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Rock Island Trail Communities

Owensville is centrally located among four other trail communities — all within 10 miles or less of their neighbor. Should the Missouri Department of Natural Resources accept the gift of the former Rock Island line from Ameren Electric this August, residents and visitors from Gerald, Rosebud, Owensville, Bland and Belle could take a two or three-day trip to each community on the hiking and biking path. And these communities have a lot to offer.

From Gerald visit the only Rock Island Depot to survive in all five towns. The little park is perfect for a picnic lunch, and the various restaurants can pack lunches to go. Local Bistro at the Mill owner Cary Parker said he could talk about Gerald's tourism possibilities all day.

"We have the beautiful local parks, and pretty fantastic sports fields," Parker began. "Even if it's not people visiting from hundreds of miles away, I think the parks in Gerald should reflect really well to the surrounding communities."

The city's newest eatery, Figo's Mexican Restaurant, along with the Bistro, are conveniently located near the trail.

"We also have a couple of repurposing and resale shops," Parker said, mentioning Tina's Treasures, and a privately owned bookshop that is coming soon.

Gerald is one of three places in Missouri with a privately funded library offering

a collection of around 10,000 books. A second four-room facility sells used books.

"We have the Gerald Historical Society that is in the process of repurposing the 1910 schoolhouse," Parker added, as an additional site to see along with the Rock Island Depot. "We will be able to start offering historic sites, visitations. With the Rock Island Trail, it will go right through Gerald and runs in front of Highway 50 with a commuter parking lot right next door."

The town also has plenty of commercial space, a grocery store and gas station all easily accessible for trail individuals.

"Then there is the Gerald Cafe on Main Street," Parker added. "I believe Gerald is positioning themselves very nicely to benefit from the visitors."

Parker added that Gerald currently provides similar services to Lost Valley Lake Resort visitors and vacationers, believes businesses would welcome additional newcomers with open arms.

Travel four miles west on Highway 50 to visit Rosebud, home of antique shops, boutiques and pubs. Rosebud Mayor Shannon Grus said her community is already tourism driven, but the trail is the key to their future.

"As a former railroad town, Rosebud reinvented itself as a tourist destination," Grus said. "We have great shopping, dining options and community events."

Many Rosebud businesses are sand-

wiched between the Rock Island Trail and Highway 50. Visitors shouldn't be afraid to leave the beaten path to visit the little shops along the way.

"Rosebud continues to grow as a tourist destination and this growth is partially spurred on by the many opportunities a finished trail will present," Grus said.

While the town has not fully vetted a trailhead access point within its city limits, many businesses butting with the trail are working towards it, and there are many public street crossings where trail users may access the town from the trail.

"Embracing our economic reality, we know the completion of the trail will allow greater economic opportunities for Rosebud while providing stability for the future," Grus said.

Another seven mile trek west to Owensville, the trail runs past a future "safe way to school," various industries and neighborhoods before leading out to Sears Avenue behind City Hall, and just a block away from First Street businesses.

On the way to First Street, visit the Gasconade County Historical Society's Museum located in the Old Owensville Hotel.

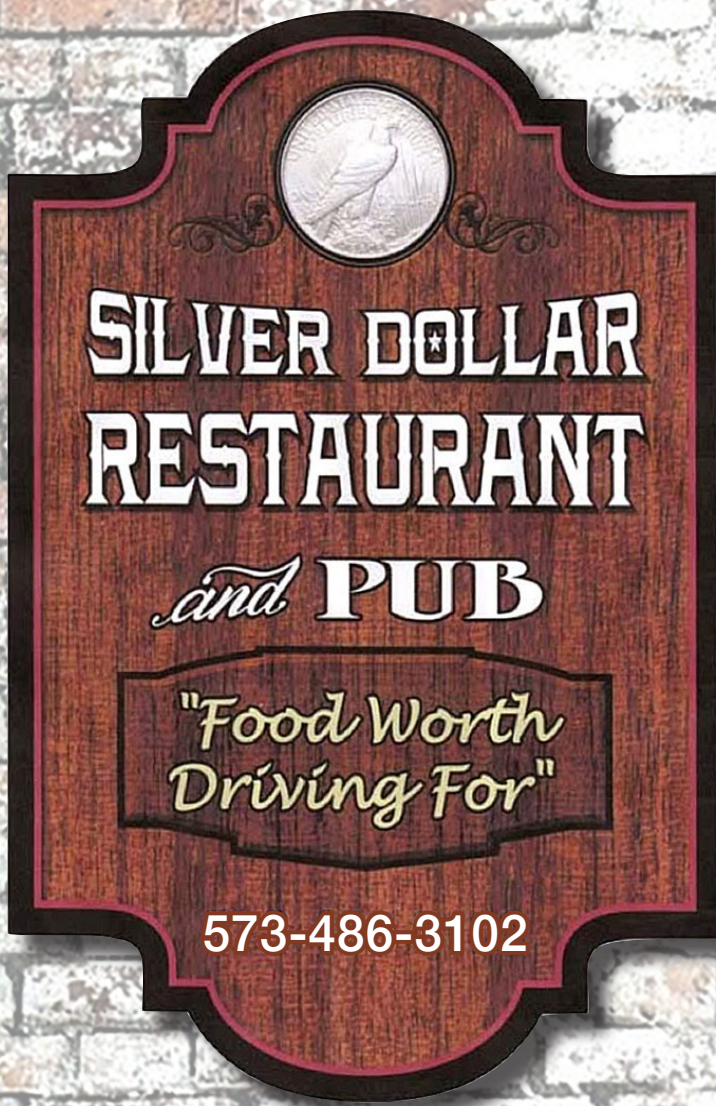
Businesses on First Street include small clothing boutiques, pub and grills, three antique shops and a coffee shop/eatery.

Owensville is also home to several res-

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Several buildings are also in various stages of remodeling in preparation for commercial and bed and breakfast space.

Nearly eight miles away, newly elected Bland Mayor Lee Medlock talks about the potential of his town, a gateway between two huge trail communities with the possibility to be more.

"The thing about it is the route between Belle and Bland is five miles," Medlock began. "It's perfect for the amateur biker. It would be a nice trail for someone that is not into the hardcore biking. The stretch/distance between Bland, Belle, and Owensville, mileage wise is perfect for biking."

The town will soon add a new restaurant, Mama Bear's. The existing diner option is Rustic Garden, open on weekends. Both restaurants are located within sight of the trail, along with Highway 28 Groceries, also open on Fridays and Saturdays and directly located on the trail. KT's Last Call Bar and Grill owner is famous for his barbeque. Down the road, Killing Time Pub offers food and refreshment.

A new resale furniture store recently

opened its doors on Colorado Avenue, with an annex location across from Highway 50 and Jan's Frame Shop is located in the heart of downtown. Yet, Medlock asks trail users looking for potential business opportunities to keep their minds open and Bland in mind for a trail business.

"We have a lot of vacant buildings on main street if anyone would be interested in taking advantage of putting in a business," Medlock said. "We are right on the trail and there are several old buildings nearby and on the main street that could be purchased pretty reasonably too. There is one on the corner that has been redone and left open for whoever or whatever business would want to take advantage of the opportunity."

Medlock says what that town doesn't have in funds, they have in helping hands.

"I think if they give us the OK for the trail, the city doesn't have a lot of money right now, but we have equipment to get the trail lined out," Medlock said.

Medlock asks trail visitors to keep an eye on the City of Bland Mo Facebook page for community events and make sure to stop in on the way to Belle to visit the Gascondy River Bridge or on their way to Owensville to visit the Highway 28 train trestle bridge.

Just five miles further west of Bland on

Highway 28, the city of Belle boasts being ahead of the game with their eye towards trail opportunities.

This self-identified trail community has had a sign on Highway 28 boasting its support of the trail for well over a year. City Court Clerk Barb Schaller has been working to acquire grants for local improvements.

"We have been successful with Coover grant, tree grants at the park, and would like to hit that the Belle community promotes itself through its nearness to the Gascondy Bridge going over the Gascondy River, which will be the highlight of traveling the Rock Island Trail," Schaller said.

The town has also been working towards renovating a former MFA building that faces the trail on Alvarado Avenue to become a trailhead.

"Our goal is to renovate the old MFA building," Schaller said. "I would love to make it a Belle history center."

The MFA location is far from the only public access point.

"People would also be able to access the Rock Island trail from First Street and downtown on Alvarado Avenue near a commuter parking lot," Schaller said. "Or Belle City Park."

The city recently began work with a
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- ~ May 4: Spring Treasure Day
- ~ July 6: 4th of July celebration in Rosebud Park
- ~ July 19-21: Gasconade County Threshers Association Steam Engine & Threshing Show (held in Rosebud Park)
- ~ October 5: Fall Treasure Day
- ~ November: Ladies Night Out
- ~ December: Old-Fashioned Christmas in Rosebud

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\$250,000 grant to install a new sidewalk down Johnson Avenue, which crosses the trail, and will be considered a "safe route to school" as well as the city park. Local officials have also concentrated on park beautification, because the trail travels behind the lake at Belle City Park.

Schaller said travelers coming through on bicycles in need of air for their tires may visit Owen's Towing and Repair and Casey General Store, both located a short

distance away and within sight.

She adds that visitors coming into town in either direction, and are minus a picnic basket, should take advantage of the town's food selection.

"If you need a bite to eat, we just put in a Mexican restaurant," Schaller said. "Then there's the Dinner Belle, Greek Restaurant and J&J Cafe."

Porky's, a small barbeque shop where visitors are welcome to eat al fresco, re-

cently opened along Highway 28 as well. After dinner, those looking for a treat are in luck.

"In the mood for an ice cream?" Schaller asked. "Travel from the trail up main street (Alvarado Avenue) and go to Tasty Treat and Bob's Custard."

So those enjoying a camping trip, hiking, biking, or just traveling through, stop in and visit a while. These Rock Island Trail Communities are waiting.

Gasconade County Historical Society Museum

The Gasconade County Historical Museum (GCHS) was constructed about 1910 to serve railroad clientele and has been known as the Owensville Hotel, Ozark Hotel, and the Railroad Hotel.

The museum's focus is primarily on items related to Gasconade County and its residents. The display rooms tell the stories of people coming to this area to start a new life. They depict their homes and farms, clothing and tools, churches and schools. It tells of a people who were involved in six wars, founded businesses, civic and social organizations and left us with a wonderful heritage of music, art and literature.



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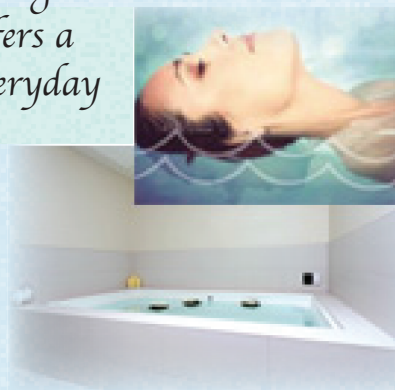
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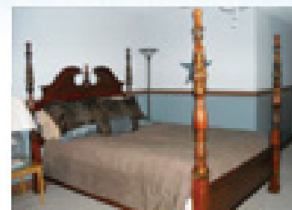


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Russell Dickerson
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Josh Turner
Friday, July 26, 2019
8:30 p.m. on the main stage

For over 70 years, the annual Gasconade County Fair has provided plenty of entertainment to unofficially wind down the summer months in Gasconade County and the surrounding area.

Held at Memorial Park (off Highway 28) in Owensville every year since 1947, the fair has numerous activities for children and adults of all ages.

Kids activities have included a nickel scramble, kiddie tractor pull, carnival rides, livestock and animal shows, a parade to collect candy and other items given out along with a Little Mr.

and Miss Gasconade County and Gasconade County Fair Queen contests.

Exotic animal shows and game shows for kids have also appeared at the fair over the years.

Activities primarily geared for adults have included bull riding, a mud bog, a demolition derby, truck and tractor pulls, motocross, a barbecue cook off and live music by local and national artists.

The headline entertainer

for this year's fair is Nashville native Russell Dickerson.

Soon after, Dickerson released his EP, "Yours," which debuted at #2 in the iTunes country store and #8 in all genres. The album also premiered at #1 on Billboard's Heat Seeker chart and #14 on Billboard's Top Country Album chart. The album features five songs co-written by Dickerson.

On the main stage Friday night will be Josh Turner.

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Information for season passes, \$45 for all four days, can be obtained on the web at www.GasconadeCountyFair.com. Anyone under the age of 5 is FREE.

"Summer Days And Country Ways" has been set as the theme for the **2019 Gasconade County Fair scheduled to take place from Wednesday, July 24 through Saturday, July 27.**

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Formed in August of 1962, the Gasconade County Threshers started their annual show as a part of the Gasconade County Fair.

Moved to Rosebud Community Park in July of 1966, the Gasconade County Threshers Association's annual show has only grown.

In recent years, the number of tractors, steam engines and old gasoline engines has pushed 200.

The show's main objective is to demonstrate to the younger generation how old steam tractor engines were used to supply power for plowing, threshing, sawing, grinding and other farm-related tasks.

Recently, popular activities during the show have included a draft horse pull, parade of tractors and steam engines, tractor pulls, a watermelon eating contest, a cast-iron skillet throwing contest for women, a fiddle and banjo contest, a hay bale toss, car show and pedal-tractor pulls for kids and adults.

Where there are activities, great food isn't far away.

Popular food options include pulled beef, hamburgers, brats, hot dogs, fish sandwiches, fries and nachos. Beverage choices include beer, soda,

lemonade, tea and coffee.

Traditionally, fried chicken dinners are also served the third and final day of the show.

For the one-time admission price of \$10, anyone 13 and older can enjoy all three days of the show. Children 12 and under are admitted free with an adult.

Planning is underway for the 57th Owensville Threshers Association show to be held in Rosebud July 19 through the 21.

For more information on the non-profit organization, visit them online at www.GCTA.us.



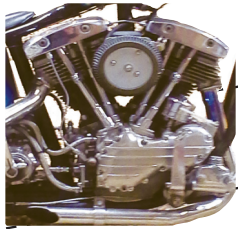
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Owensville Water Park



Throughout the summer months, Owensville's Memorial Park will have a lot of activity between the newly-constructed water park and Owensville Golf Course.

Owensville's new water park features a lazy river, baby bungee, several splash features, a rock climbing wall, diving board, basketball goal, shade structures and a covered concession pavilion.

For more information about the waterpark throughout the summer, like them on Facebook at "Owensville Waterpark" or call (573) 437-7665 (POOL).

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Activities include, bingo, a cake walk, a kiddie tractor pull and plenty of good food and drink to go around.

At dusk, everyone gathers on the south side of town for the annual fireworks display that is launched from the ninth fairway of the Owensville Golf Course.

People either watch from their yards or gather on the baseball diamond of Memorial Field.

The annual event is scheduled for Friday, June 28 this year.

The celebration is organized by the Owensville Volunteer Fire Department and held at Memorial Park in Owensville.

More information about the event can be obtained by calling (573) 437-2000.

#2: Rosebud

Each year a group of volunteers stage one of best community fireworks displays in central Missouri right here in Rosebud.

Last year the show included an estimated \$8,000 worth of consumer fireworks purchased through local donations. Area residents put on the show, continuing a tradition which began with friends launching displays at the edge of town. Several thousand viewers have gathered at the community park in recent years for the free show.

Held each year at the Rosebud Community Park the show begins before sundown with candy shot from a special cannon for the children.

This year the show is scheduled for Saturday, July 6.



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Each year this annual event attracts over 800 witches with the contestants competing for Best Broom, Best Hat, Best Overall Witch, and Best Cackle.

Other downtown activities have also included a haunted house, a pumpkin carving contest, a stoning wall and a performance by the fire performance arts group Flux Infernos.

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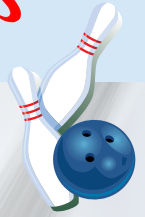
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Douglas Prairie Quilt Trail

Tourism Committee works on "Trail" with quilt block theme.

One of the best parts about visiting a new area is learning about the local history, what makes the community come together and why it is proud of its origins. The Owensville Chamber of Commerce (COC) Tourism Committee is working on ways to share the pride of the Owensville, Drake and Rosebud communities as "Find Your Own Trail" destinations to encourage tourists to visit area attractions. The group hopes to establish the idea with one of the town's existing allures, a Quilt Block Trail.

Quilt blocks are designed to tell stories, including history, politics and religion. Originally, the chamber hoped to encourage interest and curiosity about Owensville's origins locally. The idea became reality in 2012, when the chamber chose the quilt block "Crossroads" (pictured center) to represent their location on Old Springfield Road because it's building is located at the crossroads of the Old Iron Road and Springfield Road that took travelers between Hermann and Springfield.

Historically, people used to stop and water their mules at the location because it was the halfway point from St. James to Hermann.

When the quilt blocks first began to appear on the exterior walls of downtown businesses, residents and visitors took notice.

"We started out using traditional blocks, but then the Garden Club wanted a large picture of an

applique rose they found in a quilt book," said Gerri Kellmann, head of the quilt block committee.

The blocks grew in popularity "They go as far as the six miles south on Highway EE, as far north as Drake, as far west of Owensville as Lane Building Products and as far east as Rosebud," Kellmann said.

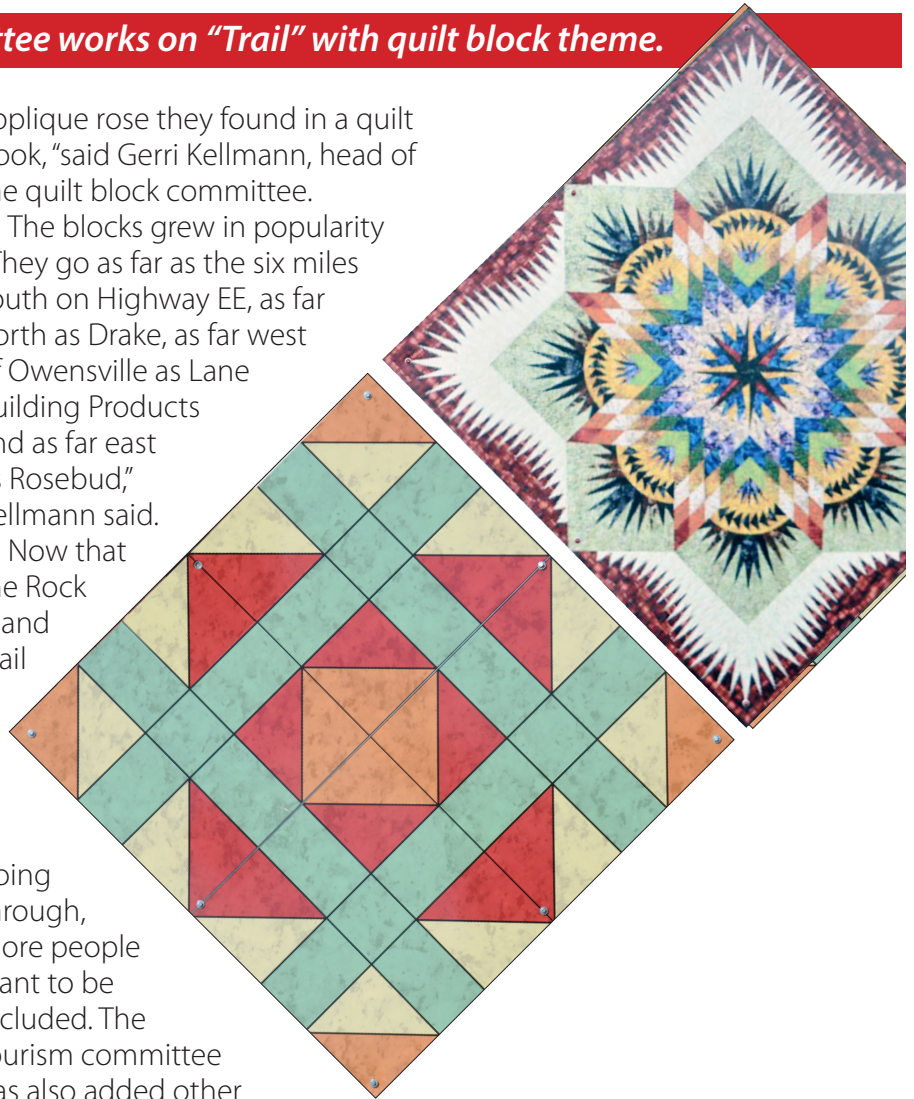
Now that the Rock Island Trail is

going through, more people want to be included. The tourism committee has also added other trails to their web site including an antique trail, a wine cheese, food and farm trail and a trail to family fun.

"Small towns have to live together as a region, because we are not going to make it alone," Grus said. "We have to find a way to make our whole area stronger."

"We are gathering info and having some kind of map created, both printed and online, so someone could go to our website and see what there is to do this weekend, then go," Grus said.

The committee will continue to promote "Find Your Own Trail."



Contact the chamber with questions or suggestions through their website at www.OwensvilleMissouri.com, and click on the "contact us" tab.



Most quilt blocks include a description plaque like this for the Prairie Star Quilt block, pictured top right.

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The event will host a wide variety of family friendly activities. Music and fresh food will be available.

Activities throughout the weekend may include cider pressing, dry stone masonry, beekeeping, weaving, natural dyeing and soap making. Animal

powered field work, corn grinding, log loading and wagon and buggy rides. Other past activities have included a demonstration by Rural Missouri Spinners, wild flower walks and rare livestock breeds on display.

Admission is \$6 for ages 6-years-old and older. No pets, alcohol, or motorized vehicles (excluding wheel chairs) will be allowed.

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 Information: 573-764-4000

Summer Church Picnics

Event: **Church Picnics**
 Location: Various Churches in the area
 Information: www.GasconadeCountyRepublican.com
 look under special sections

June 7-9, 2019 ~ Friday

Event: **Silver Dick Days**
 Location: Wenwood Winery, Owensville, Mo.
 Information: Facebook, Wenwood Winery

June 21 & 22, 2019 ~ Friday and Saturday

Event: **ORA Rodeo Association Rodeo**
 Location: Gerald City Park, Gerald, Mo.
 Information: geraldbridleandsaddleclub.com

June 28, 2019 ~ Friday

Event: **City of Owensville Fourth of July Celebration & Fireworks Display**
 Location: Memorial Park, Owensville
 Information: (573) 437-2000

July 6, 2019 ~ Saturday

Event: **Rosebud's 4th of July Celebration**
 Location: Rosebud, Highway 50
 Information: Facebook, Rosebud Area Enrichment Asso.

July 19-21, 2019

Event: **Gasconade County Threshers Old Time Steam Engine and Tractor Show**
 Location: Rosebud Park
 Information: www.GCTA.club

July 24 - 27, 2019

Event: **Gasconade County Fair**
 Location: Memorial Park, Owensville, Mo.
 Information: gasconadecountyfair.com

September 2, 2019 ~ Monday, Labor Day

Event: **Chris Bohl Memorial Foundation 5/10 Mile Walk/Run**
 Location: Woody Bogler Trucking, Gerald, Mo
 Time: 6 a.m. registration
 Information: 573-764-2532

September 12-14, 2019

Event: **Owensville City Wide Garage Sale**
 Location: Owensville area
 Information: www.GasconadeCountyRepublican.com

October 5 & 6, 2019 ~ Saturday and Sunday

Event: **23rd Annual Mid-Mo. Horse, Mule and Ox Farming and Historical Craft Days**
 Location: North of Gerald on Hwy. Y
 Information: 573-764-2629 and on Facebook

October 5, 2019 ~ Saturday

Event: **Rosebud Community Treasure Days**
 Location: Rosebud, Highway 50
 Information: 573-764-4181

October 23, 2019 ~ Wednesday

Event: **Witches Night Out**
 Location: Downtown Owensville
 Information: 573-437-6024

October 25, 2019 ~ Friday

Event: **Owensville Trunk or Treat**
 Location: Memorial Park, Owensville

October 26, 2019 ~ Saturday

Event: **Gerald Trunk or Treat**
 Location: City Park, Gerald
 Information: geraldchamber.com

December 6, 2019 ~ Friday

Event: **Night Out with Santa**
 Location: Downtown Owensville

December 7, 2019 ~ Saturday

Event: **Country Christmas Craft Fair**
 Location: Owensville High School, Hwy. 19 North
 Information: Facebook, OHS Band

December 7, 2019 ~ Saturday

Event: **Rosebud's Old Fashion Christmas**
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 Information: Facebook, Rosebud Area Enrichment Asso.

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There are also clubs in St. Clair, St. James and Union amongst others throughout the area.

Started in 1997 in Stony Hill,

Sheri Moellinger helped organize the club for people that like to take up wood carving in their spare time.

"This is a relaxing hobby that takes your mind off of work or anything else," Moellinger said.

Coming from different backgrounds ranging from a meat cutter to a dentist, wood carving can be

See **Wood Carvers** on page 34



NINE CARVERS (top photo) made up the majority of the group carving wood into various objects. Carvers on the left side of the table (from left) include Richard Kimerle, Chuck Wilmesher, Dennis Fischer and Don Hall. Facing them on the right side (from left) include Oscar Rode, Al Voss, Joe Kopp, John Wilding and Phil Gentry. **SHERI MOELLINGER** (above right) looks over her carving in the shape of an elephant.

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Wood Carvers, from page 32

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"We all come from different walks of life together to carve wood," Hall said.

Previous backgrounds of members include an accountant, meat cutter, construction, carpentry, photographer and a dentist.

Hailing as the oldest member of the group is World War II veteran Oscar Rode from Washington who worked for 30 years at Boeing building aircraft parts.

Even at 97 years of age, Rode enjoys more than the wood carving.

"I enjoy the socialization along with the wood carving," Rode said.

Area residents that are members of the club in Stony Hill include Tom Donze (Belle), Chuck Wilmesher (Drake), Kay Lorts (Belle), Joe Kopp (Hermann), John Wilding (Hermann) and Marvelene Kusewitt (Stony Hill).

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Painted bikes in Owensville

These bicycles show support for the proposed Rock Island bike trail

Two years ago, Old World Creations' Judy Morris and Nancy Gann decided they were going to spread awareness of the community's support for the proposed Rock Island trail by decorating First Street with painted bicycles.

"We chose bicycles because Cuba has murals and we wanted to have something too," Morris said. "They are trying to get a trail to go through and this was good, and people really seemed to like them."



Morris said she and Gann started by pulling out some of their old bicycles, then visited the Recycle Zone in Owensville for more. They started with seven bicycles, painted them in bold colors and added flower baskets. Then they placed them at nearby businesses.

"Some people began to request them, so we donated bicycles to us," Morris said. "We started placing them all over town, then. Not just on Main Street."

Today, more than 10 bicycles are placed outside of First Street businesses and more are scattered around Owensville and in front of personal residences.

"We like to try to relocate them every once in a while," Morris said facetiously.

By Friday of Owensville's spring city wide garage sale, the shop had already received three more donations, including a toddler bike with training wheels.

"Businesses come by and ask if we have more," Morris said. "We get lots of visitors and tourists that

come in and say how pretty they are. Support your town."

Morris said the bicycles are free to businesses that want them, but she asks that requests come with



a donation of the paint from said business for their bicycle.

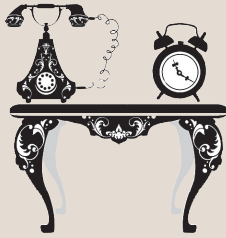
Artworks on Main sports an orange bicycle near their entrance and Pam Ellis, volunteer at the gallery, said she took an interest when she first seen them popping up all over town.

"A friend's husband knew I wanted one and brought me this one in hunter orange," Ellis said. "It's in support of the bike trail. I like that they have flower baskets and Simply Sweet has one with a child's seat attached.

She said the bicycles really bring bright spots to first street.

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Rosebud is known far and wide for their quaint shops including antiques, clothing, restaurants and flea markets.

Several times a year the area businesses get together to plan various activities and invite visitors to join them.

Get the entire experience at the Rosebud Flea Market, the first Saturday of every month, May through October. Grab a coffee or tea to-go from Cuppa Joel Coffee Shop and wander open-door businesses for beautiful and whimsical finds. Stop off for lunch at the local pubs; Loeb's Mill Bar and Grill or M Clancy's Irish Pub and Grill.

Throughout the season, check out special town-wide events such as:

- Springfest, the first Saturday in May;
- Independence Day Fireworks and the Threshers Show in July;
- Fall festival in October;
- Ladies Night Out, the Friday before deer season (guns), in November; and
- Christmas in Rosebud, the first Saturday in December.

Ask any Rosebud business owner for more details. Come out and enjoy the fun!

Gerald Rodeo

Starting in June, the Gerald Bridle and Saddle Club (GBSC) will have plenty of events at their arena in Gerald City Park.

Rodeos put on by the Ozark Rodeo Association (ORA) rodeo will be held at the GBSC arena on June 21 and 22.

Hosted by the ORA, events for participants of all ages include Bareback, Saddle Bronc, Breakaway, Calf Roping, Mutton Busting, Barrel Racing, Calf Riding, Pee Wee Bulls,

Jr. Bulls, Team Roping, Bull Riding, Pole Bending, Chute Dogging, Goat Tying, Steer Wrestling and Roping.

2019 Fun Shows are scheduled for May 18, June 15, July 13 and Sept. 21 (for kids only). Other events include Friday Night Barrels on Aug. 9, Mounted Shooting on Sept. 28, Trail Ride on Oct. 5, Costume Fun Show on Oct. 26.

For more information on



any or all of these events, visit the GBSC on the web at www.geraldbridleandsaddleclub.com.



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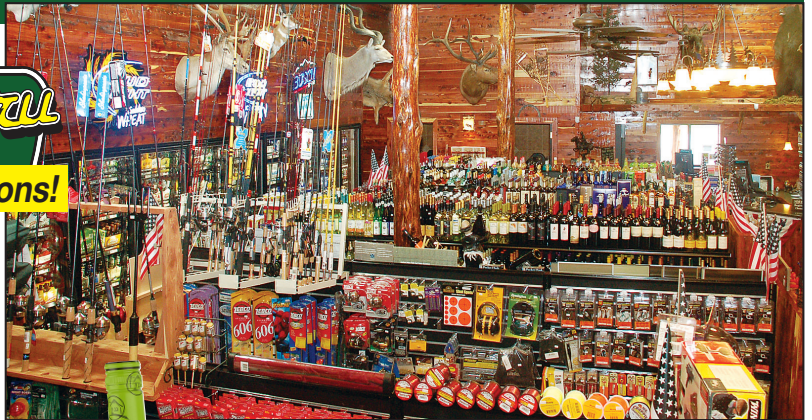
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