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President's Message

This **Saturday, April 26**, the EJCBA is gathering at the Regional Animal Shelter, located on 23rd St. just east of Blue River Community College. We will be doing volunteer work from 10-2, and lunch will be provided. All members are invited to participate.

Our next meeting is the ever-popular Steak Fry, set for Friday, May 2, 2014. Join us at 5:00 p.m. for a cocktail hour, with dinner starting at 6. **Please note there is a new location this year**...Rhapsody, at 2322 E. R.D.Mize Rd., in Independence (across from the former location of MCI Hospital). Price is \$50.00 per person, and includes food, alcohol, and great door prizes.

Randall Cain

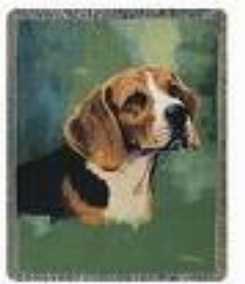
FOOD FROM THE BAR ASSOCIATION

Please join KCMBA and other Kansas City Area bar associations in a collaborative fight against hunger. From April 1 through April 30 the legal community will be collecting non-perishable donations for Harvesters. Please get your office involved in the fight to end hunger in our community by signing up for Food from the Bar.

To participate, send an email to kwarning@harvesters.org with the following information:

- (1) Office name and address
- (2) Contact name, phone number, and email
- (3) The number of barrels or boxes for drop off

Harvester's will arrange to pick up the food at the end of the drive, or you may pick up a box at the KCMBA Headquarters (2300 Main Street, Suite 100, Kansas City, Missouri 64108). Boxes are available now. Please be sure to leave your name and your office name at the KCMBA reception desk so your office can be listed as a participant and so Harvester's may arrange to pick up the food at the end of the drive. Our thanks to Patricia Scaglia for bringing this worthy cause to our attention.



Register Online

You can now register for an event online at the bar website, www.ejcba.com,

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STEAK FRY!

SPONSORSHIPS:

We are pleased to announce that several lawyers/firms are sponsoring the Steak Fry this year, and extend our sincere appreciation to them. They are:

- Law Office of Jack Cochran
- Law Office of Nick Cuterera, LLC
- Langdon and Emison, P.C.
- Edgar and Edgar, LLC
- Law Office of Anthony Totta, LLC
- Cain and Cain, P.C.
- Body, Kenter, Thomas & Parrish, LLC
- Oswald, Roam, Rew & Fry LLC
- Kapke & Willerth, LLC
- Law Office of Dana Outlaw, LLC

DOOR PRIZES:

As many of you know, one of the best things about the Steak Fry is the door prizes. Many of you have made donations in the past, and we of course encourage you to continue. This year, we intend to place a card on each table that lists all of the contributors of door prizes. HOWEVER....to be listed, we **MUST** receive your donation by April 30! We'll be happy to accept donations, and will of course announce that you made the donation, but we won't be able to get your name on the card if we don't have it by April 30.

JUDGES/CLERKS STEAK FRY POLICY:

We are pleased to continue our policy of free steak fry attendance for state and federal court judges. Judges, you may also bring two guests at no charge. If you have not received tickets in the mail yet, please contact Nick Cutrera's office.



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IN MEMORIAM

Long-time Independence attorney Bill Gnefkow has passed away after a long and brave battle with cancer. Many of us knew Bill from his days as a Jackson County Prosecutor. Bill was a veteran of the Vietnam war, a fine lawyer, and a fine gentleman.

A celebration of Bill's life will be on Saturday, April 26 at the Carson-Speaks Midtown Chapel, 1501 W. Lexington, Independence, with the family receiving friends starting at 9:00 a.m. A memorial service will begin at 10:00 a.m. Internment will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery, 701 N. Noland Road, Independence. In accordance with Bill's wishes, a lunch buffet will be served at V's Restaurant following the internment. Our condolences are expressed to his wife, Caroline and other members of his family and his many close friends.

NEW LOCATION FOR BLUE SPRINGS MUNICIPAL COURT

Blue Springs Municipal court has moved! The new address is 1304 W. Main St., Blue Springs, Mo.

INDEPENDENCE MUNICIPAL COURT NEW LUNCH CLOSING TIME

Effective May 1, the Independence municipal court will be closed, and will not answer phone calls, between 11:30 and 12:30, Monday-Friday.

BOB WELCH RETIREMENT PARTY

The city of Blue Springs is hosting a party celebrating Bob's retirement as City Prosecuting Attorney. The date is Friday, May 16, 2014, from 6:00-8:00 p.m., at the Adams Pointe Conference Center. Pat Starke is assisting with an effort to cover the expense of the bar bill for this event. Any member interested in donating toward that effort can contact Pat's assistant, Melodie Chrisman.

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