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This Month in Missouri History: Walter Cronkite's Final Broadcast

Known as “the most trusted man in America,” Walter Cronkite graced the screens of thousands of American families each night on the CBS Evening News. His straightforward and calming demeanor put viewers at ease with the world around them for over 19 years.

Cronkite was born in St. Joseph, MO on November 4, 1916. His family would soon move to Kansas City, where they stayed until he was 10. The family then moved to Houston, Texas where he would discover his love of journalism. He worked as an editor for his high school newspaper, moving on to work at his college newspaper in 1933. He never finished his college education, opting instead to drop out and fully devote himself to the journalism field in 1935.

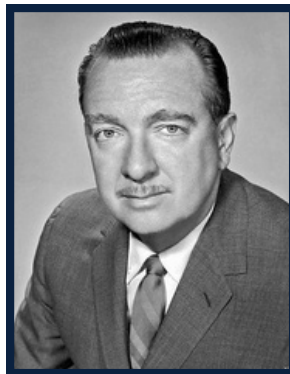


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Cronkite worked several reporting jobs, including being a sports announcer for KCMO in Kansas City, working his way up the reporting ranks. He took a fortuitous position with United Press International in 1937. With the breakout of WWII, he became a war correspondent covering events in North Africa and Europe, including Operation Torch and the Battle of the Bulge. He was also one of eight journalists chosen by the U.S. Air Force to be part of the short-lived Writing 69th squadron to fly raids over Germany. After the war, he stayed to cover the Nuremburg Trials and helped re-establish several United Press bureaus in Europe.

Impressed by Cronkite's skills, CBS News recruited him to their budding television broadcast division

in 1950. He started with short Sunday evening broadcasts, political convention coverage, and hosting various programs. It was in 1962 that Cronkite would become an anchor on television's first nightly half-hour news program, CBS Evening News.

As the anchor, Cronkite gained popularity with the American people, bringing them the news of the day in a steady and easy-to-understand style. He reported on many major events throughout his tenure, including the Vietnam War, the Apollo 11 lunar landing, the Watergate Scandal, and he was the first to report on the assassination of President Kennedy.

“Uncle Walter,” as he was affectionately called by the public, would give his last broadcast upon his retirement as the Evening News anchor on March 6, 1981, concluding with a sign off of “old anchormen, you see, don't fade away, they just keep coming back for more. And that's the way it is.” True to his word, he would continue to broadcast occasionally as well as hosting, doing voiceovers, and guest-starring on television until he passed away in 2009 at the age of 92.

Additional Resources

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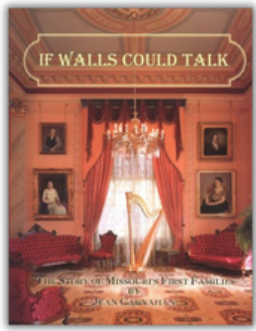
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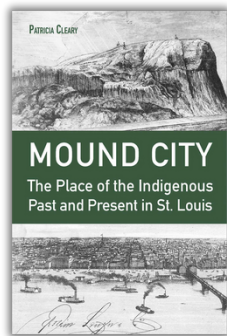


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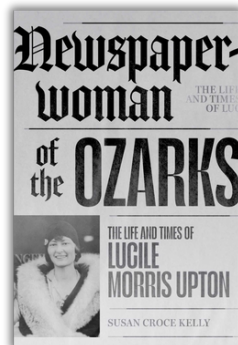
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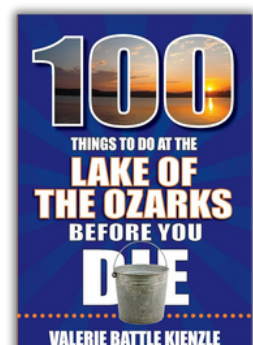
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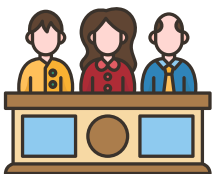


Tales from the Outlaw State



100 Things to Do at the Lake of the Ozarks Before You Die

Cool Docs: Oral Arguments



With today's technological advances, the Missouri court system is more publicly accessible than ever.

You can view oral arguments before the Supreme Court of Missouri with [live video streaming](#). If you miss an oral argument, the archives of the day's sessions are posted in the [docket archives \(2020 to present\)](#). [Older dockets](#) for the Supreme Court of Missouri are also available.

The Missouri Court of Appeals also plans an “[Appellate Roadshow](#)” where appellate judges listen to oral arguments in schools and community locations. Future roadshows will be announced in [News & Media](#) from the Supreme Court of Missouri's Committee on Civic Education.



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News of Note

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[Secretary of State Denny Hoskins, CPA, Hosts First Public Demonstration of Voting Equipment in Missouri](#)

[DHSS Publishes Data Infrastructure Report Outlining Strengths and Opportunities Across Missouri's Public Health System](#)

[Made-In-Missouri Films Spent More than \\$33 Million in 2024](#)

Intriguing Resources Recreation, Travel & Tourism Sources



The State Agency Database Project contains a wealth of free resources provided by all 50 states and the District of Columbia, and while these resources are grouped by state, they are also organized into subject guides to more easily find the related resources you want.

In the [Recreation, Travel & Tourism Sources](#) guide, you will find links to state park maps, lake directories, road trip planners, historical site listings, and more! Whether you are planning ahead for your spring break or upcoming summer trip, or you need information about another state's resources, this guide is the perfect place to visit.

The [State Agency Database Project](#) is available on the Missouri Government Publications page of our website.

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Using Reference Solutions

March 27, 2025

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

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Reference Solutions provides an in-depth profile of both current and historical businesses. Whether you need information about a specific business, such as expenditures, sales volume, number of employees, or business history, or you need to locate businesses within a certain geographic area, this is a great resource to use for your research.

Join us as we take a deep dive into what Reference Solutions offers and learn how to navigate this resource with ease.

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Learning Libby

April 24, 2025

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.



In this session, we will introduce the Libby|OverDrive collection, tour the Libby app and website, and show you how to begin borrowing eBooks and audiobooks with your preferred mobile device or computer.

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Gov Doc Talk: Historical Prices and Wages



Government documents are a rich resource of historical information as they often capture a snapshot in time as well as illustrate trends over many years, especially for the economic history of prices, wages, and the standard of living within the United States.

The [Prices and Wages by Decade](#) guide from the University of Missouri Libraries is an award-winning resource that easily connects researchers to consumer prices and wages reported in federal and state government resources back to the 1700s. Learning both the average prices and earnings within the same decade provides a better understanding of the standard of living at a given time. If government information is unavailable, data is supplemented by additional primary sources that display average retail prices for everyday items like food, clothing, household goods, heating fuels, transportation, medicine, and service fees as well as detailed price data for significant purchases such as a house, car, or college education. Along with price data, this guide links to average wages, salaries, hours, and earnings for common occupations.



Each decade's page features various tables of prices and wages, such as land prices in the [1790s](#), federal government employee salaries in the [1820s](#), and driver's licenses and car registration fees by the state in the [1910s](#), to name a few. The Prices and Wages by Decade guide is a useful resource for a specific research question, general interest in history, or [quotable facts](#).



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Training Corner Workplace Leadership



Why do some people make great leaders? Are they born or made? These are just some of the questions explored in this video.

Individuals in all kinds of situations and positions can provide real leadership if they have the opportunity and the desire to do so. In this video, you will see the effort and determination required to be a leader who gains respect from their team and gets results with any project.

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Editor's Pick Making of a Manager



Stepping up to the role of a supervisor or manager for the first time can be a daunting experience. It certainly was for Julie Zhou, which led her to write *The Making of a Manager* to help other first-time managers navigate their new role.

This book brings you through the first 3 months of your new position as you learn your new team dynamics while also providing advice on how to lead your team, give feedback, run meetings, hire new team members, achieve great outcomes, and manage yourself.

[Check it out!](#)

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Mental Minute: Creative Journaling



With communication looming as a fast and furious flurry of activity every day, we can become easily overwhelmed and overstimulated.

A simple way to calm your mind and body while processing your day, feelings, and overall life is to begin using a journal. Benefits of journaling are numerous, including lowering your blood pressure, improving your focus and clarity, and reducing your depression and anxiety.

Journaling doesn't have to be strictly limited to writing in a traditional diary format, however. If you don't know where to begin, try one of the creative journaling options listed here to reap the benefits of a traditional journal without the pressure of writing long passages of your thoughts, feelings, or memories. A journal is personal to you, so it can be anything you want or need it to be: a scrapbook, a series of lists, a photo album, a fitness tracker, or all of the above.

You can use a journal to document your interests, hobbies, and experiences, like your:

- dreams
- goals
- travels
- gratitude
- fitness
- books
- nature
- photos
- health
- hobbies
- art
- “junk”



If paper journaling doesn't work for you, give a creative digital app a try instead!

For more creative journaling inspiration:

- [10 Types of Journaling for Peace of Mind](#)
- [Ideas for an Art or Junk Journal](#)

“Preserve your memories, keep them well, what you forget you can never retell.” - Louisa May Alcott

Library Display



The path to getting *Back to Your Roots* will be a little easier with our new display! This month we are featuring titles covering family and community stories as well as genealogy resources.

Visit our display in person or online to check out this month's selections and to discover our spotlight of *Art-astic Places* to visit in Missouri for visual, performance, and musical arts.

Dig more into genealogical research by visiting the [Genealogy](#) page of our Missouriiana Guide.

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