



Missouri Cherry Blossom Festival History

The project of planting cherry blossom trees in the city of Marshfield, Missouri started from a dream of local resident, Rev. Nicholas W. Inman. After spending a lengthy period in Washington, D.C. Inman returned home, because he had become homesick. However, due to his love of our nation's capital he decided that it would be nice to bring just a small touch of Washington D.C. to his hometown. Thus, allowing everyone a chance to enjoy both worlds.

Thus, the cherry blossom project started in 2003, although the first official planting did not occur until 2004. The first tree was planted at the Webster County Museum by Missouri First Lady Lori Hauser Holden. It was decided by the local Tree City USA advisory committee that each Missouri First Lady would be asked to plant a tree. This occurred due to the fact that the nation's First Ladies had planted the trees in the nation's capital. In fact, First Lady Helen Taft planted the first tree in Washington, D.C. in 1912.

Soon the cherry blossom project spread throughout the city. Numerous dignitaries have visited to plant trees including; Teresa Parson (Missouri First Lady), Thom Daniel (Grandson of President Harry S Truman), Jerry Jones (Owner of the Dallas Cowboys), Jean Carnahan (Former Missouri First Lady and United States Senator), Pat Wilson (Former Missouri First Lady), Betty Hearnes (Former Missouri First Lady), Janet Ashcroft (Former Missouri First Lady), Georganne Wheeler Nixon (Former Missouri First Lady), John Lane (nephew of Dr. Edwin P. Hubble), Lesley Kays (Webster County Sesquicentennial Queen), Maggie Peterson Mancuso (Charlene Darling, Andy Griffith Show), Jenna Bush Hager and Barbara Bush (Daughters of President George W. Bush), Michael Learned (The Waltons), Lynda Johnson Robb (Daughter of President Lyndon B. Johnson) and Jonathan Sandys (Great Grandson of Sir Winston Churchill) along with several group plantings.

Not long after the tree was adopted amongst residents, the local school board named a street on their local campus "Cherry Blossom Way." This came at the urging of Inman,

Neva Schroder and the tree committee, who fostered the idea of lining the way with cherry blossom trees. Former First Lady Lady Bird Johnson assisted with advice throughout the planting and selection process of the tree. Three varieties of trees have been planted throughout the city. They include Okame, Yoshino and Kwanzan.

In the beginning the Marshfield Rotary club purchased a large amount of small cherry blossom sprigs and sold them to local residents. Volunteers planted several cherry blossom trees on public property and a series of promotions encouraged citizens to plant cherry blossoms throughout Marshfield.

Later, Inman formed the first "cherry blossom festival committee" for the 2006 blooming season. A dedicated and faithful group of community members volunteered and helped plan, organize, and establish Missouri's only Cherry Blossom Festival. The festival has been featured on CBS Sunday Morning and in 2014 Former First Lady Laura Bush gave the keynote address at the Cherry Blossom Festival Gala Dinner. Now, in its 18th year, the Missouri Cherry Blossom Festival has welcomed visitors to Marshfield from across the globe. The festival, which takes place the last full weekend in April has grown into a multi-day event, which focuses on the festival's mission to preserve and promote American History, Missouri State History and Webster County History. The festival is a bi-partisan weekend that celebrates the history that unites us all as American citizens.

The city of Marshfield shall forever profit, due to the dream of a young man, who dared to dream a little outside of the box.

Charter Members of the Cherry Blossom Festival Committee included: Rev. Nicholas W. Inman (Founder/President), Ione Dines (Vice President), Donata Spear (Treasurer)*, Sarah Spear Rader (Secretary), Sandra Speer, Carolyn Yates*, Helen Jackson*, Jane Robertson, Becky Tunnell, Elsie Myers*, Lesley Kays, Linda Rost Dickinson, Regetta Cable-Long, Kaitlyn McConnell, Kim Clift and Jurahee Crawford.

Cherry Blossom Committee members who have served in subsequent years have included: Jeanette Inman Alcorn, Peyton Andrews, Desi Becht, Emma Bell, Joan Bodey, June Boone, Larry Boone*, Kate Bryce*, Betty Jo Cantrell, Karen Case, Carol Cooksey, Dixie Dawson, Mark Dawson, Kathy Seery Edgeman, Shirley Essary, Joy Ewers, Terry Ewers, Jackie Fraker*, Marta Fraker, Janet Kay Gallagher, Karen Gore, Emma Henderson, Betty Herman, Joyce Inman, Reagan Inman, Anita Keeling, Fay King, Carol Koster, Becky McGoon, Melody Mikkelsen, Sue Minor, Jeannie Moreno, Kathy Muckala, Kem Myers Nuckels, Jill Phillips, Carla Pinkley, Ann Robinson*, Tammie Robison, Vicki Shalloup, Becky Simmons, Mona Sponsler, Emily Griffeth Truscott, John Tunnell and Georgene Verlin.

April 20th 2024

Marshfield Community Center
6pm-8pm

For more information
contact Nicole Hampton
417-300-8227

DAD'S &
DIVAS
DANCE

Tickets are \$10 per person

Tickets on sale at
Southern Charmed Boutique
The Wild Honey Boutique
The Shabby Sheep Boutique
Marshfield Chamber of Commerce
Ruth's Flowers



Community Worship Service

Hosted by the Marshfield Ministerial Alliance

Sunday, April 21st at 2pm

Marshfield First Baptist Church

Participation from many local congregations!

Everyone is Welcome

Kickoff Service for Missouri Cherry Blossom Week





The Ozark Mountain Symphony

presents

"Cherry Blossom Symphony"

An Inaugural Performance

A free event

Sunday, April 21st - 6 PM

Carl and Glessie Young Auditorium

370 State Highway DD

Marshfield, MO 65706

CHERRY BLOSSOM STREET DANCE

FREE | LIVE MUSIC | DANCING

Monday, April 22nd 7-9 pm
Historic Marshfield Square

Music Provided by: The Isaac Kenneth Band
Sponsored by: The Ozark Concert Association

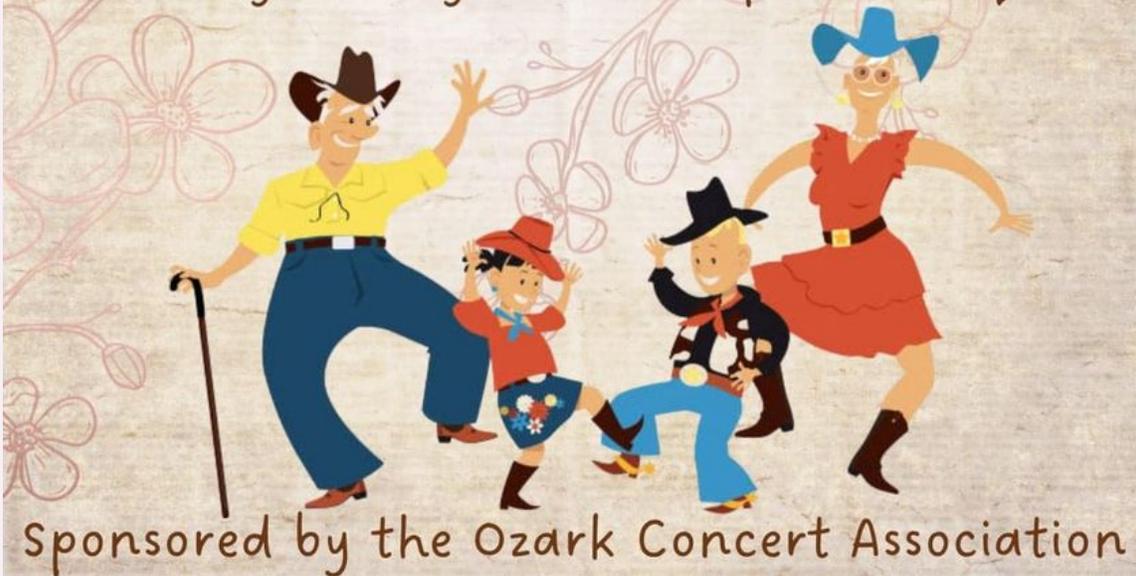


CHERRY BLOSSOM SQUARE DANCE

TUESDAY, APRIL 23RD 7PM - 9PM

MARSHFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER

Free, Family Friendly Event! No Experience Required!



Get ready for a night of incredible talent!
Marshfield's very own **Kollin Bailey** will be kicking off the evening before
Rhonda Vincent & The Rage take the stage at the
Marshfield Community Center on Wednesday, April 24th.
Secure your tickets now for an unforgettable evening of live music!

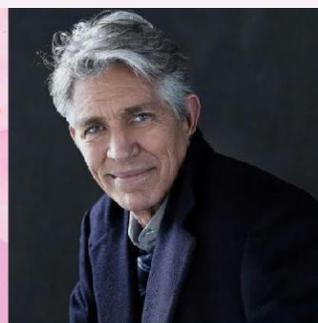


The 19th Annual Cherry Blossom Festival Presents:

NOSTALGIA FEST AUTOGRAPH SHOW

Friday, April 26th (10 am to 3 pm) & Saturday, April 27th (10 am to 2 pm)

Marshfield Community Center, Marshfield, Missouri - FREE ADMISSION



Eric Roberts- The Dark Knight, Special Signing Wed, April 24th ONLY 7 pm-9 pm

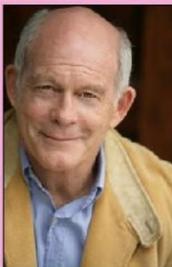


Little House on the Prairie



Sherree J. Wilson-Walker, Texas Ranger, Sean Kenney- Star Trek

Little House on the Prairie Cast: Dean Butler (Almanzo), Wendi Lou Lee (Baby Grace), Charlotte Stewart (Miss Beadle), Jennifer Donati (Baby Rose), Patrick Labyorteaux (Andy Garvey), Pamela Roylance (Sarah Carter), Alison Arngrim (Nellie Oleson)



Left to Right: David Doremus- The Waltons, Mimi Gibson- Actress and Stuntwoman, Olivia Brown- Miami Vice, Mimi Gibson- Voice of "Lucky" of Disney's 1961- 101 Dalmatians

Max Gail-Barney Miller

Louis Graziano-American Hero, Last Living Witness to the German Surrender of WWII



Left to Right: Karolyn Grimes- It's a Wonderful Life, Peggy Lee Brennan- M*A*S*H, Stanley Livingston- My Three Sons, Eliza Roberts- Animal House, Larry Mathews- The Dick Van Dyke Show



Left to Right: Sandra Gimpel- Star Trek, Beverly Washburn- Old Yeller, Cynthia Pepper- Kissin' Cousins, Johnny Whitaker- Family Affair, Rebecca Holden- Knight Rider, Tina Cole- My Three Sons, David Harper- The Waltons, Peter Sherayko- Tombstone & Many Other VIP Guests (Guests Subject to Change)

Cherry Blossom

DONKEYBALL

Thursday, April 25, 2024

DOORS OPEN @ 6 PM

STARTS @ 7 PM

THE MARSHFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

TICKETS:
\$7 IN ADVANCE
\$10 AT THE DOOR



FUNDRAISER FOR
THE MARSHFIELD
COMMUNITY BAND

Tickets are now available to the Marshfield Cherry Blossom Festival's spectacular event -

"The Spyres Family Concert" benefiting Ozarks Lyric Opera!
Join us for an enchanting evening of music and support a great cause!

Date: Thursday, April 25th

Time: 7:00 pm

Venue: Carl and Glessie Young Auditorium (Marshfield High School)

[Purchase Tickets](#)

The Spyres Family Concert

benefiting



Ozarks
LYRIC OPERA



Cherry Blossom Vendor Palooza

**Friday, April 26th Noon - 6 pm
Saturday, April 27th 9 am -4 pm**

Shopping
Food Trucks

Marshfield Square
101 S. Crittenden, Marshfield

Vendor space available.
Scan the QR code for information



Children's Hour



HOSTED BY
"AUNT NORMA"
CHAMPION

AUNT NORMA HOSTED
"CHILDREN'S HOUR" ON
KYTV FROM 1957-1986.
THIS PROGRAM IS OPEN
FOR CHILDREN OF ALL
AGES AND WILL INCLUDE
STORY TIME WITH
DAVID HARRISON,
AN AWARD-WINNING
CHILDREN'S AUTHOR.

Saturday, April 27th at 10:30 AM at
The Webster County Library (Free Event)

*Let's Go Jeepin'
for
Zuzu's House*



Sat April 27, 2024 @ 9:30am

Line up is at 9:30am at the Webster County Fairgrounds.
Registration per Jeep/Vehicle is \$20
The 1st 125 Jeep's/Vehicle arrive and get signed in will get a GOODIE bag.
(1 per Jeep/Vehicle)
Get there early!!!

LET'S GO JEEPIN' FOR ZUZU'S HOUSE!

APRIL 27TH, 2024

@ 9:30 AM

LINEUP AT WEBSTER COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS



COSTCO * DEBORAH MILEUR, PSALMS 139:14 * DON VANCE AUTO GROUP * FRAKER FUNERAL HOME
GRILLO'S * GREENLAWN FUNERAL HOME * KING RENTAL * KLEAN SWEEP * PRICE CUTTER
RUTHIE LETTERMAN, KELLER WILLIAMS AGENCY * MARC ZUPAN AGENCY, AMERICAN FAMILY INSURANCE
SHEILA'S PLACE * SPORTS SHACK * ROCKWOOD FAMILY DENTAL



Cherry Blossom Dog Show

APRIL 27, 2024

9:15 AM

THE MARSHFIELD SQUARE

\$5.00 ENTRY PER PUP

PUPS WILL BE JUDGED ON THE
FOLLOWING...

PRETTIEST IN PINK
BEST COSTUME
OWNER AND PUP DRESS UP

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS
THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF
SOUTHWEST MISSOURI

PRIZES DONATED BY
SULLY LOVES SUGAR
AND BOMGAARS



**THE 14TH
ANNUAL
MARSHFIELD
HIGH
SCHOOL
ALUMNI
LUNCHEON**



**SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH - 12 PM
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
FAMILY LIFE CENTER**

Lola Fern Day's family will serve her FAMOUS cashew chicken and small cherry pies from the legendary Garbage Can Café

Honoring Janice (Robinson) McDonald
(MHS Class of 1964 and former Miss
Missouri)

&

Kollin Bailey (MHS Class of 2019) as
Distinguished MHS Alumni

Advance tickets: \$20 per person and can be purchased by calling 417-689-2098 (to-go orders available with advanced purchase).

Fourth Annual

First Ladies Piano

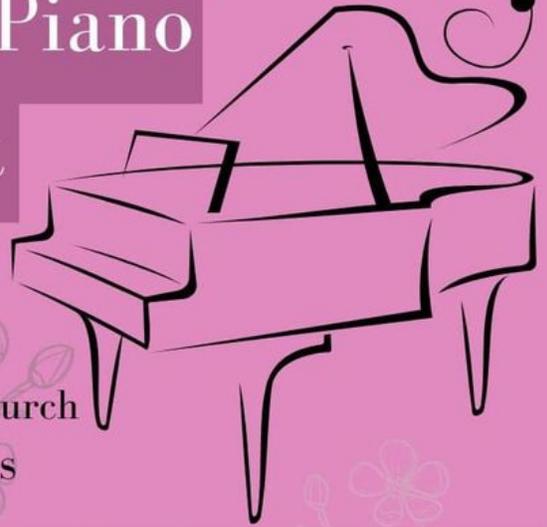
Concert

Sunday, April 28th at 2 pm

14 Pianists - 1 Organist

Marshfield United Methodist Church

Director: Kevin Williams



Honoring Missouri's First Ladies

Gospel, Patriotic &
Classical Music

Free Event
Everyone Welcome



To order one (or more) of these delicious cherry pies,
please reach out to 417-880-8984.

Please note pies must be picked up on April 26th from
1 pm - 4 pm at the Marshfield Assembly of God.

Cherry Blossom Auxiliary
Take & Bake Cherry Pie
Fundraiser

\$20
per pie

Name _____

Quantity _____

Phone Number _____



Must be picked up Friday, April 26th from
1pm to 4pm Marshfield Assembly of God



2024 Cherry Blossom Festival Schedule April 20th- April 28th

Saturday, April 20th

6 PM- Dads & Divas Dance- Marshfield Community Center- \$10 in advance - \$15 at the door
Formal attire optional- www.tnchampton.com

Sunday, April 21st

2 PM- Cherry Blossom Community Worship Service- Kickoff for Cherry Blossom Week-
Hosted by the Marshfield Ministerial Alliance, Marshfield First Baptist Church

6 PM- Ozark Mountain Symphony presents its inaugural performance, "Cherry Blossom
Symphony" Conductor, Micah Williams- Carl and Glessie Young Community Auditorium-
(Free event, Open Seating)

Monday, April 22nd

7-9 PM- Cherry Blossom Street Dance- Music Provided by: The Isaac Kenneth Band- Free
Event - Live Music – Dancing- Historic Downtown Square

Tuesday, April 23rd

7 PM – 9 PM- Cherry Blossom Square Dance- Marshfield Community Center- Free Event,
Family Friendly! No experience required!

Wednesday, April 24th

6:30 PM- Cherry Blossoms & Bluegrass- Rhonda Vincent & The Rage, Kollin Bailey and his
band will open the show - \$25 per person - Tickets available online and at the door- Marshfield
Community Center- Doors open at 6 PM

Thursday, April 25th

(10 AM- 4 PM)- Cherry Blossom Quilt Show, sponsored by the Cherry Blossom Auxiliary-
Marshfield Assembly of God (Back Hallway)- (Free Event)

(1 PM- 4 PM)- The Laura Ingalls Wilder Home and Museum in Mansfield, MO presents a
traveling exhibit on the life of Laura Ingalls Wilder- Webster County Museum (Free
Admission)

9 AM- "WW II Patriot Breakfast"- Honoring the veterans of WW II and commemorating the
80th anniversary of D-Day. The breakfast will be a tribute to America's Greatest Generation.
Program includes interviews with Louis Graziano (last living witness to the German surrender

of WW II), Jack Hamlin (D-Day survivor) and Mary Jean Eisenhower (granddaughter of President Dwight D. Eisenhower)- Benefiting the Marshfield Veterans Day Parade Committee- Moderator, Daniel Essary- Son-Rise Christian Church- For tickets (\$25 per person) call 417-860-4996 or 808-345-4975.

9 AM- “Quilts of Mayberry: Patterns Reminiscent of the People, Places, and Things of The Andy Griffith Show”- Johnna Clarke, Missouri native and Mayberry enthusiast will share a variety of her mother’s hand sewn quilts as well as her own creations that tell the story of Andy, Opie, Aunt Bee, and the folks of Mayberry- Marshfield Assembly of God

10 AM- “Remembering the Westerns and Cowboys of Yesteryear” Panel featuring actress who starred and worked in the classic Westerns- Beverly Washburn (Wagon Train, The Texan, The Lone Ranger), Karolyn Grimes (Rio Grande, Albuquerque), Mimi Gibson (The Oklahoman and Rebel in Town), Cynthia Pepper (Wagon Train) and Charlotte Stewart (Gunsmoke, The Cheyenne Social Club)- Marshfield Assembly of God

11:05 AM- Interview with American actress, Tina Cole (Katie Douglas, My Three Sons) about her book, “My Three Lives: A Memoir”- Moderator, William Anderson (Author-Historian) – Marshfield Assembly of God

11 AM- 1 PM- Enchilada Dinner benefiting the Fordland Memorial Library- Marshfield Assembly of God Fellowship Hall- Tickets: \$10 per person, pay at the door (to-go orders available).

12 PM- The 2nd Annual Carolyn Grinnell Luncheon for fans of The Waltons television show. The late Carolyn Grinnell was the Founder and longtime President of the Waltons International Fan Club. David Harper (Jim Bob, The Waltons) and David Doremus (G.W. Haines, The Waltons) will be interviewed, and Harper will be honored - Son-Rise Christian Church- Tickets are \$25 per person.

1 PM- Dean Butler (Almanzo Wilder, Little House on the Prairie) will be interviewed about his new book, “Prairie Man: My Little House Life & Beyond”. Moderator, William Anderson (Author-Historian)- Marshfield Assembly of God

2:30 PM- Cherry Blossom Tea, Lesley Ann Warren (Cinderella, Rodgers & Hammerstein’s- 1965) will speak at the Cinderella-themed tea- Hats are highly encouraged for this event- Marshfield Community Center- SOLD OUT EVENT

4:35 PM- “Legends of Television and Screen” Panel featuring actors and actresses from several classic television shows and cinema classics- Stan Livingston (My Three Sons), Eric Roberts (The Dark Knight), Sharon Baird (Original Mouseketeer), Mindi Miller (The Big Turnaround), Larry Mathews (Dick Van Dyke Show), Sheree J. Wilson (Walker, Texas Ranger), Olivia Brown (Miami Vice), Johnny Whitaker (Family Affair), Rebecca Holden (Knight Rider),

Cynthia Pepper (Kissin' Cousins), Mimi Gibson (One Hundred and One Dalmations-1961) and others- Marshfield Assembly of God

4 PM- 7 PM- Fish Fry to benefit the Vivian Stuber Memorial Library in Niangua. Kollin Bailey will perform during the event from 6-7 PM- Marshfield Assembly of God Fellowship Hall- Tickets: \$10 per person, pay at the door (to-go orders available).

5:45 PM- "Star Trek: The Original Series Memories" Panel featuring Sean Kenney (Fleet Captain Christopher Pike), Sandra Gimpel (The Cage) and Beverly Washburn (The Deadly Years). The panel will feature memories of working on the original series- Marshfield Assembly of God

7 PM- The Spyres Family Concert- Featuring Sir Michael Spyres, Tara Stafford-Spyres, Sean Spyres and Erica Spyres in an enchanting evening of world class music- Benefiting the Ozarks Lyric Opera- Carl and Glessie Young Community Auditorium (Marshfield High School)- Tickets are \$25 per person (General Seating). Call 417-763-5661.

Friday, April 26th

(10 AM- 3 PM)- Nostalgia Fest Autograph Show- Featuring VIP guests of the Cherry Blossom Festival- Marshfield Community Center- (Free Admission)

(10 AM- 4 PM)- Cherry Blossom Quilt Show, sponsored by the Cherry Blossom Auxiliary- Marshfield Assembly of God (Back Hallway)- (Free Event)

(12 PM- 6 PM)- Cherry Vendor Palooza (Crafts and Vendors) on the historic Marshfield square

(1 PM- 4 PM)- The Laura Ingalls Wilder Home and Museum in Mansfield, MO presents a traveling exhibit on the life of Laura Ingalls Wilder- Webster County Museum (Free Admission)

(1 PM- 4 PM)- Drop off pies for Annual Cherry Pie Contest & Auction (held in conjunction later with the Hubble Dinner)- Marshfield Assembly of God Fellowship Hall- for more information call 417-241-0222.

8 AM- Laura Ingalls Wilder Home and Museum hosts, "Nellie's Breakfast"-Alison Arnglim (Nellie Oleson, Little House on the Prairie) will host a breakfast celebrating the 50th anniversary of Little House on the Prairie. Program panel featuring stars from the classic television show: Dean Butler (Almanzo Wilder), Charlotte Stewart (Miss Beadle), Pamela Roylance (Sarah Carter), Wendi Lou Lee (Baby Grace), Jennifer Donati (Baby Rose) and Patrick Labyorteaux (Andy Garvey). Moderator, Scot England -Benefiting the Laura Ingalls Wilder Children's Literature Festival- Sponsored by Federal Construction- Marshfield Assembly of God Fellowship Hall- SOLD OUT EVENT

9:30 AM- Annual Missouri Walk of Fame Ceremony- Honoring six famous Missourians with stars on the historic Walk of Fame. Honorees include: Dick Van Dyke (Actor), Leona Williams (Singer), Mary Lou Turner (Singer), Almanzo Wilder (Pioneer), Sir Michael Spyres (Singer) and Carl Mays (Baseball). The Flight Bound Honor Choir from Highlandville Elementary School in the Spokane R-7 School District will perform as well- Marshfield Assembly of God

10:35 AM- “60th Anniversary of the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy” Panel featuring witnesses to the fateful day in American History, historians, and a family member- Moderator, Richard LaMotte- Marshfield Assembly of God

11:30 AM- Robert and Edith Garst History Convocation- The United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri will naturalize nearly 45 new citizens. The citizenship ceremony will be held at the Carl and Glessie Young Community Auditorium. Applicants represent nearly 30 countries. The Honorable M. Douglas Harpool will preside over the ceremony. Marshfield High School Concert Choir and Masee McKinley will perform- Keynote speaker: Mary Jean Eisenhower (Granddaughter of President Dwight D. Eisenhower)

12:45 PM- Wilson’s Creek National Battlefield Foundation Luncheon- Program will feature an interview with Bill Pool (Son of a Union Veteran, Charles Pool-Co. D, 6th WV Vols). Pool is the last known Real Son in the nation and is a veteran of the Battle of the Bulge. Moderator, Tim Pletkovich (Author/Editor, Civil War Fathers: Sons of the Civil War in WW II)- Benefitting the Wilson’s Creek Battlefield Foundation- Marshfield Assembly of God Fellowship Hall- Tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased by calling 417-861-9905 or online at www.wilsonscreek.com.

2:15 PM- Ella Dickey Literacy Awards, Honoring: David Jerome, Tina Cole (My Three Sons), Wendi Lou Lee (Baby Grace, Little House on the Prairie), Beverly Washburn (Old Yeller), Sean Kenney (Star Trek-Fleet Captain Christopher Pike) and Michael Hingson (9-11 Survivor)- The Blue Jay Singers will perform as well- Marshfield Assembly of God

3:30 PM- Dr. Larry Cook (Presidential Historian) will speak about “Rosalynn Carter: First Lady, Humanitarian and Friend “- Marshfield Assembly of God

4:35 PM- 13th Annual Dred and Harriet Scott Reconciliation Forum entitled, “We See Through A Glass Darkly” with Lynne Jackson (great, great granddaughter of Dred and Harriet Scott) and Rachel Leavitt- Marshfield Assembly of God

5:30 PM- Cindy Wilson (Author) will speak about “Charles Wood Irish, the Surveying of the Dakota Central Railroad, and the Ingalls Connection”- Program will be about her recent book, "We Suffered Much: Charles Wood Irish and the Dakota Territory Railroad Survey of 1879-1881," which follows the activities and adventures of the men who set the route of the rail line that spurred the development of towns such as De Smet, Dakota Territory, made famous by the Little House series of books by Laura Ingalls Wilder- Marshfield Assembly of God

6:30 PM- Edwin P. Hubble Medal of Initiative Dinner presenting Marshfield's highest honor to several outstanding Americans. Honoring: Donnie Dunagan (Original Voice of Bambi), Clifton Truman Daniel (Grandson of President Harry S Truman), Andrew Greer (Dove award nominated singer) and Masee McKinley (Society of Presidential Descendants)- Marshfield Assembly of God Fellowship Hall- Tickets are \$30 per person and can be purchased online (Eventbrite) or by calling 417-860-4996.

Saturday, April 27th

(9 AM- 4 PM)- Cherry Vendor Palooza (crafts and vendors) on the historic Marshfield square

(9 AM- Until the plants are gone)- Evelyn Hampton Garden Club's 4th Annual Plant Sale at The Dickey House.

(10 AM- 1 PM)- Cherry Blossom Quilt Show, sponsored by the Cherry Blossom Auxiliary- Marshfield Assembly of God (Back Hallway)- (Free Event)

(10 AM- 2 PM)- Nostalgia Fest Autograph Show- Featuring VIP guests of the Cherry Blossom Festival- Marshfield Community Center- (Free Admission)

(1 PM- 4 PM)- The Laura Ingalls Wilder Home and Museum in Mansfield, MO presents a traveling exhibit on the life of Laura Ingalls Wilder- Webster County Museum (Free Admission)

9 AM- Travel back in time for a visit with President Calvin Coolidge as portrayed by reenactor and filmmaker Tracy Messer-Moderator, Jennifer Harville (Great Granddaughter of President Calvin Coolidge)- Marshfield Assembly of God

9:15 AM- 2nd Annual Cherry Blossom Dog Show- Categories (split by large and small dogs) include: Prettiest in Pink, Best Costumed, and Owner-Dog Look Alike- Prizes donated by Sully Loves Sugar and Bomgaars- Historic Marshfield Square (Southwest Side of the Webster County Courthouse- near the Hubble Telescope Replica)- \$5 per entry

9:30 AM- Jeep 'n for Zuzu's House- Jeep Run will begin at the Webster County Fairgrounds. The route will be a fun ride throughout Webster County and will end at Zuzu's House. Food, fun, silent auction and craft items- Proceeds benefit Zuzu's House (Resource Center for Vulnerable Teens -Registration: \$20 per entry- For more information call 417-459-3373

10 AM- "Southwest Missouri Baseball Legends: Carl Mays and Preacher Roe" Panel featuring David Jerome (Baseball Historian and Author) and members of the Carl Mays family- Moderator, Tim Pletkovich (Former Baseball Scout for the Chicago Cubs)- Marshfield Assembly of God

10:30 AM- "Children's Hour" hosted by Aunt Norma Champion at the library- Aunt Norma Champion hosted "Children's Hour" on KYTV from 1957-1986- Program is open for children

of all ages and will include story time (with special guest David Harrison-Missouri Poet Laureate and famed Children's Author) and an activity- Webster County Library

11:05 AM- Mary Saputo will speak about "HOLLYWOOD FILMS AND MUSIC - The War Years 1941-1945"-When the United States went to war in December 1941, so did Hollywood. Saputo will speak about the best loved films of that time, as well as iconic songs that kept America going strong- Marshfield Assembly of God

12 PM- 14th Annual Marshfield High School Alumni Luncheon- Lola Fern Day's family will serve her FAMOUS cashew chicken and small cherry pies from the legendary Garbage Can Café - Honoring Janice (Robinson) McDonald (MHS Class of 1964 and former Miss Missouri) and Kollin Bailey (MHS Class of 2019) as Distinguished MHS Alumni- Marshfield First Baptist Church Family Life Center- Advance tickets: \$20 per person and can be purchased by calling 417-689-2098 (to-go orders available with advanced purchase).

Noon- 3rd Annual Rosalynn Carter Luncheon- Benefiting the Rosalynn Smith Carter Childhood Garden of Plains, Georgia and celebrating the Cherry Blossom Festival's sister festival relationship with the Peanut Festival in Plains. "Memories of Rosalynn Carter" will feature her family members and several longtime friends of the late former First Lady- The fried chicken luncheon will reflect a Southern menu- Marshfield Assembly of God Fellowship Hall- Tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased online (Eventbrite) or by calling 808-345-4975.

1:30 PM- "National First Ladies Day" Panel featuring members of the National First Ladies Day Commission speaking about the National Day of Service, which honors the nation's First Ladies. Participants include: Mary Jean Eisenhower (Granddaughter of Mamie Eisenhower), Massee McKinley (Great Nephew of Ida Saxton McKinley, Rev. Nicholas W. Inman (Founder, First Ladies Day), Clifton Truman Daniel (Grandson of Bess Truman), Andrew Och (First Ladies Man), Jennifer Harville (Great Granddaughter of Grace Coolidge) and James Carter (Grandson of Rosalynn Carter). Moderator, Dr. Larry Cook (Presidential Historian)- Marshfield Assembly of God

2 PM- 2nd Annual Chicken Show on the historic Marshfield Square (Southwest Side of the Webster County Courthouse- near the Hubble Telescope Replica)- Categories include: Best Costumed and Most Creative Costume- Hosted by Heartbeat of the Ozarks 4-H

2:30 PM- Ulysses Grant Dietz (Great, Great Grandson of President Ulysses S. and Julia Grant) will speak about "Julia & Ulysses Grant: Dancing on the Edge of the Gilded Age"- Presented in partnership with the Missouri Humanities Council- Marshfield Assembly of God

3:30 PM- Interview with 9-11 Survivor, Michael Hingson (Author)- Hingson will recount how he escaped the World Trade Center by walking down 78 flights of stairs with his guide dog, Roselle- Moderator, Mary Achor (Presidential Historian)- Marshfield Assembly of God

4:35 PM- “Presidential Family Forum”- Featuring descendants of American Presidential Families- Moderator, Dr. Larry Cook (Presidential Historian)- Marshfield Assembly of God

7 PM- The 14th Annual State Dinner will feature Clifton Truman Daniel (Grandson of President Harry S and Bess Truman) as the keynote speaker. His speech will be in honor of National First Ladies Day- Marshfield Community Center-Tickets are \$65 per person and can be purchased online (Eventbrite) or by calling 417-860-4996. This is a **pink tie** event (doors open at 6:30 PM)

Sunday, April 28th

11 AM- Cherry Blossom Sunday- Andrew Greer (Dove nominated Christian singer) will speak at the Elkland Independent Methodist Church

2 PM- First Ladies Piano Concert- 4th Annual concert will feature fourteen pianists and one organist playing simultaneously in a concert filled with gospel, patriotic and classic music. In honor of Missouri's First Ladies- Kevin Williams will conduct- Marshfield United Methodist Church

7 PM- Helen Taft Band Concert- College of the Ozarks Concert Band will perform under the direction of Kevin Powers- This free concert will be the concluding event of Cherry Blossom Festival week- Hosted by the Marshfield United Methodist Church Men- Marshfield High School Gymnasium



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