



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 Hearn (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 23 - 26, 2026

Classic Television Stars
Autograph Show
Open to the public and all ages!
Free Events, Family Fun
Panels & Historic Talks
www.cherryblossomfest.com



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Schedule and Guests Subject to Change

Cherry Blossom Quilt Trail

Thursday & Friday
10am - 4 pm
Saturday 10 am - 1 pm
Masonic Lodge

Vendorpalooza & Auto Show

FOOD - CRAFTS - GIFTS
MUSIC - ACTIVITIES

Friday, 12 pm to 6 pm
Saturday, 9 am to 4 pm
Historic Downtown Square

Route 66 Auto Show
Saturday, 9am - 2pm



Scan this QR code to view
Eventbrite ticket information

Venue Locations:

Marshfield Community Center
& The Depot
110 Commercial Street
Marshfield, MO 65706

Marshfield Assembly of God
1538 West Washington
Marshfield, MO 65706

Marshfield First Baptist Church
1001 South White Oak
Marshfield, MO 65706

Son Rise Christian Church
673 Jump Road
Marshfield, MO 65706

Webster County Museum
219 South Clay
Marshfield, MO 65706

Hope Church of the Nazarene
226 Church Street
Marshfield, MO 65706

Carl and Glessie Young
Community Auditorium
(Behind Marshfield High School)
370 State Hwy DD
Marshfield, MO 65706

Jubilee Theater Center
109 Commercial Street
Marshfield, MO 65706

Masonic Lodge
256 E. Washington St.
Marshfield, MO 65706

Elkland Independent
Methodist Church
121 Elkland Road
Elkland, MO 65644

Webster County Courthouse
101 S. Crittenden Street
Marshfield, MO 65706

The Dickey House
331 S. Clay Street
Marshfield, MO 65706

Special Guests Include

Patrick Duffy, Dallas
Linda Purl, Happy Days/Matlock
Sean Dietrich, Sean of the South
Mary Badham, To Kill a Mockingbird
Jerry Mathers, Leave it to Beaver
Jon Provost, Lassie
Gregory Harrison, Trapper John, M.D.
Clint Howard, Actor
Judy Norton, The Waltons
David Harper, The Waltons
Tina Cole, My Three Sons
Sheree J. Wilson, Walker Texas Ranger/Dallas
Brent Huff, The Rookie
Jeannie Russell, Dennis the Menace
Ashley Reagan, Granddaughter of President Reagan
Mary Jean Eisenhower, Granddaughter of President Eisenhower
Alison Angrim, Little House on the Prairie
Karolyn Grimes, Zuzu, It's a Wonderful Life
Mini Gibson, 101 Dalmatians (1961)
Charlotte Stewart, Little House on the Prairie
Sidney Greenbush, Little House on the Prairie
Jenilee Harrison, Three's Company & Dallas
Martha Nix Wade, The Waltons
Tammi Bula, The Waltons
Pamela Baird, Leave it to Beaver
Prescott Bush, Grandson of President Bush (41)
Gigi Perreau, Legendary Actress
Jean Becker, GHW Bush (41) Chief of Staff
Ray Toler, Home Alone
Cynthia Pepper, "Kissin Cousins" with Elvis
Stephanie Kramer, Hunter
David Doremus, The Waltons
Lynne Jackson, Dred Scott Descendant
Bo Donaldson, The Heywoods
Ginnie Sebastian Storage, DAR President General
Aunt Norma Champion, Children's Hour
Dr. Larry Cook, Presidential Historian
Andrew Och, First Ladies Man
Bobby Tomberlin, Singer/Songwriter
and many other historical VIP guests.....

Nostalgia Fest Autograph Show

Friday, April 24th

10 am to 3 pm

Saturday, April 25th

10 am to 3 pm

Free Admission

Classic Television Stars

VIP Guests

Marshfield Community Center

CHERRY BLOSSOM SQUARE DANCE

TUESDAY, APRIL 21ST

7PM-9PM

MARSHFIELD

COMMUNITY
CENTER

NO EXPERIENCE
REQUIRED
FREE EVENT



TICKET
INFORMATION

Thursday, April 23rd @ 7 pm
Young Auditorium
Come see columnist, humorist
and stand-up storyteller!

Sunday, April 26th (Cherry Blossom Sunday)

11 AM- Cherry Blossom Sunday Service- Sheree J. Wilson (Walker, Texas Ranger and Dallas) will
speak at the Elkland Independent Methodist Church Homecoming Service

2 PM- First Ladies Piano Concert -
6th annual concert will feature twelve
pianists playing simultaneously in a
concert filled with gospel,
patriotic and classic music.
In honor of Missouri's First Ladies-
Cathy Coonis will conduct the free
concert. Hope Church of the Nazarene

4 PM- Helen Taft Band Concert- College of the Ozarks Concert Band will perform under the
direction of Dr. Kevin Powers- This free concert will be the concluding event of Cherry Blossom
Festival week- Marshfield High School Gymnasium



Thursday, April 23rd (Founder's Day)

(10 AM- 4 PM)- Cherry Blossom Quilt Trail, sponsored by the Cherry Blossom Auxiliary- Beginning at the Masonic Lodge - (See Quilt Trail Map) - (Free Event)

(10 AM- 5 PM)- Webster County Museum- See the featured art of Jimmie Marler, Edwin P. Hubble and Marshfield Cyclone exhibits and much more- (Free Admission)

9 AM- Mary Pat Kleven, Wisconsin fiddler and researcher will talk about "The Real 'Pa's Fiddle'" exploring the real story of Charles "Pa" Ingalls, immortalized in Laura Ingalls Wilder's Little House books and the fiddle music that he most likely played. (Spoiler alert: It might not be the music from the books!) - Marshfield Assembly of God

10 AM- Remembering the Kansas City A's/ Oakland A's - Nancy Finley, daughter of Kansas City A's President Carl Finley, will be interviewed regarding the Kansas City A's and the teams baseball dynasty in the later city- Moderator, Tim Pietkovich (former Chicago Cubs Scout) - Marshfield Assembly of God

10 AM- Free Little Library Dedication featuring remarks by Andrew Och (First Ladies Man) Hosted by Princess Julia's Reading Room: Corner of Clay St. and Maple St. in historic downtown Marshfield. Master of Ceremonies, Reagan Nman.

11 AM- The Society of the Ingalls Family will host a mixer for those interested in learning about their new organization- The Depot

11:05 AM- Join Dr. Diana B. Carlin (FLARE President) and Anita McBride (Chief of Staff to First Lady Laura Bush) from 2005-2009, as they are interviewed on stage about their book, Remember the First Ladies: The Legacies of America's History-Making Women and their vast knowledge of the women who have shaped our nation from the White House - Moderator, Andrew Och (First Ladies Man)-Marshfield Assembly of God

11 AM-1 PM- Enchilada Dinner hosted by the Helen Jackson Ladies Circle-Marshfield Assembly of God Fellowship Hall - Tickets: \$12 per person, pay at the door (to-go orders available)

12 PM- The 4th 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. Judy Norton (Mary Ellen, The Waltons) will be honored and interviewed on stage- Moderator, Martha Nix Wade (Serena Burton, The Waltons)- Son-Rise Christian Church

1 PM- Lux Radio Theater re-creation of the classic movie "It's a Wonderful Life" starring: Karolyn Grimes, Alison Arngim, Jeannie Russell, Jon Provost, Ray Tozier and other special guests will act live on stage with live music and live sound effects. Celebrating the 80th year of this classic film with a radio production- Marshfield Assembly of God

2:30 PM- The 16th Annual Cherry Blossom Tea- "Oil Baron's Tea" featuring actresses from Dallas-Come and spill the tea about the good, bad and sensational stories of the classic television show- Moderator, Richard LaMonte- Hosts are **HIGHLY** encouraged for this festive event-Marshfield Community Center - SOLD OUT FVFN

4 PM- 7 PM- Fish Fry to benefit the Vivian Stuber Memorial Library in Niangua- Marshfield Assembly of God Fellowship Hall - Tickets: \$12 per person, pay at the door (to-go orders available)

4:35 PM- Presidential Ancestry Panel - Ulysses Grant Dietz (Grant), Margaret Hayes Clark, and Jennifer Coolidge Harville will be interviewed regarding their families' ancestors - Moderator, Tim Pietkovich - Marshfield Assembly of God

5:35 PM - "Legends of Television and Screen" Panel featuring actors and actresses from several classic television shows and cinema classics: Joyce Bulfant (The Mary Tyler Moore Show), Jon Provost (Lassie), Martha Nix Wade (The Waltons), David Harper (The Waltons), Jay Tozier (Home Alone), Termini Bula (The Waltons), Tina Cole (My Three Sons), Karolyn Grimes (It's a Wonderful Life), Stephanie Kramer (Hunter) and others- Moderator, Richard LaMonte- Marshfield Assembly of God

6-7 PM - "Romancing with the Stars - Inspiring Hollywood Love Stories" book signing- Doug Hartline, author, will headline a book signing of his newly released book with Alison Arngim (Nellie Oleson, Little House on the Prairie), Pamela Baird (Mary Ellen Rogers, Leave it to Beaver), and Jerry Mathers on behalf of Tony Dow (Wally, Leave it to Beaver), whose love stories are among those preserved within its pages - Jubilee Theater Center Downtown

7 PM- Carl and Glissie Young Auditorium, 370 State Highway DD- Sean Dietrich (Sean of the South) is a columnist, humorist, author and stand-up storyteller. Sean will entertain with music, songs, stories and humor. Meet and greet after the show. Tickets are \$30 per person and can be purchased online at: <https://shorturl.at/MLBzt>

7 PM- "Murder at the Jubilee"- Marshfield Community Theatre 7pm, Doors open at 6:30 pm: Webster County history humorously comes alive in this locally written whodunnit! Tickets price: \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door.

Friday, April 24th (Family Day)

(10 AM- 4 PM)- Cherry Blossom Quilt Trail-Sponsored by the Cherry blossom Auxiliary. Beginning at the Masonic Lodge - (See Quilt Trail Map) - (Free Event)

(10 AM - 2 PM) - 2nd Annual First Ladies Walk - Hosted by the First Ladies Chapter, NSDAR of Marshfield, this walk features historical impersonations of former First Ladies of the United States and takes place on the grounds of the historic Dickey House - (Free Event)

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

(10 AM- 5 PM)- Webster County Museum- See the featured art of Jimmie Marler, Edwin P. Hubble and Marshfield Cyclone exhibits and much more- (Free Admission)

(12 PM- 6 PM) - Cherry Vendor Palooza (crafts and vendors) on the historic Marshfield Square- Proceeds benefit Marshfield Project Graduat on-Rain Plan- Webster County Fairgrounds

(1 PM- 3 PM) - Drop off plans for Annual Cherry Pie Contest & Auction (held in conjunction later with the Hubble Dinner) - Marshfield Assembly of God Fellowship Hall - For more information call 417-243-0222

8 AM - Laura Ingalls Wilder Home and Museum hosts "Nellie's Breakfast"- Sponsored by Federal Construction-along with Alison Arngim (Nellie Oleson, Little House on the Prairie); benefiting the Laura Ingalls Wilder Children's Literature Festival. Sidney Greenbush (Carrie Ingalls, Little House on the Prairie) will be interviewed or stage - Marshfield Assembly of God Fellowship Hall- SOLD OUT EVENT

9:30 AM- Annual Missouri Walk of Fame Ceremony: Honoring famous Missourians with stars on the historic Walk of Fame. Honorees include: Sean Dietrich (Author), Brent Huff (Actor), Ella Kate Ewing (Gentle Giantess), Emmett Kelly (Clown), Elwin "Preacher" Rice (Baseball), Don Warden (Musician), and Tabby West (Entertainer) - Marshfield Assembly of God

10:35 AM - Dred and Harriet Scott Reconciliation Forum-Dred Scott Heritage Foundation's 20th Anniversary and 19th appearance at the MCBF featuring Lynn Jackson (great, great, great granddaughter of Dred Scott) with Jonathan Parker (film producer and director) sharing the significance of the Movement documentary on the 1963 Civil Rights protests that charged the Lost Capital of the Confederacy and the Foundation's 20-year Highlights. - Marshfield Assembly of God

11:30 AM-12 PM - Valant voices: St. Genevieve Parish schools Performance (Panorama City, California) - "If all the schools in our country were like St. Genevieve, we'd be more friendly and peaceful...just a totally different world"- Rosalynn Carter- Choir Director, Christopher (Pete) Avedano- 1st Place, 2024 World Choir Games in New Zealand- Marshfield Assembly of God

12 PM - Wilson's Creek National Battlefield Foundation Luncheon - Benefiting the Wilson's Creek Battlefield Foundation- Tim Pietkovich will interview grandchildren of Civil War veterans who served in the Union Army. The program will include a round of "To Tell the Truth", with Cherry Blossom Festival celebrities serving as game show panelists. - 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.

1 PM- Robert and Edith Garst History Convocation- Andrew Greer (Author) will be interviewed by Courtney Wall (President Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter's niece-in-law) about his new book, More Than a President: Sundays with Jimmy Carter. This interview and book offers a unique glimpse into the life and faith of Jimmy Carter, drawn from his years of teaching Sunday School at Maranatha Baptist Church in the president's hometown of Plains, Georgia - Marshfield Assembly of God

2:30 PM - Congressional God Medal presentation and ceremony in honor of Alverta Hargis (Rosie the Riveter of WW II) by Congressman Mark Alford.

Immediately followed by the Ella Dickey Literacy Awards, Honoring: Bobby Tomberlin, Virgil Woolfolk, Martin Mack Tassley, Doug Hartline, Dan Manning and Michael Croland - The Marshfield Blue Jay Singers will perform as well - Marshfield Assembly of God

2-4 PM - Grandma's Pie Shack - Grab a slice of homemade pie (all flavors and varieties) - Benefiting the Webster County Historical Society (Honoring the memory of Alverta Hargis) - Marshfield Assembly of God Fellowship Hall

3:30 PM- Martin Mack Tassley, the former deputy director of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library and Museum, will be interviewed about his book, "The Real Ike: Eisenhower Fact and Fiction". Moderator, Mary Jean Eisenhower (Granddaughter of President Dwight D. Eisenhower) - Marshfield Assembly of God

4:35 PM - Dedra Blirzer (Author) will speak about the life and legacy of Rose Wilder Lane- Marshfield Assembly of God

4:35 PM - "Cooking with the First Ladies Man"- Andrew Och will lead a cooking demonstration with Allethea Wall (Sister of Rosalynn Carter), LeAnne Smith and Julie Wal-Smit (Nieces of Rosalynn Carter). They will share stories and favorite recipes (peanut butter pie and cheese ring) from the former first lady and Plains, Georgia- Marshfield Assembly of God Fellowship Hall - Tickets are \$20 per person and can be purchased online at Eventbrite- Cooking with the First Ladies Man or by calling 417-860-4996.

5:30 PM - Jay Garfield will be interviewed about his ancestor, President James Garfield- Moderator, Mary Achor (Presidential Historian)- Marshfield Assembly of God

7 PM - The 21st Annual Edwin P. Hubble Medal of Initiative Dinner presenting Marshfield's highest honor to several outstanding Americans. Honoring: Mary Badham (Scout, To Kill a Mockingbird), Linda Purl (Matlock & Happy Days), Clint Howard (Legendary Actor), Sherree J. Wilson (Walker, Texas Ranger), Gigi Perreau (Legendary Child Actress), Pamela Wright (Former President General DAR), and others. - Marshfield Assembly of God Fellowship Hall - SOLD OUT FVFN

Saturday, April 25th (National First Ladies Day)

(9 AM - Until plants are gone) Evelyn Hampton Garden Club's 5th Annual Laurie Ford Plan: Sale at The Dickey House

(9 AM- 2 PM)- Route 66 Inaugural Auto Show- Around the historic Marshfield Square- Registration beginning at 8 AM- Awards presented at 2 PM- Rain Plan: Webster County Fairgrounds

(9 AM - 4 PM) Cherry Vendor Palooza (crafts and vendors) on the historic Marshfield Square- Proceeds benefit Marshfield Project Graduation- Rain Plan: Webster County Fairgrounds

(10 AM - 1 PM) - Cherry Blossom Quilt Trail, sponsored by the Cherry Blossom Auxiliary - Beginning at the Masonic Lodge - (See Quilt Trail Map) - (Free Event)

(10:00 AM - 1:00 PM) - Inaugural Downtown Cookie Walk - Enjoy a sweet stroll through downtown Marshfield while visiting participating businesses and collecting cookies along the way. A limited number of tickets will be available. Participants must check in at the Marshfield Area Chamber of Commerce office to receive their Cookie Walk map and container - Downtown Marshfield (Ticketed Event- \$15 per person) - Info: (417) 859-3925

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

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM - Inaugural Spring Homes and History Tour - Visit historic homes and businesses throughout the Marshfield area, including the Dickey House (guided, first floor only), Callaway Cabin and Visitor Center, Old Christian Church, Webster County Museum, and other historic locations. Proceeds benefit the Webster County Historical Society. Tour maps may be picked up at the Webster County Museum - \$20 per person (Ticketed Event) - Order online or call (417) 680-2096.

(10 AM- 5 PM)- Webster County Museum (Clay Street)- See the featured art of Jimmie Marler, Edwin P. Hubble and Marshfield Cyclone exhibits and much more - (Free Admission)

9 AM- Ray Tozier will perform a one-man historical play entitled, "In the Presence of Greatness: The Life and Brushstrokes of Francis Bicknell Carpenter". The play, which is written by Rev. Nicholas W. Inman (Festival Founder), will make its debut performance- Free event- Marshfield Assembly of God

9 AM - Pet Parade - Bring your favorite pet and parade them at the historic Marshfield square. Lineup behind the Webster County Library on W. Madison Street.

9:30 AM - 4th Annual Cherry Blossom Dog Show - Categories (split by large and small dogs) include: Prettiest in Pink, Best Costumed, and Crier - Dog Look Alike - Historic Marshfield Square (Southwest Side of the Webster County Courthouse - near the Hubble Telescope Replica) - \$5 per entry.

10 AM - Leura Ingalls Gunn will present a historical fashion show and speak on "What Martha Washington Might Have Worn" in celebration of National First Ladies Day and the 250th anniversary of our nation. - Marshfield Assembly of God

10:30 AM - "Children's Hour" hosted by Aunt Norma Champion, host of "Children's Hour" on KYTV from 1957-1986 - Program is open for children of all ages and will include story time (with special guest children's author, Suzanna Lynn) and an activity - Webster County Library

11:05 AM - Mildred Forbes Stegall Humanities Forum- Jean Becker (former Chief of Staff to President George H.W. Bush) and co-author, Tom Colamore will be interviewed about their book, "Don't Tell the President: The Best, Worst, & Most Intriguing Stories from Presidential Advance" - Moderator, Massae McKinley - Marshfield Assembly of God

Noon - 16th Annual Marshfield High School Alumni Luncheon - The Fern Day's family will serve her FAMOUS cashew chicken - Honoring Ann Holmes (MHS Class of 1965) and Trish Van Diggelen Marsh (MHS Class of 1988) as Distinguished MHS Alumni - Marshfield First Baptist Church- Family Life Center - Advance tickets: \$20 per person and can be purchased online (Eventbrite) or by calling 417-686-2098 (to-go orders available with purchase).

Noon - Julia Den: Grant DAR Luncheon - A luncheon celebrating the Marshfield's new DAR Chapter and honoring NSDAR President General Ginnie Sebastian Storage- Ulysses Dietz Grant (Great, Great Grandson of Julia Dent Grant) will speak in honor of Mrs. Grant's bicentennial birthday year. This luncheon is for Daughters of the American Revolution members only. The fried chicken luncheon will reflect a Southern menu - Marshfield Assembly of God Fellowship Hall - SOLD OUT EVENT

1:30 PM - National First Ladies Day Ceremony- Honoring America's First Ladies with a National Day of Service-First Lady Descendants and NSDAR President General Ginnie Sebastian Storage will participate- Performances by Valiant Voices: St. Genevieve Parish School Choir from Panorama City, California and Flight Bound Honor Choir from Highlandville Elementary- Master of Ceremonies, Andrew Greer- Carl and Glissie Young Community Auditorium - Open Seating.

2 PM- 4 PM- James Owen, an Elkland native and Marshfield High School graduate, will be signing copies of his book "The Wicked Among Us: Murder, blackmail, and book collecting in the Ozarks". It is a true crime story set in Springfield and Owen writes as to his direct experience with the case and its eccentric characters - Webster County Library

2:35 PM - George and Jan Williams Festival Convocation- Tweed Roosevelt (Great Grandson of Theodore and Edith Roosevelt) - Moderator, Roy Howard Beck- Marshfield Assembly of God

3:30 PM - "Descendants of the Founding Fathers" Panel- Join descendants of our nation's founding fathers as they discuss their ancestors and America's 250th birthday- Moderators, DAR President General Ginnie Sebastian Storage and Honorary President General Pamela Wright- Marshfield Assembly of God

4:35 PM - "Presidential Family Forum"- Featuring descendants of American Presidents. Families - Hosted by the Society of Presidential Descendants - Moderator, Dr. Larry Cook (Presidential Historian) - Marshfield Assembly of God

7 PM- The 16th Annual State Dinner- Sponsored by The Seymour Rank- will feature Ashley Reagan (Granddaughter of President Ronald Reagan) and Jane America- 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).

Community Worship Service

Everyone Welcome!

Sunday, April 19th at 2 pm

Marshfield First Baptist Church

Hosted by the Webster County Ministerial Alliance

Participation from many local congregations!

**Speaker: John Ashcroft (Former
Attorney General of the United States)**

**Kickoff Service for the Missouri
Cherry Blossom Festival Week**



MISSOURI CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

SQUARE DANCE

TUESDAY, APRIL 21ST
7 PM TO 9 PM

MARSHFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER
110 Commercial Street, Marshfield

• **FREE EVENT** •

NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

FAMILY FUN

SPONSORED BY THE SOCIETY OF OZARKIAN HILLCROFTERS



**🎀 Celebrating 100 Years of Route 66 —
Join Us for a Special Ribbon Cutting! 🎀**

We are thrilled to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Route 66 with a ribbon cutting you won't want to miss!

Join us at The Little Gas Station at the roundabout at 360 W Hubble Dr
on

Wednesday, April 22nd at 2:00 PM as we cut the ribbon and kick off a year filled with excitement, history, and community pride.

While you're there, be sure to check out the brand-new interactive Route 66 sign — a perfect way to honor the Mother Road's centennial. Come early or stay after to snap a photo and enjoy this fun new addition to Marshfield's Route 66 experience.

This is a celebration of our community, our history, and one of America's most iconic highways.

We cannot wait to see you there!

**Webco Manor will host a Cherry Blossom Hat Parade
on Wednesday, April 22nd at 4 pm.
Everyone is welcome to attend!**





Princess Julia's Reading Room

Free Little Library Dedication

REMARKS BY AUTHORS:

WILLIAM ANDERSON

ANDREW OCH

April 23rd at 10:00 AM

331 South Clay St. Marshfield, MO 65706



*The Missouri Cherry Blossom Festival
Quilt Trail*

April 23 - April 24

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

April 25

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Our quilt trail exhibit continues to grow!

**The Quilt Trail will start at the
Masonic Lodge in Marshfield MO, featuring area local quilters
then on to other businesses around town including the
Webster County Historical Society.**

**Special Exhibition this year is by *The Totally Blind Quilter -
Diane Rose*. Diane has made several quilts for the stars. Her
display will be at *Marshfield Assembly of God*
Thursday, April 23 - Saturday, April 25, 2026.**

**To learn more about Diane, you can visit her website at
www.theamazingquilter.com**

**For more information about the Quilt Trail or to enter your quilt
call 417-664-9903.**



*Missouri Cherry Blossom Festival
2026 Quilt Raffle*

***Purchase your Raffle Tickets NOW!
Call Joyce Inman - 417-327-5941***



*This beautiful king-sized quilt was pieced by
Pat Capps and is being raffled off at this year's
2026 Missouri Cherry Blossom Festival in
Marshfield, Missouri.*

Tickets are now on sale!

\$5 a ticket

or

5 tickets for \$20

***Raffle will occur April 26, 2026 in the evening at the
State Dinner. Need not be present to win.***



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2026

MARSHFIELD, MO
APRIL 23, 2026
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MARSHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

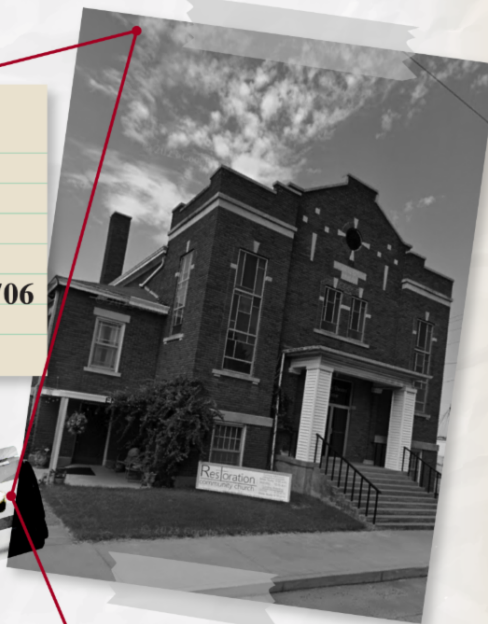
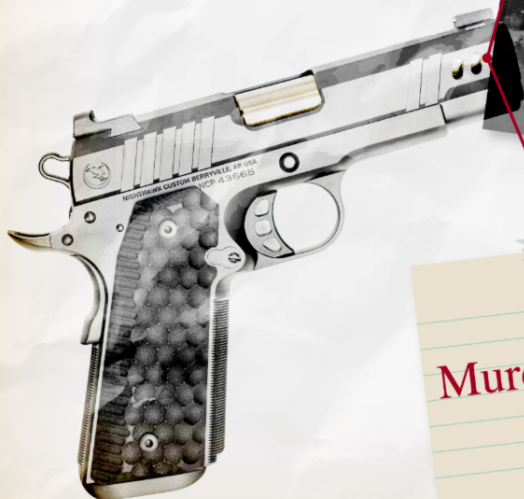


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Murder at the Jubilee.

Dates: 04/23-26
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Label: Homicide
Status: Active
Location: Marshfield, MO 65706
Tickets: \$12 in advance
\$15 at the door



Murder Hits Home.

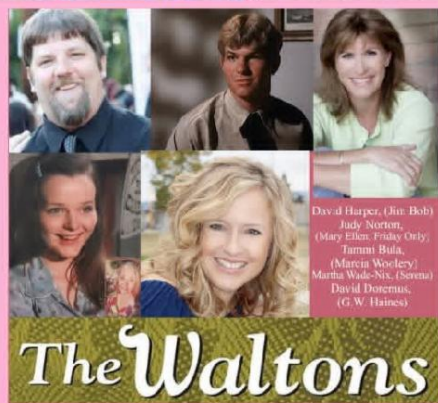
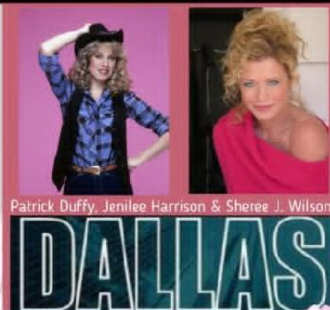
[Get Tickets](#)

The 21st Annual Missouri Cherry Blossom Festival presents:

Nostalgia Fest Autograph Show

Friday, April 24th (10 am to 3 pm) **Free**
& Saturday, April 25th (10 am to 3 pm) **Admission**

Marshfield Community Center, 114 Commercial Street, Marshfield, MO 65706



Cynthia Pepper: Kissin Cousins; Ray Toler: Home Alone; Peggy Lee Brennan: M*A*S*H; Gigi Perreau: Legendary Actress; Tina Cole: My Three Sons; Pamela Baird: Leave it to Beaver (Friday On'y); Mimi Gibson: 101 Dalmatians



Karoly Grimes: It's a Wonderful Life; Bo Donaldson: The Heywoods; Gregory Harrison: Trapper M.D.; Stephanie Kramer: Hunter

Linda Purl, Happy Days

Guests Subject to Change Each VIP will sell their own merchandise.

Missouri Cherry Blossom Festival 's VENDORPALOOZA

Friday, April 24th Noon to 7pm &

Saturday, April 25th 9am to 4pm

Marshfield Square! 100 Vendors!



Bungee Experience ✓

Pony Rides ✓

Dozens of Arts and Craft Vendors ✓

Food Trucks of all kinds ✓

Face Painting and Temporary Tattoos ✓

Car Show on Saturday ✓



Grandma's Pie Shack

April 24th - 2 to 4 pm

- Marshfield Assembly of God
- Benefiting the Webster
County Historical Society
- In Memory of Alverta Hargis



Save The Date

PRESENTATION OF THE
CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL
IN HONOR OF
ALVERTA HARGIS
FOR HER WORK AS A
"ROSIE THE RIVETER"

FRIDAY, APRIL 24TH AT 2:30 PM
AT THE
MARSHFIELD ASSEMBLY OF GOD



Cherry Blossom **CHERRY PIE CONTEST**



Entries to be dropped at

**Marshfield
Assembly of God**

Between 1–4 PM on Friday, April 24

MARSHFIELD

CHERRY BLOSSOM



AUTO SHOW

APRIL 25TH, 2026

MARSHFIELD TOWN SQUARE

101 S. CRITTENDEN ST

CLASSES

- ★ BEST CAR
- ★ BEST TRUCK
- ★ BEST RAT ROD
- ★ BEST MOTORCYCLE

SPECIALTY AWARDS

- ★ BEST IN SHOW
- ★ COMMITTEE'S CHOICE
- ★ BEST ENGINE COMPARTMENT
- ★ BEST PAINT
- ★ BEST 'UNDER CONSTRUCTION' PROJECT

PRE-REGISTER & SKIP
THE DAY-OF LINES NOW
BY SCANNING THE
QR CODE



CHERRY BLOSSOM **PUPPY** **CONTEST**

— **04 · 25 · 26** —

9:30AM

Saturday

MARSHFIELD SQUARE

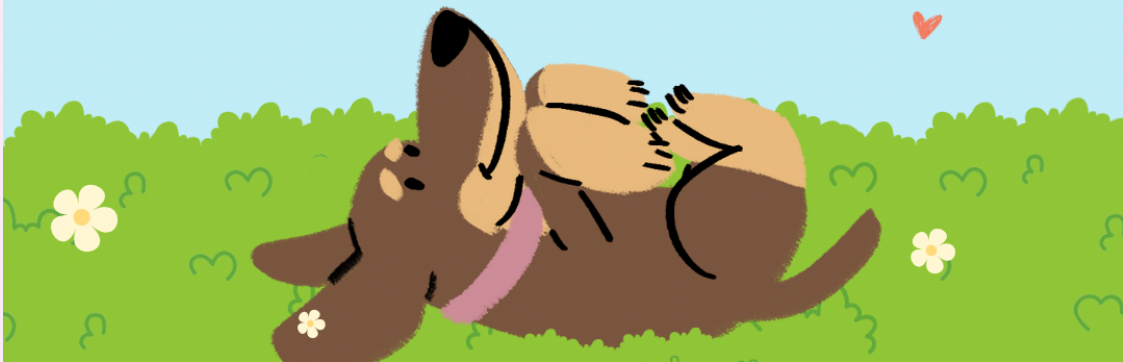
CATEGORIES:

(SPLIT BY LARGE AND SMALL DOGS)

PRETTIEST IN PINK, BEST COSTUMED, AND

OWNER/DOG LOOK ALIKE

\$5 ENTRY PER PUP





INAUGURAL MARSHFIELD COOKIE WALK



\$15

APRIL 25

10 AM – 1 PM



MARSHFIELD AREA
CHAMBER of COMMERCE
PROMOTING PARTNERSHIP *Together*



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THE 16 ANNUAL
**MARSHFIELD
HIGH SCHOOL
ALUMNE LUNCHEON**

SATURDAY - APRIL 25TH - 12 PM
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

MASTER OF CEREMONIES:
ROY HOWARD BECK
(MHS CLASS OF 1966)



LOLA FERN DAY'S FAMILY WILL SERVE HER
FAMOUS CASHEW CHICKEN

HONORING:

ANN HOSMER
(MHS CLASS OF 1966)



TRISH VAN
DIGGELEN MARSH
(CLASS OF 1988)

TICKETS:

ADVANCE TICKETS: \$20 PER PERSON AND CAN BE
PURCHASED BY CALLING 417.689.2098 OR AT
EVENTBRITE.COM. (TO GO ORDERS AVAILABLE WITH
ADVANCED PURCHASE)

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APRIL 26
2 PM

HOPE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
226 CHURCH STREET, MARSHFIELD

6TH ANNUAL FIRST LADIES PIANO CONCERT

12 Pianists Playing Simultaneously
Gospel - Patriotic - Classical

IN HONOR OF
MISSOURI'S FIRST LADIES
CATHY COONIS, CONDUCTOR

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