



# ★ *The Border Star* ★

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## **The Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri**

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### **Meetings**

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month  
7:00 p.m. ~ Fellowship Hall  
Village Heights Community of Christ  
1009 Farview Drive  
Independence, Missouri

### **Visitors Always Welcome!**

### **Annual Dues**

Individual ----- 25.00  
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## ***President's Letter***

The National Trust for Historic Preservation in the United States defines heritage tourism as "traveling to experience the places, artifacts and activities that authentically represent the stories and people of the past" and "heritage tourism can include cultural, historic and natural resources" -Julie Payne, American Bus Association "The Insider" December 30, 2018

Maybe it's because I've spent so much time over the last few months researching the early merchants of Independence, or maybe it's because the Round Table is organizing a trip to the Battles of Pea Ridge and Prairie Grove, whichever is the reason, the result has been my thinking about Heritage Tourism.

I'm back on my cultural tourism soapbox because I've been reading in the local papers about the need for more industry in Independence. You and I both know that when a talking head speaks on industry, they're talking about the bricks and mortar kind. The building of factories is the usual number one idea put forth. Our local leaders are missing the number one industry in Independence – Heritage Tourism. We're sitting on a gold mine. Within Independence we have presidential history, trails history, Civil War history, Mormon history, African American history, Native American history, architectural history and World War II home front history, just to name a few histories. Yet little is done to promote this heritage. We don't need another factory; we need to promote the industry we have. We don't need another tax break to lure an industry. By the way a tax break undermines our Government's ability to provide for our basic needs of safety, growing neighborhoods, reliable utilities and jobs. We need leadership that promotes that which we have an abundance of – History.

Heritage tourism is considered one of the fastest-growing segments in the industry and equates to a \$171 billion annual spend. Eighty-one percent of U.S. tourists are considered "cultural tourists," and 56 percent of the U.S. population indicated it included at least one cultural, arts, historic or heritage activity or event while on a trip in the past year. Cultural tourists spend more and stay longer: Average spend is 60 percent more at approximately \$1,319 per trip, as compared to \$820 for the traditional, domestic leisure traveler. Cultural tourists take 3.6 trips vs. 3.4 trips annually.

PS I'm talking about some else's money being spent in our town. Win – Win.

PSS The Round Table is organizing a trip in April to The Battle of Pea Ridge and The Battle of Prairie Grove. Heritage Tourism--imagine that.

**Mike Calvert, President**  
**Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri**

## **CWRTWM Calendar**

### March 2020 Membership Meeting

Wednesday, March 11, 2020 – 7:00 p.m. Village Heights Community of Christ fellowship hall, 1109 Farview Drive, Independence, MO. Program: John Moloski: “General JO Shelby.”

### April 2020 Membership Meeting

Wednesday, April 8, 2020 – 7:00 p.m. Village Heights Community of Christ fellowship hall, 1109 Farview Drive, Independence, MO. Program: Diane Rogers: “Lou’s Story: She Adder or Patriot?” This is Diane’s book about a woman named Lou McCoy who was arrested by the Federals and later released after signing an Oath of Allegiance. Did she know about the raid on Missouri City on May 19, 1863? From Missouri City to Saint Joseph to Arkansas, she was led by her conscience – and her strongly vocalized convictions.

### Tour to Pea Ridge and Prairie Grove

Saturday and Sunday, April 18-19, 2020. Cost of Comfort Inn at Bentonville, AR which includes breakfast, transportation for four-hour trip to Arkansas and four-hour trip back, entrance fees at battlefields, evening meal on Saturday, and lunches on Saturday and Sunday. Because some people may want to go earlier than Saturday, we are asking everyone to make his own hotel reservations and pay other expenses individually. Contact Mike Calvert for more information. Call Mike at (816) 898-2603 or Email to mwcal53@aol.com.

### Daytrip in the Fall

Tentative Date of September 26, 2020. Possible destinations are Lawrence and Lecompton, Ks.; Centralia, Boonville, and Ravenswood; or Jefferson City and Columbia. Let a board member know if you have a preference.

## **Other History Events**

### Bleeding Kansas Program Series 2020

Sunday, March 1, 2020 – 2:00 p.m. Constitution Hall State Historic Site, 319 Elmore, Lecompton, KS. Michelle Martin: “Shield Against The World: “Opothleyahola and the Civil War in Indian Territory and Kansas.” Suggested donation of \$3.00.

### Trail Movie Night

Friday, March 6, 2020 – 6:00 p.m. National Frontier Trails Museum, 318 W. Pacific Ave., Independence, MO. Showing of “Westward the Women” with Robert Taylor and Denise Darcel. Free.

### Painting Party

Saturday, March 7, 2020 – 10:00 a.m. National Frontier Trails Museum, 318 W. Pacific Ave., Independence, MO. Painting Party led by Sarah Poff. Reservations are \$20 for supplies and refreshments. Call (816) 325-7575 for reservation.

### First Saturday Lecture at Arrow Rock, MO

Saturday, March 7, 2020 – 10:00 a.m. Arrow Rock State Historic Site Visitor Center. “Kiowa Oral History: Approaching the Santa Fe Trail.” Free. Come early for complimentary refreshments. To check on cancellations due to weather and road conditions, please visit the Arrow Rock website at [www.FriendsofArrowRock.org](http://www.FriendsofArrowRock.org).

### Bates County Historical Society Annual Meeting

Saturday, March 7, 2020 – 10: 30 a.m. Bates County Museum, 802 Elks Dr., Butler, MO. Annual business meeting followed by enjoyable Show and Tell. Bring your favorite item or a cherished heirloom and tell about it. Stay for a delicious Donation Luncheon of Soup and Chili with the fixin’s and dessert. In case of bad weather and road conditions, the event will be on March 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **Directions to Meeting Place; Village Heights Community of Christ Church**

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

### Pioneer Spring Cabin Sneak Peek

Sunday, March 8, 2020 – 2:00 p.m. National Frontier Trails Museum, 318 W. Pacific Ave., Independence, MO. Tour of the newly restored cabin with project contractor, Aaron Hagood.

### Coffee in the Civil War

Monday, March 9, 2020 – 6:30 p.m. Oak Grove Library, 2320 S. Broadway Street, Oak Grove, MO. Gregg Higginbotham: “Coffee in the Civil War: Too Thick to Drink; Too Thin to Plow.” RSVP to (816) 690-3213.

### Kansas City Posse of the Westerners

Tuesday, March 10, 2020 – 6:00 p.m. Buffet Menu (about \$12), Golden Corral, 8800 N.W. Skyview Ave., Kansas City, MO (near Home Depot). Fannie Wrobel: 3rd Great Grandmother, Mary Kavanaugh, a commonplace woman of the west in her 74th year of life – an early immigrant to Missouri, a resident of Lexington, MO, and a survivor of Civil War chaos. But there’s nothing ordinary about Mary. She’s plainspoken, somewhat crotchety, and makes no apologies for her strong opinions.

### Cass County Civil War Round Table

Tuesday, March 10, 2020 – 7:00 p.m. Because of election day at the Library, the meeting will be held at the Chamber of Commerce, 106 S. Independence (west side of the square), Harrisonville, MO. Jim Beckner will be speaking.

### Freedom’s Frontier Partnership Meeting

Thursday, March 12, 2020 – 10:00 a.m. Wentworth Military Academy Museum, 128 Main Street, Lexington, MO. Network with professionals from museums, historical societies, etc. Free but you can order an optional lunch or bring your own.

### All Missouri Spin-2020-Arsenic and Old Lace

March 14 & 15, 2020 – Saturday at 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Classes. (\$5 in advance or \$7 at the door). Bring your wheel or spindle and a chair. Old Butler High School, 300 N. Havanah Street (enter on Pine Street), Butler, MO. 1:15 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Classes. 4:00 p.m. Walking tour of the Square led by Peggy Buhr (\$5). Sunday Brunch and tour of Poplar Heights Historic Farm (\$12) at 10:30 a.m. At Noon Peggy Buhr will talk about Order No. 11 in Bates County during the Civil War. For more

information and reservations, please go to <https://sites.google.com/view/allmospinin2020/home?authuser=01>.

### 1842 Merchant Crawl – Independence, MO

Saturday, March 14, 2020 – 10:00 a.m. Meet at the NE corner of the Square at 3 Trails Brewing, 111 N. Main Street. Mike Calvert will lead a historical stroll around the Independence Square highlighting the merchants of 1842. Free.

### Underground Railroad: The Who, What and Where

Saturday, March 14, 2020 – 11:00 a.m. Lee’s Summit Library, 150 NW Oldham Parkway, Lee’s Summit, MO. Cultural historian Brother John shares the secret codes, symbols, agents, and songs of the Underground Railroad.

### Trail Travel in Blue Springs, Missouri

Sunday, March 15, 2020 – 2:00 p.m. National Frontier Trails Museum, 318 West Pacific, Independence, MO. Meeting of the Missouri River Outfitters with a program by Greta Hoener and Sarah Poff about the history of Blue Springs and its links to the western trails. Meeting is free and open to the public. Refreshments provided.

### Mid-Missouri Civil War Round Table

Monday, March 16, 2020 – 7:00 p.m. Boone County History Center, 3801 Ponderosa Drive, Columbia, MO. Evan Smith: “Civil War Uniforms.”

### Brown Bag Lunch at Shawnee Indian Mission

Wednesday, March 18, 2020 – Noon. Bring your own lunch and enjoy a program about 12:30 p.m. 3403 W. 53rd Street, Fairway, KS. North building. Come upstairs from the street. Bud Smith: “Native Plants for Food and Medicine.”

### Independence Civil War Study Group

Wednesday, March 18, 2020 – 7:00 p.m. Perkins Restaurant, 3939 S. Bolger Drive, Independence, MO (across from Walmart). Dan Smith: “Civil War in Jackson County.”

### Painting Party at Frontier Trails

Thursday, March 19, 2020 – 6:00 p.m. National Frontier Trails Museum, 318 W. Pacific Ave., Independence, MO. Painting party led by Sarah Poff. Reservations are \$20 and include supplies and refreshments. Call (816) 325-7575 for reservations.

### Women of the Battle of Westport

Thursday, March 19, 2020 – 2:00 p.m., Midwest Genealogy Center, 3440 S. Lee's Summit Road, Independence, MO. Dan Smith: Women played significant roles such as witnesses and survivors, medical aid and support, spies, and fifth column insurgents. Women in a combat zone were victims of war, subject to military police, punishments, imprisonment, and death. RSVP to (816) 252-7228.

### 30th Anniversary of National Frontier Trails

Museum – Saturday, March 21, 2020 – 6:00 p.m. Hilton Garden Inn, 19677 E. Jackson Drive, Independence, MO. Pat O'Brien: "Merchants of Independence." It's the story of early Independence as a premier center of international trade. \$40. RSVP by March 14<sup>th</sup> to (816) 325-7575.

### Pioneer Song Musical-National Frontier Trails

Museum – Sunday, March 22, 2020 – 2:00 p.m. National Frontier Trails Museum, 318 W. Pacific Ave., Independence, MO. An original musical about the Oregon Trail presented by The Great Bear Folk Theatre. Free.

### Civil War Round Table of Kansas City

Tuesday, March 24, 2020 – 6:30 p.m. (\$29). Holiday Inn and Suites, 8787 Reeder Road, Overland Park, KS. Sunset Ballroom, 8th Floor. Dr. Jeff Gentsch: "The Use of Artillery at the Battle of Shiloh." Dinner reservations must be made by noon Wednesday, March 18, 2020 by calling Susan Keipp at (816) 333-0025.

### Women of the Battle of Westport

Wednesday, March 25, 2020 – 6:30 p.m. Lee's Summit Library, 150 NW Oldham Parkway., Lee's Summit, MO. Dan Smith: "Women of the Battle of Westport." RSVP to (816) 524-0567.

### Trail Movie Night-National Frontier Trails

Friday, March 27, 2020 – 6:00 p.m. National Frontier Trails Museum, 318 W. Pacific Ave., Independence, MO. "Westward The Women." Free.

### 1842 Merchant Crawl – Independence, MO

Saturday, March 28, 2020 – 10:00 a.m. Meet at NE side of the Square by 3 Trails Brewery. Mike Calvert leads a historical stroll around the Independence Square, highlighting the merchants of 1842 Independence. Free.

### Pioneer Spring Cabin Sneak Peek

Sunday, March 29, 2020 – 2:00 p.m. National Frontier Trails Museum, 318 W. Pacific Ave., Independence, MO. Tour of the newly restored Pioneer Spring Cabin with the project contractor, Aaron Hagood. Free.

### The Historical Society of Lee's Summit, MO

Friday, April 3, 2020 – 6:30 p.m. History Museum, 220 SW Main St., Lee's Summit, MO. Jim Ogle from Freedom's Frontier: "The Quindaro Historic Site."

### First Saturday Lecture at Arrow Rock, MO

Saturday, April 4, 2020 – 10:00 a.m. Arrow Rock State Historic Site Visitor Center, Arrow Rock, MO. Mack Cox: "An American Story."

### National Civil War Park Day

Saturday, April 4, 2020 – 8:30 a.m. Lone Jack Battlefield Park, 301 S. Bynum, Lone Jack, MO. Raking leaves, picking up sticks, cleaning up the museum. Lunch provided with registration: Email president@historiclonejack.org.

**Saturday, April 4, 2020 – 9:00 a.m.** Black Jack Battlefield Park, 163 E. 2000 Road, Wellsville, KS. Upgrading nature trails, clearing brush, picking up litter. Bring gloves and sturdy clothing and tools if you have them. Drinks and snacks will be provided.

**Saturday, April 4, 2020 – 10:00 a.m.** Battle of Lexington Battlefield Park, 1101 Delaware, Lexington, MO. Bring gloves and tools if you have them. T-shirt and lunch.

### Kansas City Posse of the Westerners

Tuesday, April 14, 2020 – 6:00 p.m. Buffet menu (about \$12), Golden Corral, 8800 N. W. Skyview Ave., Kansas City, MO (near Home Depot). Deb Buckner: "John MacKay, the Bonanza King."

### Cass County Civil War Round Table

Tuesday, April 14, 2020 – 7:00 p.m. Pearson Hall, Cass County Library, 400 E. Mechanic, Harrisonville, MO. Chris Edwards: "Quantrill's Raid on Lawrence – A Massacre or a Deception?"

### Brown Bag Lunch at Shawnee Indian Mission

Wednesday, April 15, 2020 – Noon. Bring your own lunch and enjoy a program about 12:30 p.m. 3403 W. 53rd Street, Fairway, KS. North building. Come upstairs from the street. Father Bill Porter: “The Shawnee Indian Mission Association and how it was connected to St. Agnes Church.”

#### Independence Civil War Study Group

Wednesday, April 15, 2020 – 7:00 p.m. Perkins Restaurant, 3939 S. Bolger Drive, Independence, MO (across from Walmart). Erin Poupirt: “Pioneer Families and the Homestead Act.”

#### Civil War Encampment – Atkins-Johnson Farm

Saturday, April 18, 2020 – 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Atkins-Johnson Farm and Museum, 4109 NE Pleasant Valley Road, Gladstone, MO. 3rd Missouri Infantry holds annual spring muster on lawn of Atkins-Johnson Farm. Soldiers will enlist, practice drills, and cook over open fires. Free.

#### Bates County Historical Society

Saturday, April 18, 2020 – 10:30 a.m. Bates County Museum, 802 Elks Drive, Butler, MO. Diane Rogers: “The Battle of Lone Jack.”

#### 38th Annual Civil War Encampment–Fort Scott, KS

Saturday and Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) and April 19<sup>th</sup> (8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.). Fort Scott National Historic Site, 1 Old Fort Blvd., Fort Scott, KS. Experience the sights, sounds, and smells of the times – soldiers marching or on horseback, rifles and cannons firing, gunpowder in the air. A variety of interpretive programs will illustrate the role Fort Scott played as a major supply base for federal troops during the Civil War. Free.

#### Mid-Missouri Civil War Round Table

Monday, April 20, 2020 – 7:00 p.m. Boone County History Center, 3801 Ponderosa Drive, Columbia, MO. David Mallory: “The Battle of Belmont.”

#### 1863 Battle of Hartville Reenactment

April 24-26, 2020. Hartville, MO in Wright County, 60 miles east of Springfield at Highways 5 & 38. Demonstrations, cannon night fire, a tea, and a formal ball. For information, please visit [www.hartvilleareacc.com](http://www.hartvilleareacc.com).

#### Civil War Round Table of Kansas City

April 28, 2020 – 6:30 p.m. Dinner (\$29). Holiday Inn and Suites, 8787 Reeder Road, Overland Park, KS. Sunset Ballroom, 8th Floor. Dr. Chris Phillips: “Missouri in the Civil War.” Dinner reservations must be made by noon, Wednesday, April 22, 2020 by calling Susan Keipp at (816) 333-0025.

#### Battle of Pea Ridge (Arkansas)

On March 7 and 8, 1862, the 10,500-man Union Army of the Southwest and the 16,200-man Confederate Army of the West met in combat at two separate battlefields, Leetown and Elkhorn Tavern, on the gently rolling plain called Pea Ridge. The Battle of Leetown ended after the death of two Confederate generals on March 7, while the battle of Elkhorn Tavern continued until the Confederates ran out of ammunition on March 8. The decisive Union victory ensured that Missouri would remain in Federal control and paved the way for Grant’s Vicksburg campaign.

#### **News about Members and Friends**

**Crosby Kemper III**, former executive director of the Kansas City Public Library, was confirmed by the Senate in January to become director of the Museum and Library Services in Washington, D. C.

Independent scholar, **Nancy Ehrlich** from Independence, MO will be presenting a talk at the Missouri Conference on History in St. Louis in March. Her topic is “The Process Used in the Creation of a Catalog of Missouri Presbyterian Churches, 1805-2020.”

We lost two Civil War scholars and authors in 2019.

**James I. “Bud” Robertson** served as executive director of the U. S. Civil War Centennial Commission in the early ‘60s. He wrote what many call the definitive work on “Stonewall” Jackson. He also delivered more than 350 radio essays that aired weekly for nearly 15 years on National Public Radio. He was the voice for reason, patience, and understanding.

**William McFeely** died at age 89 in December, 2019. He won the Pulitzer for his biography of Ulysses S. Grant and was also known for advancing the field of black history through his biography of Frederick Douglass, and helped establish Yale’s black studies department.

The Maryland State House now has new bronzes of two of the state’s famous black historical figures—**Harriet Tubman and Frederick Douglass**. They were unveiled in the Old House Chamber where slavery was abolished in Maryland in 1864.

**Elizabeth Varon** from the University of Virginia has a new book called *Armies of Deliverance: A New History of the Civil War* named one of the ten best nonfiction books of 2019 by *The Wall Street Journal*. She weaves military developments with electoral politics and emancipation.