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Picnic details at-a-glance

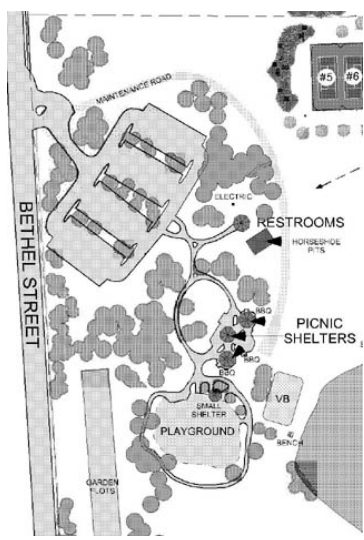
Date: Friday, Sept. 23.

Time: 5 p.m. social hour, 6 p.m. dinner.

Place: Cosmo-Bethel Park, 4500 Bethel St.

Directions: Entrance to parking area is just south of Gentry Middle School on east side of Bethel St. Picnic shelters are visible from parking area.

Cost: None—free to bar members, spouses, dates and children.



Picnic, election of officers on Sept. 23 at Bethel Park

Bar members and their spouses, dates and children are invited to the annual Jim Butcher Memorial Picnic and Annual Meeting on Friday, Sept. 23 at Cosmo-Bethel Park, 4500 Bethel St. There will be no charge to those attending. RSVPs are not required.

A social hour will begin about 5 p.m. Dinner will be served about 6 p.m., with election of 2005-06 officers following.

Pat Eng, currently BCBA Vice President, has been nominated as 2005-06 President. Other nominees are **Bruce Beckett** for Vice President, **Helen Wade** for Secretary, **Josh Oxenhandler** for Treasurer, and **C.J. Dykhouse** and **Ed Orr** for at-large Executive Committee members. The outgoing President, Judge **Jodie Asel**, also will be an at-large Executive Committee member. Nominations may be made from the floor with the nominees' consent.

Liz Magee chaired the Nominating Committee this year. Other members were **Finley Gibbs** and **Gerald Mueller**.

The entrance to the Cosmo-Bethel Park parking area is just south of Gentry Middle School, and the picnic will be based at one of the large shelters just southeast of the parking area (see map).

As in past years, the picnic menu will include barbecued ribeye steaks and brats, catered side dishes, and soft drinks and beer.

Many thanks to the Picnic Committee, which will begin cooking and other preparations in mid-afternoon and will welcome anyone willing to help. Call **Mark Langworthy** at 874-1122 or **Ron Sweet** at 443-3134 to volunteer, or just show up.

Other picnic volunteers to date are **Carlyle Foley**, **George Smith**, **Mary Carnahan**, **Josh Oxenhandler**, **Dave Gibbons**, **Gretchen Rogers** and **Joy Rushing**. Additional workers are needed to help clean up.

The picnic is named after the late **Jim Butcher**, who organized the event for many years before his death in 1986. In keeping with tradition, his widow Joan has been invited.

Four seminars offered this month

Four CLE seminars are being offered this month. In date order, they are:

MU Law School Courtroom, "Insider Trading: What You Need to Know Today," by Prof. Thom Lambert, sponsored by the law school, 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16, one hour credit. Obtain details and register free of charge at www.law.missouri.edu/cle or call 883-2052.

Westin Crown Center, Kansas City, "The New Worker's Compensation Law and How It Affects Missourians," Missouri Bar Workers' Compensation Committee, 3:00 to 3:50 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22. Register at www.mobar.org or call 573-635-4128.

Westin Crown Center, Kansas City,

Legal Support Staff Seminar, "The Third Branch of Liberty," sponsored by NALS of Missouri, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23. Open to all legal professionals. Register free by calling 816-474-6550 or emailing ceeley@shb.com. More information is available at www.nalsofmissouri.org.

MU Football Stadium Press Box-Tiger Lounge, "Estate Planning Trends and Traps: Trends Which Should Be Embraced, Traps Which Should Be Avoided," by Roy Adams, sponsored by the Salvation Army, Boone National Savings & Loan and Edward Jones, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Sept. 26. Lunch included in free registration. Call 866-594-2769 to register.

A farewell message from outgoing BCBA President Jodie Asel

Some say that first impressions last forever. I will never forget my first legal encounter with **David Rogers**, who died August 5, 2005 at age 64. I was a new assistant in the Prosecuting Attorney's office in 1976 when Dave told me that I had been appointed as guardian ad litem in one of his cases and that I needed to file my pleadings.

It must have been readily apparent that I was clueless about what he meant. Without hesitation, Dave sat down at a secretary's desk, eased a sheet of paper into a manual typewriter, and prepared a "Consent to Appointment, Entry of Appearance, and Answer" for my signature.

His act of kindness and display of patience taught me more than how to file an answer in a civil case. At that moment, he became a can-do, go-to guy in my book. I am sure there are hundreds of others who encountered Dave in his nearly four decades of the practice of law who feel the same way.

Some also say that we only get one chance to make a first impression. Hundreds of recent law school graduates took the Missouri bar exam in July and some of them will begin their practice of law in Boone County. We encounter people in the courthouse every day who have looks of befuddlement on their faces. Whether they need directions to a particular courtroom or office or access to a telephone, we can step up.

Few of us will be remembered for great legal minds, brilliant legal work in important cases, sharp wit, or making lasting differences in the world. But, each time we walk into the courthouse, we have the opportunity to make a difference in somebody's day and to be forever remembered by that person as someone special.

Thank you, Dave Rogers. You were indeed special.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as the President of the Boone County Bar.

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Around the bar . . .

It's not too late to sign up for Law Day activities at the MU Law School this Friday and Saturday, Sept. 13 and 14. Information is available at www.law.missouri.edu/law-day.html.

The BCBA Young Lawyers Committee will meet for a happy hour on Tuesday, Sept. 20 at Grindstone Brewery. For details contact **Gretchen Rogers** at 443-3134 or grogers@owwlaw.com.

The Women Lawyer's Association of Mid-Missouri will hold a fall gathering from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 29 at Grindstone Brewery, 47 E. Broadway, Columbia. Those attending will receive appetizers and one beverage. All attorneys and law students are welcome to attend and join the group. Annual dues of \$25 may be paid at the meeting. Those attending who do not wish to join will be asked to pay \$10 for the event. Questions about the gathering may be addressed to WLAMM Secretary **Gretchen Rogers** at 443-3134 or grogers@oww.law.com.

Defense counsel with clients who may be Drug Court candidates now have access to Drug Court guidelines recently prepared by Judge **Christine Carpenter** which are posted in PDF format with this news item at www.bocomobar.org/news.htm. The Drug Court also can provide publications from the National Drug Court Association about the role of defense counsel, ethical issues, confidentiality, and other topics.

Columbia Prosecutor **Rose Wibbenmeyer** points out statutory changes affecting those with commercial drivers licenses. Courts are now prohibited from granting suspended imposition of sentence or allowing a driver improvement program in lieu of points for CDL license holders.

BCBA member **Alex George** is now a principal in **Angle & George, LLC**, 304 E. High St., Jefferson City 65101, phone 573-636-2500, fax 573-636-2549. The firm focuses on estate planning, elder law, business law, and immigration.

BCBA member **R. Travis Jacobs**, formerly with the Boone County Public Defenders Office, is now an associate at **Davis, Susan & Holder, LLC**, 1001 Cherry St., Suite 207, Columbia 65201, phone 499-1700, fax 499-0969. He will focus on criminal defense, business law and personal injury.

Recently joining the BCBA was **Nancy Dippell Wahrenbrock**, who

Treasurer's Report by Amy Markel

Account balance as of 7/29/05.....	\$7,899.26
Receipts 7/29/05 - 9/9/05	
Dues.....	+35.00
Interest.....	+0.67
Disbursements 7/29/05 - 9/9/05	
Accent Press (<i>Newsletter</i> printing).....	-78.27
Midwest Mailing Service (<i>Newsletter</i> mailing).....	-101.41
First Christian Church (David Rogers memorial).....	-100.00
Boone Tavern (Executive Committee).....	-104.84
Editor/Webmaster (July-September).....	-375.00
Account balance as of 9/9/05.....	\$7,175.41

has been a Regulatory Law Judge with the Missouri Public Service Commission for seven years. After graduating from the MU Law School in 1992, she began her career as a hearing officer for the Department of Social Services and later was assistant counsel for the Division of Transportation, Department of Economic Development.

Boone County Circuit Clerk Cheryl Whitmarsh announced that Susan Wolchko has been hired to handle guardianship and conservatorship cases in the Probate Clerk's office. Susan formerly worked in state government jobs in Jefferson City.

The MU Law School chapter of Phi Alpha Delta invites bar members to donate blood in its blood drive on Thursday, Sept. 29. Email um-clawpad@missouri.edu for details.

About 40 BCBA members attended a CLE-credit program at the Aug. 10 meeting to hear BCBA member and State Rep. **Jeff Harris** summarize legislation passed this year.

Elton Fay has office space for rent at 11 N. 5th St. Call 449-2969 for information.

Dave Evans has two offices available at 717 Cherry St. Call 449-8430 for details.

Bob Smith has an office for rent in the Outdoors Building at 200 Old 63 S. Call 874-3272 for information.

Gregg Hyder has an office for rent at 827 E. Broadway. Call 449-6900 for details.