Message from the President:
Here it is, Thanksgiving already, it just doesn't seem possible. We each have to be so thankful for - family, friends, a loving and forgiving God. We are richly blessed, sometimes without realizing it.

After a quick discussion with most of the board members it was decided that we will postpone our Fall meeting (usually held in early December) until after the first of the year. This is predominantly because I was diagnosed with Stage 4 non-Hodgkins lymphoma, with follicular lymphoma in the bone marrow, in late August.

I have had 4 of the 6 planned two day chemo therapy treatments so far, with the last chemo treatments scheduled to be Jan 2 & 3. I am doing well, thanks to the prayers of many faithful friends and family, but it seems prudent to delay our get together until my white blood count is better.

About 3 weeks after the January treatment I should be in pretty good shape for our meeting. Watch for an email verifying the specifics about our mid-January meeting.

Please refer to the many articles in our newsletter for up to date information regarding the cemetery and future plans. I hope each of you had a great Thanksgiving, and will have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Also, again, I want to thank each of you for your prayers and concern during this time. I know God has this under control, and am anxious to see how He uses this to grow His kingdom. Take care, and God bless each of you!

Sincerely, Robb

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Notes from Larry Voris

Seems it is getting harder for me to come up with articles for the newsletter. I have put several pictures in this letter in color. They were taken this fall after the MSU class was there. I may have duplicated some of these from previous newsletters. The Sage stone was broken during the Ice storm incident in 2007.

I visited with Allen Maunu recently. We talked about what to do next. He has some logs that he would like to get out and make into lumber. Then we have the leaf problem like we have every year. Allen has been very good at helping mow this year. Sometime this spring (2018) we will try to get the logs out and vacuum the leaves and burn the brush pile in the old roadway. We will have to renew our burn permit with the Strafford Fire Department. We still have 3-4 more dead trees that need to be removed. The old cedar trees are dying on us one at a time.

I am late with this letter. Josh is working on updating the web site and needs this letter to complete his part on the newsletters.

Robb has been under the weather and the fall dinner meeting was put off until February 2018 or somewhere in this time frame.

This is all for now. Hoping you all had a Merry Christmas and will have a Happy, Prosperous and Healthy New Year.

Larry

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Note:
We would like to thank Doug for bringing this to our attention. The treasurer gets all the monies and lists them as donations on the financial report.

The UCCA would like to give special thanks to the following members that have generously donated to the Union Campground Cemetery Association since 2013 (alphabetically within years):
2013 Marie Jackson and Robert Thomas
2014 David & Judith Hinton and Marie Jackson
2015 Patsy Corbett, Marie Jackson, and Clarence & Donna Stiver
2016 Molly Faulkner and Ben Gravely
2017 Shirley Doten and Ben Gravely
We are especially grateful to the "$75 and over Club" for those who have donated at least $75 since 2013. David & Judith Hinton and Marie Jackson.

Thank you so much!

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Note: PLEASE READ.
We are trying to clean up our mailing list. The cost of snail mail keeps going up. We can Email to you very easily at no cost if we have a verified email address. A phone number would be nice in case your newsletter comes back or the email bounces. Then I can call you and see what is wrong. We haven’t heard from some of you for several years and what we need to know is, How you are connected to the Union Campground Cemetery. Don’t want to cut anyone off if you have ancestors in the cemetery. The dues are only $15 per year. Drop the editor a note, email, or text. Or just pickup the phone and call.

Larry
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Cemetery Location:
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Treasurer's Report
Union Campground Cemetery Association
Submitted by Douglas Rayl, Treasurer
September 9, 2017

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Expenditures:
| Insurance      | 353.00  |
| Allen Maunu (Mowing) | 150.00  |
| Bank Fee       | 9.00    |
| Safety Box     | 30.00   |
| Total expenses | 542.00  |

Balance:  
$4995.85

My address is:
Douglas Rayl
252 Hightower
Nixa, MO 65714
or if you have questions just call me.
417-830-2371

Thanks
Doug

Dues are $15 for single and $25 for two.

Make checks out to UCCA

Welcome back Don & Dorothy Holdway.

Get well card out to:
Robb Chandler
Don Holdway
Clarence & Donna Stiver
Dorothy Holdway
Who Is W.P.

Pictured below is a footstone discovered by a student of Professor Follensbee in the fall of 2017. No one on our cemetery listing has a name that matches the initials of “W. P.”

A search of land sales books (1832-92 and 1904) do not show a landowner with the initials “W. P.” It was found in the metal fence area just northwest of the McMurry enclosure.

There are several footstones of this style in the cemetery.

Making sure we give credit where it is due.

All the work on the stones should be identified as being done by Dr. Billie Follansbee’s, The Advanced Art History and Museum Studies students in the Basic Conservation of Art and Artifacts class at Missouri State University. (It’s a class in the Department of Art & Design), which is in the College of Arts & Letters at Missouri State University.

IN MEMORIUM

Peggy Bodanske (Engel) Alexander

In the early days of Union Campground Cemetery Association, when contacts were made to establish a history of the cemetery, many names were mentioned as possible sources of information. Peggy’s name was on the list.

She told of how her original roots were connected to the Snow family who settled in the Valley Water Mill area in the very early days of Greene County history.

More than a few of the Snow family members are buried in our cemetery but the tombstones are missing. However, there is one exception: Elizabeth Snow Appleby died in 1864 and a tombstone marks her grave.

Peggy Alexander was 81 at the time of her death September 7, 2017. A short graveside service was conducted at Danforth Cemetery in Greene County, Missouri.

Lavica Freeman
wife of John Freeman
b: Sept 9, 1799
d: July 1, 1873
ELIZA THOMAS
A Tale of Two Sisters Eliza and her sister Lydia are the daughters of Hubbard and Maryanna Ragsdale. They both first married Watson brothers, then both later married Woodson Thomas.

When it comes to the Thomas' and their children it is a story more like yours, mine and ours. I don't feel I can tell Eliza's story without telling Woodson's story also. I believe it was Woodson's obituary that described his home as a mansion, and he would need one with all the children in the house. By the time Woodson passed away in 1862 there were 19 children in the family.

Woodson married 5 times. He first married Abigail Hackett in 1834. Family says in Williamson, TN, but I found a bond for them in Guilford Co, NC. They had 5 children: Celia A. 1836, Demarius G. 1838, Sarah 1840, Abigail Margaret 1842 and Robert 1843. It is believed Abigail died because he married Eliza in 1844.

Eliza Ragsdale was born 1817 in SC according to census. She and Mr. Watson had son William H. in June 1844 MO. Later that same year in August Eliza married Woodson Thomas in Greene Co, MO. With Woodson she had 3 children: John Wesley 1845, Mira Matilda 1847 and James Allen 1849. It is believed by the family that she died in childbirth.

Woodson went on to marry twice more, 1851 to Julia Ann Dunn and 1853 to Harriett Carnes. It does not appear he had any children with either of these wives.

Woodson then, in 1855, married Lydia. Lydia was Eliza's younger sister born in 1823 in Missouri. Lydia first married in 1843 in Maury Co, TN to Jesse Watson. She brought 5 Watson children with her into the marriage, Sarah A. E. 1844, Jane 1845, Rachel 1847, Samuel James 1850 and Marshall 1852, who had a twin that died. With Woodson, though 6 of the children were actually Watson's, on the census with Woodson, before and after his death, all of the 19 children are listed as Thomas. It took great detective work to figure out who belonged to who.

Woodson was born in Pittsylvania Co, VA where the Jeffries and many others in the area were from. They may very well have known each other before coming to Missouri. As I recall, Woodson is buried in Maple Park. He died in 1862. He had at least 3 siblings, James Douglas 1810 VA, Sarah Ann 1814 NC and Wesley D. 1816 NC.

Woodson purchased 40 acres ca 1840, Twp 29, Rng 21, Sec 4. In 1850 he purchased another 40 acres northeast of Strafford. In 1872 she marriage a J.M. West. I have not been able to locate her death information.

I can't help but wonder Abigail and the two Mr. Watson's are buried in Union Campground.

I have been in contact with some of their descendants and have more to contact, but as of yet, none of them have had a picture of Eliza, Lydia or Woodson.

by Cynthia (Jeffries) Davison 2017, assisted by descendant William "Bill" Yates.

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SUSAN COTTRELL
From a distinguished ancestors "Susannah C. "Susan" Goodwin" was born around 1831 to 1836 in MO, according to census. She was born to Peter Goodwin and Christina Fulbright. Both parents were born in NC, possibly Lincoln County. Peter ca 1791 to Isaac and Isabell Goodwin. Christina ca 1792 o John Fulbright and Elizabeth Coulter. They had 9 children: Rodah 1815, Eli Franklin "Frank" 1818, Nancy ca 1820, Elizabeth ca 1822, John F. 1824, David Boone 1827, William J 1830, Suzannah C. "Susan" 1833 and Ruth J 1835.

Court records in 1805 list Peter as a 14 yr old orphan. He was originally to have Isaac Lawrence as his guardian and was to stay as a Tanner apprentice until age 21, however, he went to court and requested and was granted Abram Goodwin as guardian. Brother William was to apprentice as a miller. The sheriff was looking for brother, Isaac who had apparently taken off. It is believed the Goodwin's were originally from Germany.

Christina had 5 brothers and 4 sisters. Fulbright Springs in Springfield, MO is named after her brother William.

Both the Goodwin and Fulbright families went from NC to TN to MO, back to TN, strayed to a few other places, then back to MO to stay. Peter and Christina settled in Laclede County. Online info has Peter and Christina buried in Laclede County and Greene County both, but some have Peter with a different wife.

Susan married 21 Nov 1850 in Laclede County, MO to Henry W. Cottrell. He was born 1832 KY. The 1860, 1870 and 1880 census have them living in Laclede. The 1900 census has Susan as a widow living in Springfield, MO at 215 E Calhoun. Married daughter, Mary Andrews, is living with her but there is no husband listed. It says Mary never had any children, but Susan had 11 children and 6 are still living. Only 9 are known from the various census. All were born in MO except Mary who was born in IA. Thersey J. 1852, Mary C. 1854, John F. 1856, Amanda M. 1858, Genetta E. 1860, Rebecca E 1863, William J. 1866, Juliett 1870 and Nora 1875.

Henry obviously died between 1880 and 1900 based on census. More than likely he is buried either in Laclede County or Greene County, but as of yet I have not found him, nor the 5 deceased children.

Most of this info has come from online reports by various descendants, however, there is conflicting info, so there may be a need for corrections in the future by Cynthia (Jeffries) Davison
Sacred to The Memory  
REBECCA ROPER  
Born: Jan 6# A.D. 1795  
Died: Dec 4# A.D. 1846  
STONE BOX GRAVE

This stone is in the middle of the cemetery. Work has been in progress for a couple of years. This year the MSU class got it standing. It is a big stone and it looks great.
Jane C Caldwell  
Wife of W. G. Caldwell  
b. March 20, 1833  
d. July 31, 1866

THOMAS PATTERSO  
N: ELLISO  
N: DIED . SEPTEMBER 28 1840  
AGED 20 YEARS 5 MONTHS AND 3 DAYS

Note: This is the way it was carved into the stone. The 1870 could be 1840. It is a neat stone set up.  
Another Note: I have always thought this was Thomas Patterson. After looking at it in another way, it could be Thomas Patterson Ellison.

IN MEMORY OF  
JOHN A. M. FREEMAN  
BORN MARCH 3, 1845  
DEPARTED THIS LIFE  
AUGUST 29,1862

MARRY A. LOONEY  
b. 1836  
d. 1879  
STONE BOX GRAVE
Editor Notes:
I mentioned get well cards out to Robb Chandler, Don Holdway and Clarence & Donna Stiver now Dorothy Holdway. I probably could add the whole membership to the list. It seems that one or more of us are sick sometime throughout the year.

Don Holdway had a knee replacement back in August. Then the first of November he had rotator cuff surgery. Send cards to Dorothy.

Better yet just take her a piece of coconut cream pie and watch her eyes light up.

Late Note: Now, Dorothy has had hand surgery.

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From the Editor: Since I first published Vol 24, Issue 2, No. 47, Fall 2017, more information has come in and I hadn’t done the snail mailing plus I have had trouble with the publisher program. I guess it is having some of my “OLD” syndrome. I guess I will rescind (take back) and then resend the newsletter. Is that proper for all you English Majors.

Larry

The Mary Bedell stone looks great after the latest cleaning.

Nathan Bedell
b: Jan 12 1843
D: Apr 17, 1912

Notice how this stones look. The MSU students did a good job on cleaning the stones this year.