elected officials feel the same way about our sunshine law. A city council member from a Kansas City suburb was lamenting to me the strictness of Missouri's sunshine law. When pressed further, he was complaining about how it wasn't "convenient." Well, I am sorry if it inconveniences elected officials to hold their discussions regarding our local municipalities or the use of our tax dollars in a public forum. The public needs to know. And, more often than not, it is a newspaper that is informing that public.

These two issues have become so much more pronounced to me now. Do not forget that you are part of the Missouri Press Association, an organization that will assist you if you are receiving pushback from your local government entity. Do not hesitate to reach out to Jean Maneke, MPA's legal hotline attorney. She is ready and willing to help.

I am entering the final four weeks of my term as president of MPA. I can honestly say that I enjoyed every minute of it. It is not often that one can claim unequivocally that he is proud to be associated with an organization. But I can. I cannot think of any organization that serves its industry like the MPA. It not only looks out for the present-day problems like those outlined above, but it also works to insure that our future remains bright and productive.

The changes outlined this year for the Foundation will set us up to continue to be a viable entity for decades to come. And more importantly, it will offer us the opportunity to band together, to fight public misperception, like the

one mentioned above by the Kansas county official.

Richard Gard, publisher of Missouri Lawyers Media, is poised to become your next president. Richard knows his way around our state Capitol. His knowledge regarding the ins and outs of our legislature should prove to be a valuable asset to MPA in the coming year. I know Richard will do well.

Thank you to what has to be one of the best state association staffs—your MPA staff in Columbia. They have bailed me out too many times to mention.

I won't forget this year. It has been a tremendous learning experience. As I mentioned in my first column 11 months ago, it was time for someone from one of our larger metro dailies in this state to become more involved with MPA. Nothing gives me greater pleasure than to say that I served as president of the Missouri Press Association. I thank each of you for that!



Mark Maassen
The Kansas City Star.
MPA President

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AT&T launched contest to call attention to danger of texting while driving

Dominique King, winner of the It Can Wait Essay Contest, and her grandparents, Donna and Brian Sothern, center, all of Springfield, got a tour of the MPA office from Executive Director Doug Crews, second from right. On the left is John Sondag, president of AT&T Missouri. On the right is Craig Felzien, AT&T Missouri public affairs officer. Dominique's winning essay is on the facing page.

Essay winner tours MPA, J School

Student at Springfield school wins \$500 prize

Dominique King, 16, a junior at Study Alternative High School in Springfield, is the statewide winner of the It Can Wait (no texting while driving) Essay Contest, sponsored by Missouri newspapers, the Missouri Press Association (MPA) and AT&T Missouri.

Ms. King received the \$500 prize when she and her grandparents visited the Missouri Press Association headquarters Nov. 19 in Columbia. Her day included a tour of the University of Missouri School of Journalism and dinner with officials from the *Columbia Daily Tribune*, AT&T, the School of Journalism and MPA.

Ms. King's essay was submitted to the state contest after it won the *News-Leader's* local contest.

AT&T President John Sondag said, "I want to thank the Missouri Press Association for joining the It Can Wait movement to end texting while driving, and I want to thank all of the students who took the time to enter the contest. Texting while driving is an epidemic, but if we work together to raise awareness of this issue, we can help save lives and make our roadways safer for Missourians."

Sondag announced the contest in September at the MPA convention in

Kansas City. Nearly 30 newspapers around the state solicited contest entries.

"On behalf of the Missouri Press Association and its member newspapers, I wish to thank AT&T for this partnership aimed at saving lives on our roadways," Maassen said. "Dominique's essay is excellent and sobering, urging all drivers to avoid texting while driving.

Congratulations to Dominique!"

More than 100,000 crashes a year involve drivers who are texting, often causing life-changing injuries and deaths, Sondag said. Texting drivers are 23 times more likely to be in an accident.

Drivers are encouraged to take the pledge to never text and drive at ItCanWait.com.

—Winners of area essay contests—

Local winners in the contest and the sponsoring newspapers:

- Mollie Smart, Gainesville High School, *Ozark County Times* (\$200).
- Nathan Snodgrass, St. Francis Borgia, *Washington Missourian*.
- Lance Laub, Stockton High School, *Cedar County Republican*.
- Breanna Johnson, Elsberry High School, *Elsberry Democrat*.
- Kaylen Jordan, Liberty Christian Academy, *St. Louis Community News*.
- Phoebe Pohlman, Perryville High School, Cape Girardeau *Southeast Missourian*.
- Shannon Hogan, Ruskin High School, *Jackson County Advocate*.
- Jennifer Allee, South Shelby High School, *Shelbina Weekly*.



- Anna Moyer, Summit Christian Academy, *Lee's Summit Tribune*.
- Nathan Ollis, Elsberry High School, *Lincoln County Journal*, Troy.
- Nicklaus Bartelli, Platte County High School, *Platte County Citizen*.
- Kristin Hemken, Salem High School, *Salem News*.
- Alyssa Forbes, Steelville High School, *Steelville Star / Crawford Mirror*.
- Jaclyn Montgomery, Cuba High School, *Cuba Free Press*.
- Cheyenne Breeding, Bourbon High School, Three Rivers Publishing, Cuba.
- Caleb A. Jones, John F. Hodge High School, *St. James Press*.

Their essays were submitted to the Missouri Press Association for the statewide competition.

Danger of a simple text

By DOMINIQUE KING

A child will never be the same. A child is now without a mother. This is the price you could pay for a simple text containing “Oh my gosh!” “Ily2” or even an emoji.

Unfortunately, this is a very possible scenario for a teen mother in Springfield who makes the life or death decision to type four characters to her boyfriend of two weeks — a text that never will make it through.

Smash!

A Ford F150 plummets into a small, already damaged Impala. A 1-year-old's head is whipped around so quickly it causes bleeding and a concussion.

The child will never see again. The child will never speak. The child will never feel the embrace of his mother again.

In addition to the fact that the young woman had her eyes off the road, managed to hit the car in front of her while going 50 mph — 10 miles over the speed limit — and pushed it through the red light, she also wore no seat belt and the child was not in the correct car seat for his age.

The young woman was thrown from her vehicle. She died from hitting the road and was then run over twice.

The child was torn from his seat belt and thrown to the floor of the car. Upon finding him, police discovered he had two broken arms, was missing almost all his teeth and there was blood pouring from his ears. But he was alive.

These injuries were caused because a young woman couldn't wait five minutes to send the text that read: “Ha-ha.”

Luckily, this is just fiction, but things like this do really happen.

Now, let's turn the tables. You're the driver of the F150. You run the red light. You take the mother away from a 1-year-old boy. You cause him injuries he will never heal from. He doesn't remember anything he learned in his first year of life.

What did your text contain? “I love you” — a text you sent to your own son.

Dominique King, 16, is a junior at Study Alternative High School in Springfield. She attends the alternative high school so her young son can be in daycare there. Dominique's dream is to be a writer. She especially loves to write science fiction. She says texting and driving is a very personal issue for her, and her essay represents a genuine fear for her and for her son.

When your phone buzzes or makes a little sound signaling that you have received a text, just think: Is this text worth my life? Is it worth the life of another? Is it worth totaling my car? Is it really worth losing anything?

The answer is — No! It can wait. It can always wait.

In 2011, at least 23 percent of car

accidents involved cell phones, which equals 1.3 million cell phone-related crashes. Texting makes crashes 23 times more likely. Fifty-five percent of teens say it's easy to text and drive, but they are also reported to spend 10 percent of their time driving outside of their lane.

Too many tragedies have happened because of texting behind the wheel. People are dying and being seriously injured for absolutely nothing!

Consider the risks. Think out the scenarios. Be proactive.

You wouldn't want this to happen to your sister, brother, cousin, friend or child, and you definitely don't want it to happen to you.

No matter what age you are, stop the distractions. Don't text and drive.

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Post-Dispatch reports on bad jailings

Reporters reviewed thousands of records over more than a year

The *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* reviewed thousands of pages of records over more than a year to compile a list of 100 men and women who had been mistakenly arrested in St. Louis.

(That review led to a report published in October titled “Jailed by mistake.” This is a sidebar to that story.)

Most of the names came from court-ordered fingerprint comparisons. Others came from sheriff’s department records, judges, lawyers and court staff. Reporters worked to verify circumstances by comparing that information to other records and contacting authorities and the people involved. But sometimes the records proved to be inconsistent, or wrong.

The research was hampered by some officials’ refusal to provide records within a reasonable time or at a realistic cost, although Missouri law calls upon them to err on the side of transparency and charge only to cover costs.

ABOUT THE REPORTERS

Reporter **Robert Patrick** has covered courts at the *Post-Dispatch* since 2004. He came to the newspaper from the Los Angeles Times, where he worked as a researcher for the investigative team on the 2002 Pulitzer Prize-winning series on the Harrier jet, and the Sarasota (Fla.) Herald-Tribune, where in 2004 he won first prize for feature writing from the Florida Society of Newspaper Editors.

Jennifer S. Mann has covered crime and courts at the *Post-Dispatch* since 2010. She came to the newspaper from *The Patriot Ledger* in Quincy, Mass., where she received multiple regional and national awards, including for her investigative work on public senior housing and special education, and second-place “Journalist of the Year” at a daily publication by the Suburban Newspapers of America.

The circuit clerk refused to provide a records search that would have identified

cases where fingerprints were an issue, or daily reports that flag inconsistencies between jail booking information and court records.

Police asked for as much as \$42,000 to redact and provide paper copies of emails that indicate that someone had been booked under the wrong information. Officials said the information had to be redacted to protect the privacy of individuals who should not have been arrested.

The court wanted to charge \$12,000 for the same information. Some of those emails had already been produced as part of a federal lawsuit but were under a protective order.

Police and prosecutors have challenged the newspaper’s results, pointing to the possibility that people listed as wrongfully held might have been the subject of wanted alerts or warrants that were not public. But they refused to provide their own research to clarify.

Protests of wrongly arrested often ignored

These are excerpts from the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* report titled “Jailed By Mistake” published Oct. 27.

The *Post-Dispatch* examination found several recurring problems:

- Police failed to verify the identity of people they arrested, especially those who provided someone else’s name. In almost every wrongful arrest found, police and other officials overlooked a fingerprint report warning that they had the wrong person or someone who used an alias.

- The protests of those wrongly arrested often were ignored.

- Officials failed to differentiate between the people who gave false names and the people who suffered for it.

- Officials failed to correct errors in records, setting up repeated wrongful arrests and leaving authorities unsure of who they were holding or who committed

which past crimes.

Eddie Roth, a senior aide to Mayor Francis Slay, (and others) expressed concern and pledged reforms.

But their response has hardened since the deeper *Post-Dispatch* investigation.

“I worry about a lot of things. I don’t worry about this,” Roth said in a recent interview. He said he has faith in the system’s ability to correct mistakes. He insisted that wrongful arrests are merely a byproduct of a system in which suspects have a lot of problems, including “telling the truth!”

Police Chief Sam Dotson questioned the accuracy of the newspaper’s overall research. “Ultimately, it is our job to make sure we have the right person,” he said.

Fifteen years ago the police department was put on notice by a federal jury when it awarded \$10,000 in damages against a St. Louis police officer for failure to heed a fingerprint mismatch warning.

Now the city and department are back in federal court, facing two civil suits and a potential class action.

Roth noted that he has added staff to the jail unit that processes new prisoners.

The St. Louis sheriff’s office, which guards courts and transports prisoners, has no power to fix mistaken arrests. But as a result of the newspaper investigation, it recently adopted a form that aggrieved prisoners can file to seek attention. No one has used it yet.

Presiding Circuit Judge Philip Heagney said the *Post-Dispatch* investigation provides a window on an important issue.

“Your research seems to suggest that there’s at least more that could be done, and if there is, we should do it,” said the judge, himself a former police officer. “Human beings make mistakes. The question is, do we have the procedures in place to see a mistake has been made and then take corrective action?”



1940s-era carrier bag donated to Missouri Press by Jim Hamilton, Buffalo

This *Springfield News Leader and Press* carrier bag was given to the Missouri Press Association by Jim Hamilton of the *Buffalo Reflex*. It belonged to the late Bud Glazier, Hamilton's father-in-law, when he threw papers as a young man in Mountain Grove in the 1940s. Glazier went into the U.S. Army, served in Korea, then earned a degree at Southwest Missouri State University (now Missouri State), Hamilton said. He coached football at Rolla — both for the high school and the college — and later served as high school principal in Salem. He was the younger brother of the late Robert Glazier, publisher of "Springfield! Magazine" for 29 years. Hamilton said he recovered three carrier bags from the home of Glazier's mother in Mountain Grove about 15 years ago. He thinks this bag has never been used.

Book tells carriers' stories

A book about the youngsters who deliver our papers was published in October.

Written by Sandra Walker, "Little Merchants: The Golden Era of Youth Delivering Newspapers" is based on 400 oral narratives of former carriers. Its 362 pages contain 28 photographs.

Walker began the newspaper carrier project to honor her brother's memory, since as a child he delivered the *Mount Vernon Daily News* in Ohio.

Discovering abundant stories of paperboys, she expanded the project across America to interview hundreds of silver-haired former paperboys and girls.

The book includes several stories from Missouri. Its cover shows a youngster picking up bundles of the *Columbia Missourian* at the Wabash Railroad Depot in Centralia.

Several decades ago young newspaper carriers were ubiquitous in the U.S. As that aspect of life in small towns and big cities fades into the past, "Little Merchants" will keep the story alive.

Orion Wellspring, Inc., Seattle, published the book. Cost is \$16.95 in print, \$4.99 digital. For information go to carrierchronicle.com or email papercarrierusa@msn.com.



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Photo Workshop focused on Trenton

4 Pulitzer winners on faculty; students from 12 countries

By DUANE DAILEY

MU Professor Emeritus

The town of Trenton had its portrait made (in late September). The Missouri Photo Workshop brought 44 photographers from all over the world together to document life in small-town America. It was educational.

This was the 65th annual workshop. Trenton is one of 44 towns that have been documented in this experiment started by Cliff Edom, former professor of photojournalism at the University of Missouri.

It is the longest continuous educational event extending MU teaching into the state. It has worldwide impact. This year students came from 12 countries. David Rees and Jim Curley, MU co-directors, improved and fine-tuned the teaching laboratory. And that is what it is. For one week Trenton became a lab. The people of Grundy County became teaching assistants.

Families, the subjects, not only had their pictures made, but also taught visitors the culture of Missouri. For many students it was their first close view of rural life. Visitors learned more than how to make photos.

The workshop teaches photographers to stop taking posed pictures. We still have a long way to go on that task. And, subjects learn to not pose.

Photographers spend about three days with their subjects. That time allows them to shoot candid pictures again and again. That creates informal photos that tell a natural story.

Long ago, in my day, photographers were limited to 10 rolls of B&W Tri-X 35mm film. Today, with endless digital color images possible on modern cameras, the students are limited to 400 frames. That makes some feel helpless. They want to shoot 400 frames the first hour.

The lesson: Think before you snap the shutter. That's so valuable when it comes time to edit down to 10 photos to tell a story. But, that's frustrating to high-energy young photographers.

"Slow down and think," teachers tell students. "Edit before you shoot."

The teachers are top photojournalists. This year four of the 10 faculty were Pulitzer Prize winners, the tops in their field. Two are back from up-close coverage in Middle East wars. They too like

process the digital images from the cameras. All that process is mostly beyond me. But they made 400 enlargements to layout for subjects and townspeople to view. I estimated 1,000 came. Rees thought it was 700.

After Edom and his wife Vi retired,



Teams of photographers work late editing stories at the Missouri Photo Workshop held in Trenton in September. Helping students edit their day's work are Maryanne Golan, photo director at the *Washington Post*, left, and Craig Walker, right, Pulitzer Prize winner from the *Denver Post*. (Photo by Duane Dailey)

the life of small-town Missouri.

With the workshop's reputation in photo education, the faculty members volunteer. They want to pass on what they know to the next generation.

David Rees pointed out that this is the third generation of leaders and students. The workshop started in 1949 in Columbia.

Professor Edom brought working photographers to town to teach his students and mid-career newspaper photographers. MU students provide technical support. In those days, they developed film in deep tanks and printed the photographs in a darkroom.

Now they run the computers that

they named Bill Kuykendall, then head of MU photojournalism, and me, MU Extension photojournalist, as directors. I'd started as a student at the workshop, then much later, was on the faculty. It was a shock to be named co-director. What I brought to the team was Extension teaching skills.

In recent years I've been invited back as an "emeritus." I help students with the words. It is photojournalism, pictures and words working together. But, major emphasis is photography. I miss words under pictures.

Already the directors are asked: Where

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Post-Dispatch honored with Lee Enterprises President's Awards

The *Post-Dispatch* won recognition in two categories in the annual Lee President's Awards. Those awards honor newspapers of Lee Enterprises, the Davenport, Iowa-based company that owns the *Post-Dispatch* and publishes more than 50 newspapers in 23 states.

The *Post-Dispatch* won in the Excellence in News category for the series *Death on the Rails*, which examined the deadly issue of pedestrian deaths on railroad tracks and how the industry has largely ignored it. The series, by reporter Todd C. Frankel and photographer David Carson, used interviews with the families of more than 90 victims, railroad workers, regulators and safety experts and thousands of pages of court documents and regulatory filings to document the problem and the railroads' resistance to solving it.

The paper was also recognized for becoming a national leader in video innovation. In a statement, Lee noted that video views on STLtoday.com have increased more than tenfold in two years, from fewer than 100,000 to more than 1.1 million plays each month.

Recognized on the paper's video team were Gary Hairlson, Huy Mach, Bryan Burwell, Bernie Miklasz, Aisha Sultan, Dave Matter, Derrick Goold, Rick Hummel, Catherine Neville, Josh Renaud, Chris Lee, Jim Thomas, Bob Rose, Beth Wiggins, Teresa Griffin, Donna Bischoff and Melody Favazza.

Photo Workshop

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next year? The standard answer remains: Don't ask until we recover from this one. Bill and I would say the week after a workshop, "We're not sure we're up to doing this again!" But, two months later, the process starts all over.

Now town leaders compete to bring the photo scholars to town. It's a big "convention." A major requirement is a town with at least two motels.



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Foundation seeks your support

The Missouri Press Foundation is the only organization that exists solely to champion the future and quality of Missouri's newspapers, including yours. To support that mission, the Foundation launched the Society of 1867 and Page Builder campaign in September at the annual Missouri Press Convention.

Society of 1867 membership is bestowed on partners who recognize the important history of Missouri newspapers and are dedicated to helping them meet the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

Newspapers can contribute through a Page Builder program, in which they pledge to donate annually the equivalent of a selected amount advertising in the newspaper. Newspapers and individuals can make pledges to give annually at varying levels.

All members of the Society of 1867 will be recognized in *Missouri Press News* magazine. Privileges and recognitions for each level of giving are noted on the pledge flier at mopress.com/current_forms.php. They include special gifts, lapel pins and other recognition.

The flier also lists ways the Society of 1867 will work to build a solid future for your newspaper. Those include hiring a Foundation director, developing a Newspaper Toolbox you can use to demonstrate the value of your newspaper to your community and businesses, and training opportunities for you and your staff.

All Page Builder contributions and money donations to the Society of 1867 are 100 percent tax deductible.

On the Move

• **Chillicothe** — Andrea Graves, formerly advertising director for the *Constitution-Tribune*, has been named general manager of the GateHouse Media newspapers in Chillicothe and Brookfield, succeeding Rod Dixon.



Andrea Graves

Dixon has moved to the Leesburg, Fla., area, where he is publisher of newspapers in Leesburg, Clermont and Sebring. Those papers are recent acquisitions of the Halifax Media Group, whose chief executive officer has known Dixon for several years.

Dixon was senior group publisher for GateHouse's north central Missouri group of newspapers in 11 communities. He joined the *Constitution-Tribune's*

advertising staff in 1990 and served as publisher since 1998. He and his wife, Jennifer, have five children.

Graves is a 1990 graduate of Chillicothe High School and 1993 graduate of the University of Central Missouri. She and her husband, Jason, have two children.

• **Buffalo** — Amy Gardner recently joined the *Reflex* as a marketing consultant. She lives in Fair Grove and has worked in sales and marketing throughout her career, most recently as an import account manager.



Amy Gardner

Gardner is a graduate of Marionville High School and has lived in southwest Missouri most of her life.

Constitution Project awards presented

Three students from Logan-Rogersville High School won \$1,000 scholarships in the inaugural statewide finals of The Constitution Project on Nov. 19 in Jefferson City.

Logan-Rogersville also was named 2013 Grand Champion and was presented with the Freedom Cup, a traveling trophy.

The crime scene investigation and news conference portions of the competition were held on the campus of the Missouri State Highway Patrol headquarters, with the trial portion of the competition taking place in the courtrooms of the Supreme Court Building.

The awards celebration was hosted by the Supreme Court of Missouri and presided over by Missouri Chief Justice Mary R. Russell.

Doug Gaston, Texas County associate circuit judge, organized the project with the assistance of media, law enforcement and legal associations in Missouri.

Among the more than 70 students who participated in the final round of the contest were teams from Cardinal Ritter College Preparatory High School in St. Louis, Houston High School in Houston and Rock Bridge High School in Columbia. Four other high schools participated in preliminary competition.

Awards were given to the top individual and top team in three categories. Individual winners also received \$1,000 scholarships from the listed groups:

- **First Amendment Awards** (for outstanding journalism)

- Team: Rock Bridge High School

- Individual Winner: Caroline Dade, Logan-Rogersville (Mo. Broadcasters Assn. and the Mo. Press Assn.)

- **Fifth Amendment Awards** (for outstanding crime scene investigation)

- Team: Logan-Rogersville

- Individual: Sarah Lowe, Logan-Rogersville (Mo. Police Chiefs Assn. and the Mo. Sheriffs' Assn.)

- **Sixth Amendment Awards** (for outstanding trial advocacy)

- Team: Houston High School

- Individual: Christopher Dade, Logan-Rogersville (Mo. Association of Trial Attorneys)

Former Maryville Forum GM is new Warrensburg publisher

Brad Slater, former general manager of the Maryville *Daily Forum*, is the new publisher of *The Daily Star-Journal* in Warrensburg. He succeeds Bill James, who resigned this summer because of poor health. Mr. James died on Nov. 6.

Slater, with nearly 30 years of newspaper experience, said he values community involvement.

Prior to working as the *Daily Forum* general manager, Slater worked as the *Rapid City* (S.D.) *Journal's* publisher. His roots are in sales, having held classified and retail advertising manager posts before moving up to publisher during a 26-year tenure in Rapid City.

In addition to building business relationships, Slater said he believes in building community relationships. He belonged to Rotary Clubs in Rapid

City and Maryville, and plans to join in Warrensburg.



Brad Slater

Slater said he learned the importance of relationships while growing up in a South Dakota farming and ranching community of around 1,000 people where his family owned an oil and propane business.

"My fundamental belief is it's how you treat people and that has served me well many years in my career in the newspaper business," Slater said.

Slater and his wife, Jennifer, are selling their Maryville residence and plan to buy a house in Warrensburg. They have two children, Tyson, 29, a Middle East business development manager in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, and Kenzie, 21, a Colorado State University student planning to graduate in May.

Slater enjoys golf, and he and his wife are hikers.

Television channel interested in paper's video of demolition that didn't go well

Well, the release form has been signed and a negotiated fee has been established. Now we'll wait to see if *The Landmark's* 30-second video of the demolition-gone-bad of the historic former Methodist Church building in downtown Platte City will be used by a production company for a show to be aired on the National Geographic channel. The company initially contacted us in July seeking permission to use the video, which shows a portion of the old

The Landmarks' video may be used for a show to be aired on the National Geographic channel.

brick church dramatically coming down on a house next door.

The production is a science and comedy show that explores the theories behind popular internet videos. This

can be anything from "How do bulletproof vests work?" to "Tree Felling" or in the case of *The Landmark's* video, "Demolition." The basic format is to show someone successfully completing the action and explore the science of how that actually works, then show a montage of clips of what happens when the science goes wrong—with very painful and sometimes comedic results. We'll keep you posted on a date for the show to air, assuming they keep us posted.

If you haven't seen it yet, you can watch *The Landmark's* video by going to YouTube.com and entering "Ivan Foley" in the search box.

(From the *Platte County Landmark*)

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Scrapbook



• **Jefferson City** — The *Jefferson City News Tribune* recently published a book on the 20-year anniversary of the Flood of '93.

"Reflections" features more than 50 stories about those who were caught up in the historic natural disaster, as well as those who volunteered and served to help rebuild the capital city. It has more than 200 pages of stories and historic photos of the flood and current photos that will help to put the devastation caused by the flood into perspective.

More details about the book can be seen at newstribune.com/reflections.

• **Doniphan** — The *Prospect-News* sponsored a pumpkin carving contest at the second annual Downtown Halloween Spooktacular on Halloween evening. Entries in three age divisions were taken at the newspaper office through Oct. 30. Winners were announced and prizes awarded that afternoon.

Many other activities, including a window-decorating contest for businesses, a costume contest, haunted hayride, vendor and food booths and trunk-or-treat entertained residents. Last year's Spooktacular attracted more than 1,000 people to downtown Doniphan.

• **Monett** — *The Times* partnered with the Monett Lions Club to host the annual community Halloween contest on Oct. 31.

The Lions gave cash prizes for the best outfits in five children's categories and one adult category. *The Times* gave goodie bags to all participants and published photos of the top three costumes in each division.

• **Lamar** — The *Democrat* called on readers to submit recipes so it could

resume a lapsed tradition of publishing an annual holiday cookbook.

• **Webster** — The staff of the *Webster-Kirkwood Times* held a One Stop Collection Drop on Oct. 26, Make a Difference Day in Webster Groves and Shrewsbury.

Items for several local organizations — from food to baby items to children's clothing and eyeglasses — were collected from 9 a.m. until noon at the Webster Groves Recreation Complex.

Another item: The *Webster-Kirkwood Times*, *South County Times* and *West End Word* won seven awards in a contest among independently owned free newspapers in the U.S. and Canada.

The awards were presented in August at the joint conference of Independent Free Papers of America and the South-eastern Publishers Advertising Association in Washington, D.C.

Among the Times Newspapers' awards was a first place in Single Ad, small space with color, won by the *South County Times* for a Chuck's Boots ad that

appeared in a special Show Me Hero Salute section in June.

• **St. Louis** — The *St. Louis Business Journal* this fall redesigned its print newspaper and launched online and mobile editions that readers could sample free.

Publisher Ellen Sherberg wrote in October that tinkering with format and features was continuing. She encouraged readers to send their thoughts and ideas for improving the newspaper to her.

• **Gainesville** — *Ozark County Times* columnist Karen Eubank has published a volume of essays from her blog, icedteawithlemon.wordpress.com. She writes the Day Trippin' column for the newspaper.

Eubank's book is titled "Confessions of a Middle-Aged Hippie Geek." It's available at the newspaper office and on Amazon.com and barnesandnoble.com.

Also out of Gainesville, the *Times* collected recipes until Nov. 1 for its annual Ozark County Cookin' cookbook. Those who submitted recipes were entered in a drawing for \$100.

The cookbooks, which feature brief profiles of select cooks, photos and the

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recipes, went on sale for 75¢ on Nov. 20. All proceeds go to the Ozark County Toy Drive and the Ozark County Food Pantry.

Last years' cookbook sales generated about \$1,000 for each organization.

- **Clinton** — Denise Smith, associate editor of *The Clinton Daily Democrat*, received the "Touch of Care" award from Twin Lakes Hospice at its annual meeting on Oct. 17.

The award goes to a person, business or organization that best exemplifies the philosophy of hospice care and has most assisted in promoting hospice care and services in the community.

- **Ashland** — The annual *Boone County Journal* Halloween event was held Oct. 31 evening at Ashland Villa. Photos for the next edition of the *Journal* were made of every child, and residents of the Villa handed out candy.

- **Festus** — In its regular "My Leader Deals" feature, which offers deeply discounted buys on its website, Leader Publications included a \$15 classified ad for just \$5 in November.

Leader Publications publishes the *Jefferson County Leader*, *Arnold-Imperial Leader*, *West Side Leader* and *Grand Times*.

- **Alma** — Pat Larkin, the former general manager of *The Santa Fe Times*, has published a book of columns that she wrote while working for the newspaper. It is titled "Pat's Pen," the name of her column.

Larkin began working at *The Times* in 1996 and retired in 2012.

- **Sedalia** — *The Democrat* was among businesses honored on Oct. 17 at the Sedalia-Pettis County Economic Development Corp.'s ninth annual Manufacturing Milestone Recognition Banquet at the Sedalia Country Club.

The Democrat was recognized for 145 years of operation in Sedalia with *The Democrat* and its weekly publications, *The Plainsman* and the *Whiteman AFB Warrior*.

- **St. Joseph** — *News-Press* reporter and columnist Alonzo Weston is this

year's recipient of the President's Award given by the Kansas City Association of Black Journalists.

Mr. Weston is a longtime member of the group. He was saluted at an Oct. 26 event for his "selflessly given time, talent and resources to benefit other journalists of color in Greater Kansas City."

KCABJ President Glenn Rice recognized Weston particularly for starting Reporting L.I.V.E. seven years ago. The program annually exposes Northwest Missouri high school students to careers in journalism.

Mr. Weston's work at the newspaper and in the community has earned much recognition. At the Oct. 26 program he also received the KCABJ 2013 Media Award for commentary in daily newspapers.

- **Sikeston** — The Missouri Community College Association presented its News Media Award to *Standard Democrat* editor Jill Bock at an Oct. 31 ceremony in St. Louis.

The award recognized the newspaper's reporting on higher education issues and the role of Three Rivers College in the Sikeston area.

- **Lebanon** — The *Daily Record* on Nov. 4 switched from afternoon to morning delivery. A weekend edition, delivered on Saturday morning, replaced the Sunday edition.

The newspaper has a state-of-the-art website and an e-edition, "but our newspaper itself, which is our core product, must reach our readers' hands in the quickest way possible. That's what morning delivery does," said associate publisher Matt Wright.

Carriers deliver in-town papers by 6 a.m., and single copies are also available from racks and dealers by that time. Subscribers outside the city limits receive their papers in the mail.

- **St. Louis** — A retirement celebration and benefit for retired *Labor Tribune* senior reporter Kevin Madden will be held Dec. 4 at Maggie O'Briens in St. Louis. Sponsors are the *Labor Tribune* and local labor councils.

Proceeds from the event will help pay medical bills Madden's family has incurred recently.

Madden worked for 24 years at the *Labor Tribune*. Before that he was a reporter at the *Globe-Democrat*.



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Missing newsroom items stir nostalgia

By MAGGIE WALTER

COLUMBIA — Things have gone missing from the newsroom. It's not just the usual end-of-semester event when *Missourian* and The Associated Press stylebooks grow legs and disappear.

No, it's much more — so much more that it qualifies as a cultural shift. It's been happening over quite a few years.

The quest for a pica pole started this roam through newsroom nostalgia. Joy Mayer's 7-year-old son, James, needed a ruler to use on a school project. When Joy asked various students if they had a pica pole, she was met with blank faces and "What's that?"

They had never heard of this newsroom standard. When it was explained as a type of ruler, usually metal, that uses picas and points in addition to inches — measurements used in newspaper design — then the students knew what she was asking for, but they confessed to not having one, nor ever seeing one.

The incident set me thinking about other common newsroom objects that have been replaced by computers, the cloud and servers, as well as fast-paced applications that measure, flow and adjust copy. (I'm sure the generation ahead of me could name many more changes.)

For example, proportion wheels are gone. In the style that I'm most familiar with, a smaller circle was attached to an outer larger circle and by moving the circles to align numbers, you could figure out what size a photo would be if you wanted to enlarge or shrink it. InDesign is so much easier. Farewell proportion wheels.

A much bigger item missing from newsroom is the "rim" desk, though the term "rim" is still used. This desk was a horseshoe shaped structure. The copy desk chief, sat in the middle opening, called the "slot," and handed out assignments to copy editors, who sat along the outer edge. Thus the name "rim," and copy editors were called "rimmers." There was also a verb derived from the

desk, as in, "Who rimmed this story?"

The desktop was crowded with a set of encyclopedia, dictionaries, telephone and crisscross directories, stylebooks and a variety of other reference books. We still have some of those, but the Web and Google searching has replaced them.

Glue guns and pots vaporized, too. There's no longer a need to paste one sheet of paper to another to keep pages of a story intact as it moves through the production process. But, oh, the smell of that epoxy — it was a powerful odor and guaranteed that you wouldn't be dozing off at the desk, no matter how late the hour.

Red wax pencils and later pens with red ink have been replaced by "notes mode." To sharpen one of those pencils, the user pulled a little string that uncoiled the paper and exposed more of the wax stick. It was a dismissive description of a poorly written story if a copy editor said: "My red pen committed suicide on that story."

Rolodexes are gone, mostly. (I've heard rumors of one or two editors harboring one in their offices.) For those who don't remember these, it was a rotating device with lots of business-size cards attached to a central wheel. I might try to find one again as I remembered recently how handy they are.

There were reams and reams of cheap paper, sometimes trimmed by hand during slow moments on the rim. Surprisingly we still have a paper trimmer, though not long ago, a student did ask me what it was. It's seldom used.

Gone, too, are "spikes," a truly descriptive term for a piece of

equipment that had a nail-like shaft rising from a metal or wooden base. They were used to store copy that the desk had finished processing — or, more seriously, to kill a story as in: "I'm spiking this one." It was a first cousin to red-pen suicide.

No one was ever seriously injured with a spike that I know of, but there were plenty of nicks to hands that weren't accurately aimed and, of course, bruised egos when a story hit the spike.

Typewriters are definitely gone. There's an antique portable model with its case in my office, but it's strictly decorative now.

The missing object that I get the most nostalgic about is the AP teletype machine, which spit out black and white photos and yards and yards of inch-wide yellow ticker tape with the day's news. The clatter as it punched holes in the tape and the ringing of alarm bells signaling breaking news still echo in my memory. I knew how to read that coding. Now the AP news feed moves electronically. Knowing HTML coding is like reading teletype tape.

Telephones in the newsroom still ring fairly often, but nowhere near the level it used to be. Cellphones abound.

There's a big screen plasma television set here now. At best, back in the day, we had a radio complete with a static-filled transmission.

And, every once in a while, I really miss an ubiquitous newsroom hallmark — a bottle of booze in a lower desk drawer. Truly, I never had one of those "medicinal pints" myself, but I worked with plenty of editors who did and who shared during emergencies.

Like the pica pole, the booze is gone — outlawed even.

But the pica pole still has its uses — it's great for cutting cake.



Maggie Walter is the news editor of the *Columbia Missourian*, the daily paper produced by students in the Missouri School of Journalism.



Reading Across Missouri story ready for you soon

2014 serial about heroic Joplin dog

Next month our Reading Across Missouri 2014 campaign kicks off with a new serialized story available free to Missouri newspapers.

"Lily's Story" is the tale of a Weimaraner, Lily, that becomes a search and rescue dog. Lily grows up in Joplin with her best friend and owner, Tara. Tara sees that Lily is smart and has an incredible sniffer! The two become a team, doing their best to help people who are lost or missing loved ones.

One day Lily becomes very sick. She survives a mysterious illness with the help of veterinarians and Tara by her side. Lily's recovery is a miracle, but her challenges are far from over.

A month later, Joplin is hit by a massive tornado! The search and rescue dog's bravery and resilience are put to the test as she is called upon to help put her city back together, piece by piece.



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This is a story of hope and hometown heroes, celebrating the courageous spirit of a very special dog.

Carolyn Mueller, a St. Louis author and zookeeper, wrote the story. Her first book, "Bubbles the Dwarf Zebu: A Story about Finding a Home at the Saint Louis Zoo," was published in 2012. Her second book, "Lily the Rescue Dog: A Story of Courage and the Joplin Tor-

nado" from which the serial was adapted, will be published in 2014. You can learn more about her at carolynelizabethmueller.com.

The illustrator for Mueller's picture book, Nick Hayes, provided the illustrations for the serial story as well. Hayes lives above a flower market in East London. He draws political cartoons for *The Guardian* and the *New Statesman* and writes graphic novels. His latest book is a study of the Dust Bowl in 1930s America, through the prism of Woody Guthrie, the famous folk singer. Learn more about him at foghornhayes.co.uk.

A companion teacher guide correlated to Missouri's Learning Standards will be



available along with an ad and the story files in mid-December. Newspapers may distribute the teacher guide or post it online.

To download the files after they are posted, visit www.mo-nie.com and use code: readmo14. Please read the Rules for Publication before downloading.

Kitchells hoped to be home for Thanksgiving

Hello to All. I just wanted to update everyone on our situation. I have two broken vertebrae. One should heal easily, but one is ... more serious. ... I really improved over the weekend, so they cancelled surgery and even let me out of the hospital.

I am at the home of friends outside of Ft. Worth. ... The neurologist said I may still require surgery, but I'm feeling better each day.

Bailey's injuries were underestimated in the beginning. ... Her pelvis is broken in three places. They are evaluating her progress today and tomorrow (Nov. 20-21) and will decide whether to do surgery. The surgery has very high risks, so we're hoping she continues to improve on her own. Yesterday she actually stood and took a few steps.

Crash in Texas

Dawn Kitchell, director of MPA's Newspaper In Education program, and her daughter, Bailey, were injured in a traffic crash on Nov. 13 near Fort Worth, Texas.

They were checking law schools for Bailey, who graduated from the University of Missouri in May. Bailey worked as an MPA intern while attending MU.

This is a portion of a Nov. 18 note from Dawn.

The last word was that we could not travel for one week after Bailey's release. ... I'm still holding out hope that we'll

be home by Thanksgiving.

I have my computer, ...so if there is anything pressing, please let me know.

Thanks for all of your thoughts and prayers and for keeping everyone informed on our accident. I'm certain all those extra prayers have contributed to some of the miraculous improvements we've had.

Jerry Tidwell from the Hood County (Texas) newspaper came to see me in the hospital, and my NIE colleague there, Martha, showed up on one of the first few days with a bag filled with necessities — like toothbrushes!

The attendant who wheeled me from the hospital said he'd never seen that many flowers in one room! Such kindness from so many.

Take Care, Dawn

Conviction tossed in editor's killing

Man freed after court ruled prosecutors withheld evidence

Columbia Police Chief Ken Burton released a statement (on Nov. 13) saying his department is reviewing options about how to proceed with investigating the 2001 death of *Columbia Daily Tribune* sports editor Kent Heitholt.

Two men who were high school classmates at the time of the killing went to prison about 10 years ago for that crime. Charles Erickson confessed to participating. A jury convicted the other man, Ryan Ferguson, primarily on Erickson's testimony.

On Nov. 12, Ferguson walked out of prison.

His release followed by one week a ruling by a three-judge panel from the Missouri Court of Appeals Western District that prosecutors withheld evidence during Ferguson's trial in 2005. It vacated Ferguson's convictions.

In 2004, Erickson confessed to the Nov. 1, 2001, killing that occurred soon after midnight in an employee parking lot beside the *Tribune* building in downtown Columbia. Erickson said he had "dream-like" memories that he was involved in the crime, and he implicated Ferguson.

Erickson pleaded guilty to armed criminal action and second-degree murder. He remains in prison serving a 25-year sentence.

A jury in 2005 convicted Ferguson of first-degree robbery and second-degree murder. He got 40 years.

Ferguson maintained his innocence throughout the ordeal, and his father mounted a steady legal battle to gain his son's freedom. The case received international attention and was featured on a number of television news programs.

During an April 2012 court hearing, Erickson recanted his initial testimony, saying his memory of the night of the crime was hazy from alcohol and drugs from a night of Halloween partying. Also during that hearing, a former janitor at the newspaper said he had not told the truth during Ferguson's 2005 trial when he identified Erickson and Ferguson in the parking lot.

The appeals court ruling focused on a phone conversation an investigator in the Boone County prosecutor's office had with the janitor's wife.

The janitor had testified originally that, while he was in prison for an unrelated reason, his wife sent him a copy

of the *Tribune* in March or April of 2004 that had pictures of Ferguson and Erickson, and that he recognized them as the people he saw in the parking lot the night of the slaying.

The investigator interviewed the janitor's wife. She told the investigator she did not recall sending a newspaper to her husband. The court said the investigator never wrote a report about the interview, so the information never was shared with Ferguson's attorneys as it should have been.

The wife's statement was important, the court said, because it raised questions about why her husband claimed during a December 2004 meeting with prosecutors that now he could identify Ferguson and Erickson.

The appeals court heard arguments in the case in September.

After its ruling, Ferguson's attorney won his release on bail. Subsequently, Boone County and state prosecutors promptly decided not to pursue new charges against Ferguson.

The homicide remains an open case for Columbia police.

(From Associated Press and *Columbia Daily Tribune* reports.)

Weekly's social media posts track fugitive

With social media and ... smart phone technology, current news can be tracked in near real time.

Such was the case of ... sightings and news about (a Gainesville area fugitive) that kept popular social media sites such as Facebook and Twitter abuzz with local content all week.

The *Ozark County Times*' Facebook page ... saw a huge spike in traffic Thursday through Monday as updates about the manhunt were posted by *Times* staffers and eyewitnesses. More than 23,600 people saw the posts about (the fugitive) on the *Times* Facebook page ... The *Times*' Twitter feed and website, ozarkcountytimes.com, also saw huge

visitor increases during the ordeal.

Even Sheriff Darrin Reed took to social media sites to alert the public and ask for help, posting a Facebook update Saturday asking people to be on the lookout for the stolen 2001 blue Mercury Cougar that (the fugitive) allegedly swiped from a Dora area farm.

"I think it's great how everyone helped," Reed said. "I want to thank everyone for their tips and their cooperation and understanding during this ordeal."

Gainesville-area resident Brenda Warren posted on Facebook that she and her husband, Sam, believe (the fugitive) stole a Honeybun pastry out of their pickup. She said her neighbor saw (the fugitive)

go through their yard so they were all but certain he stole the Honeybun.

"He was probably breaking into several vehicles and homes stealing what he could," Reed said. "It tells you something when he walks into a convenience store after being on the loose running from the law for four days and he buys cigarettes and not something to eat."

The sheriff said when deputies examined the car Sunday they found several snack wrappers and trash, including beer cans and half a bottle of whiskey.

Reed said many vacation homes in the area are unoccupied right now. Owners "may not discover they've been broken into 'til next spring," the sheriff said.

(From *Ozark County Times*, Nov. 6)

Court recognizes role of notices in newspapers

Websites must be maintained; many aren't

As we begin to approach the end of 2013 and the beginning of a new year, perhaps it's a good time to spend a few minutes thinking about the status of legal notice newspapers in our state and how important they are to maintain. Our legislature will soon be in session for another term, and legislators need to be reminded frequently about why the role of legal notice newspapers is so important to the administration of justice.

A basic function of many legal notices is to make certain persons aware that there is a court proceeding of some fashion which may affect their rights. These, by definition, are persons who may or may not be reached by standard methods of service of process – either they don't have a mailing address on record or they can't be found by a process server in order to be handed papers detailing why certain rights or interests in property are on the table and may be lost by their failure to act.

When situations like that arise, it is important that there be a clear method to give this person notice of the pending matter. Posting a notice on a pole or in a government office building simply won't work in today's society. The notice needs to be widely distributed and in a permanent fashion so that either the person being sought or others who know of that person will see the information and be able to direct the party to a place where that information is permanently available to review.

As a matter of note, the issue of public notice was recently addressed in a case in the appellate court in the Western District of Missouri, where landowners

argued that where public record contained their contact information, public notice in a newspaper was not sufficient.

That August 2013 decision of the Western District of Missouri Court of Appeals pointed to U.S. Supreme Court decisions that have recognized that where a direct property interest is involved, published notice can be insufficient "if more direct methods of communication are reasonably available."



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But at the same time, the U.S. Supreme Court has noted that individual notice is not required for every person "who conceivably may have a claim" that is involved. When the action being taken is a "public action" and it has only an "indirect

impact" on a taxpayer's interest, then case law shows that those interests, for due-process purposes, are "fundamentally different than the wholesale taking of an owner's real property."

The Missouri court held that this was not a situation where personal notice was required. Indeed, the court concluded, publication notice may well be sufficient for those kinds of interests. This case clearly recognized that there are situations where notice by publication is absolutely acceptable.

Relying solely on the Internet for that purpose is not an acceptable solution, either. A quick review of many city government websites in the state shows that they are not regularly updated, or, in fact, may not even exist. The same is true of many websites of county government, also. Even the State of Missouri does not keep all of its websites updated daily. For example, a great example is that as of the time of writing this column, in

mid-November, the Missouri Attorney General's website was updated with this month's press releases, but the sunshine law statutes posted there, several of which were changed effective in late August still had not been updated.

I am not trying to pick on our present Attorney General. It just happens to be a handy example. There are many other state websites that are equally out of date in some areas. Some of these of which I'm aware are websites that the public depends on for information about its state. Updating state websites, understandably, cannot be a priority in times of tight budgets and pressing other needs for public funds.

Indeed, that is exactly the point I am trying to make. Newspapers have as their primary function to publish on a weekly, bi-weekly or daily basis. They are private commercial operations, not subject to the constraints of government funding. They provide solid evidence of this notice for use in court proceedings. And having evidence from an impartial third party of the publication of this notice reinforces in the court process that the administration of justice was fully carried out.

A recent column by *New York Times* columnist Adam Liptak pointed out that courts, in particular the U.S. Supreme Court, had gotten into the habit of including in its decisions links to websites on the Internet that were no longer there. In short, the hyperlinks didn't work. Liptak noted that sometimes that proved very amusing.

"A link in a 2011 Supreme Court opinion about violent video games by Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr. now leads to a mischievous error message. 'Aren't you glad you didn't cite to this Webpage?' it asks. 'If you had, like Justice Alito did, the original content would have long since disappeared and someone else might have come along and purchased the domain in order to make a comment about the transience of linked information in the internet age,'" the column said.

You may be smiling, but at least you go to bed knowing that when you reference an article that ran in the newspaper 20 years ago, it's still going to be there when you wake up in the morning!

Obituaries

Greenville

Cletis Ellinghouse

Cletis Ray Ellinghouse, 76, former publisher of newspapers in Bonne Terre, Marble Hill, Jackson and Puxico, died Nov. 12, 2013, in Greenville.

Mr. Ellinghouse was the brother of Harold Ellinghouse, publisher of the newspapers in Piedmont and Ellington. The brothers co-owned the two papers in the 1970s. Cletis was a well-know local historian.

Survivors in addition to his brother are two sisters and several nieces and nephews. One of his nephews, Scott Seal, is the editor of the *Missourian News* in Portageville.



Cletis Ellinghouse

positions for the newspapers of Missouri. In addition to his term as MPA president, he served as president of the Northwest Missouri Press Association (1990), president of the Missouri Advertising Managers' Association (1986), and president of the Democratic Editors of Missouri (1981). He served as a director of the National Newspaper Association (1999-2001),



Bill James

and he was inducted into the MPA Newspaper Hall of Fame in 2001.

Mr. James had served as vice president newspapers, Inland Industries Inc., and as president of HLB Newspapers Inc. From 2000-2007 he was vice president of sales for Inland Newspaper Machinery Corp. He was on the State Lottery Commission from 1990-2004, serving 12 years as chairman. He also was a member of and served many other state and local agencies and organizations.

Mr. James' wife, Mary, who had served on the University of Missouri Board of Curators, died in 2009. Mr. James was married in 2010 to Dorothy Smith.

Survivors include his wife, two sons, his wife's two daughters, a sister and seven grandchildren.

Warrensburg

Bill James

William E. "Bill" James, 65, Harrisonville, 1998 president of the Missouri Press Association, died of complications from lung cancer on Nov. 6, 2013, at the Kansas City Hospice House in Kansas City.

Mr. James had served as publisher of the *Warrensburg Daily Star-Journal* since November 2007. He retired earlier this year because of his illness. He was publisher of the *Cass County Democrat-Missourian* in Harrisonville from 1985 to 2000.

During a career of 40 years, Mr. James served in a variety of leadership



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The *Independent News* in Sullivan joined a local radio station and the Sullivan Area Chamber of Commerce in sponsoring the Thanksgiving Challenge. The annual food drive began Nov. 1 and continued through Nov. 14. Area schools held a competition among classes.

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December

1-2 — Missouri/Kansas Editors & Publishers meeting, Kansas City Marriott Country Club Plaza

5 — Better Newspaper Contest Committee meeting, 2 p.m. conference call

6 — Legislative Committee meeting, 10 a.m., MPA, Columbia, and conference call

January 2014

30-Feb. 1 — Election Reporting Workshop, RJI, Columbia

March

16-22 — National Sunshine Week

June

26 — MPA Board meeting, Country Club Hotel and Spa, Lake Ozark

27 — Show-Me Press Association meeting, Country Club Hotel, Lake Ozark

September

25-27 — 148th Annual MPA Convention, Holiday Inn Select, Columbia

October

2-5 — NNA Annual Convention, San Antonio

Cover local elections better after attending workshop at RJI

The Reynolds Journalism Institute at the School of Journalism will hold a local election reporting workshop called "Down-home Democracy" Thursday, Jan. 30, through Saturday, Feb. 1, on campus in Columbia.

This free workshop is designed to give community newspapers practical tools and strategies needed to cover campaigns thoroughly and constructively. Helping voters make informed decisions is one of the most important jobs a community newspaper can do when it comes to contributions to local democracy.

The tentative schedule for the workshop is at rjionline.org/downhomesched.

The workshop will cover reporting strategies, campaign finance reports, background checks, graphics and databases, photography and multimedia, and engaging readers, all with a focus on local elections.

The workshop is free, but registration is required. Visit rjionline.org/down-home for information and to register.

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