



# The Williamsburg Villager

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## Old Ghost Stories



During the Civil War, here in Missouri, we had fighters known as the Gray Ghost's. The name Gray Ghosts came out of the fact that the men wore the confederate 'gray' coat and ghosts because they rode at night. They were a guerrilla type cavalry with famous men of the West, such as "Bloody Bill" Anderson and Jesse James, and many others during battle who would disappear like "ghosts" into the wilderness. Now there is the Gray Ghost Trail which reminds folks of the battles and men of Missouri's Guerrilla Cavalry. The sounds of gunfire, neighing horses, screaming men and women were very common back in the Civil War days.



The Gray Ghost Missouri Guerrilla Cavalry played an important role opposing Union forces, disrupting rail transportation, and recruiting young men for the confederacy.



The Gray Ghost Trail was inspired by the 1958 book "Gray Ghosts of the Confederacy" by Richard Brownlee. The trail begins on the Eastern side of Danville, Missouri, and continues through Kingdom City and Fulton. The trail comes to an end in Marshall Missouri.



Baker's Plantation in Danville, MO is a historic site and it is rumored that you can still see the burned boards on the parlor floor where guerrillas set fire to it, forcing those in hiding from the cellar to put out the flames. If you would like to stop and stay along the trail we actually have a quiet little place called Gray Ghost Trail Inn, right here in Williamsburg, Missouri. If you are interested in seeing this piece of history along the trail, please come stay at this historic location. You can contact Jan or Steve at [grayghoststrailinn.com](http://grayghoststrailinn.com) or by calling 573-254-3888.





## News of the Village



- July 17, at 4:30am Lillian Ann, was born to Heather and Dennis. Grandparents Bill and Karen Haarmann, and Grandmother Linda Schotte must be really proud. Congratulations to all.



- Marlene Parker had a stroke in Mid-July. She has been at the University Hospital and is recovering nicely.



- Once again we had a great turnout for the Back to School Fair, held on July 30, by Serve and Callaway Christian Church. Many kids in Callaway County now have supplies for returning to school later this month.



- It's fair time and that means the Callaway County Fair starts August 2<sup>nd</sup>. It is being held at a new location this year. Hope you can attend before it ends on August 6<sup>th</sup>.



- August 2<sup>nd</sup> is the state primary election. Please come out and vote and don't forget the next election is November 8<sup>th</sup>.



- The Missouri State Fair is from August 11<sup>th</sup> until the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Come and enjoy the fun with friends and family.



- The Historical Society is having a Tractor Drive on August 25<sup>th</sup>. Join us while watching this great parade of tractors.



- Just a friendly little reminder buses will be out and about again now that school time is here again. Keep an eye out for kids getting on and off at your local bus stops.



- Once again, just another friendly reminder...

It's time to renew your membership.

Come December, dues must be current if you wish to continue receiving your monthly newsletter. If you have not done so, please pay as soon as possible so you don't miss any future issues.



If you have any questions, please call us at 573-254-3356. Prices are still \$12 a year.





# Joe's Corner



*Sack Holder (Wire Design)*

In last month's issue of the Williamsburg Villager we talked about the wooden sack holder in our museum from our "What is it?" article. For those of you who don't remember it is a paper bag/sack holder which is capable of holding many different sizes of bags. Spot it in the far right corner.

We also have one with a wire design. It is located up at Crane's Country Store. It has actually been up there and in use for many a year. Come by and check them both out!





## Sunday Specials



August 7<sup>th</sup> – Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Veggie, and a Dinner Roll \$8.99



August 14<sup>th</sup> – Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Veggie, and a Dinner Roll \$8.99



August 21<sup>st</sup> – Lasagna, 7-layer Salad, and Garlic Bread \$8.99



August 28<sup>th</sup> – Meatloaf, Cheesy Potato Casserole, Veggie, and a Dinner Roll \$8.99



## VBS



Our local Church, Old Auxvasse-Nine Mile Presbyterian Church (OANM) held its annual Vacation Bible School (VBS) on July 11-15, 2016 at the Nine Mile facility. We were excited to have twenty-six (26) students attend and twenty-three (23) adult helpers.



Special thanks to the businesses who donated food and drinks; Marlene’s Restaurant, Wright Brother’s Store, and McDonalds of Fulton. This year, the offering collected during the week, went toward the “Back Pack” programs for North Callaway, New Bloomfield, and Fulton.





# Smile-A-While

The jokes this month are from Just for grins in “The Missouri Chigger”

Ordinarily, staring is creepy. But if you spread your attention across many individuals, it’s just people watching.

A preacher concludes his service by saying, “Next Sunday I am going to preach on the subject of liars. And in preparation for my discourse, I would like you all to read the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter of Mark.”

The following Sunday, the preacher says, “Now, all of you who have done as I requested and read the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter of Mark, please raise your hands.”

Nearly every hand in the congregation goes up.

The preacher continues, “You are the people I want to talk to. There is no 17<sup>th</sup> chapter of Mark.”

## Dress Code for People Over 40

Many of us “Old Folks” (those over 40, WAY over 40 or hovering near 40) are quite confused about how we should present ourselves. We’re unsure about the kind of image we are projecting and whether or not we are correct as we try to conform to current fashions. Despite what you may have seen on the streets, the following combinations DO NOT go together and should be avoided:

1. A nose ring and bifocals
2. Spiked hair and bald spots
3. A pierced tongue and dentures
4. Miniskirts and support hose
5. Ankle bracelets and corn pads
6. Speedos and cellulite
7. A belly button ring and a gall bladder surgery scar.

# Williamsburg Willy sez... by M. Crane



"Everybody's somebody's HERO!!" (August, 2011) 2016

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a step back in time. Enjoy breakfast, or lunch in

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Clearance and Closeout.