

## Shields invites Boy Scouts to JC For Anniversary

State Senate President Pro Tem Charlie Shields, R-St. Joseph, wants to encourage all scouts, scout leaders and scout alumni to come to the State Capitol and hear a proclamation recognizing the Boy Scout's 100th anniversary. The special proclamation will be read by both the Missouri Senate and the Missouri House of Representatives on February 8, starting at 4 p.m.

Senator Shields has first-hand experience of the powerful influence the Boy Scouts can have on a young man's character. Senator Shields is the Assistant Scoutmaster of the Pony Express Boy Scout Council Troop 216 in his hometown of St. Joseph, and his two sons have both been actively involved in the Boy Scouts throughout their lives, receiving the highest rank of Eagle Scouts.

"The Boy Scouts encourages our young men to develop skills in academics, leadership, and citizenship, while teaching traits like ethics, leadership and self confidence," said Sen. Shields. "They have provided our country with a century of character, and that has made all the difference in the world – both in my life, my children's life, and in the lives of so many citizens who have benefited from this great organization," said Sen. Shields.

In addition to the joint proclamation ceremony, Sen. Shields encourages scouts to take part in the guided tours of the State Capitol, which are available throughout the day, and self-guided tours are encouraged after the proclamation ceremony is complete.

## Newt Gingrich to Speak at Missouri Western

Former U.S. House Speaker Newt Gingrich will be the featured speaker at the 17th annual Convocation

on Critical Issues at Missouri Western State University. Gingrich will speak at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 7 in the M.O. Looney Complex. The Convocation is free and open to the public. Gingrich will also speak at the annual Convocation Dinner at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 6 in Western's Fulkerson Center. Details on tickets for the dinner will be announced later.

"Newt Gingrich continues the Convocation's tradition of bringing nationally prominent speakers and thinkers to campus," said Dan Nicoson, vice president for university advancement and executive director of the MWSU Foundation. "I'm certain that our students, faculty, staff and the community will be stimulated by his unique perspective, and the Foundation takes great pride in providing these kinds of programs."

Gingrich is well known as the architect of the "Contract with America" that led the Republican Party to victory in 1994 by capturing a majority of the U.S. House of Representatives for the first time in 40 years. Under his leadership as Speaker, Congress passed welfare reform, the first balanced budget in a generation and the first tax cut in 16 years. In addition, Congress restored funding to strengthen our defense and intelligence capabilities, an action later lauded by the bipartisan 9/11 Commission.

Gingrich has also authored 19 books, including 11 fiction and non-fiction New York Times best-sellers. He is chairman of the Gingrich Group, a communications and consulting firm that specializes in transformational change. He serves as general chairman of American Solutions for Winning the Future, is a senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, a distinguished visiting fellow at the Hoover Institution, honorary chairman of the NanoBusiness Alliance and a news and political analyst for the Fox News Channel.

Gingrich was first elected to Congress in 1978 and served the Sixth District of Georgia for 20 years. He served as House Speaker from 1995 to 1999, and was named Time magazine's Man of the Year in 1995.

Western inaugurated the Convocation on Critical Issues in 1993 as part of an overall commitment to offer enriching experiences to students while bringing together the university and the community. The Convocation program is sponsored by the MWSU Foundation and is held in honor of R. Dan Boulware, former Western regent.

Past Convocation speakers have included Bill Bradley, James Carville and Mary Matalin, Sam Donaldson, Steve Forbes, David Gergen, Robert Kennedy Jr., Jeanne Kirkpatrick, Jerry Linenger, David McCullough, Dr. Joseph Nye, Colin Powell, Arthur Schlesinger Jr., Daniel Schorr, Patricia Schroeder, J.C. Watts and Bob Woodward.

For more information, call the MWSU Foundation at 816-271-5646.

## Judy Wright's Race in 5th District

Judy Wright, Turney, a candidate for Mo. House District 5, announced today that she raised \$7,585 during the fundraising quarter that ended December 31st.

During the quarter, over 50 people made contributions to help with the campaign.

"This campaign wouldn't be possible without all the support I've received so far," said Wright. "I think it shows that voters want job creation, and quality schools for their children. Those are just some of the priorities I want to take with me when I go to Jefferson City."

Judy Wright is running to represent the 5th District in the Missouri House of Representatives. To learn more about this campaign visit: [www.judywrightforhouse.com](http://www.judywrightforhouse.com).

## Galen Higdon announces for 29th Dist. Rep.

Former Deputy Sheriff Galen Higdon announced last week that he will be a candidate for the Republican nomination for 29th District State Representative.

Mr. Higdon made his announcement at Darcee's School of Dance at 6119 King Hill Avenue.

Mr. Higdon ran unsuccessfully for Buchanan County Sheriff last year against Mike Strong.

State Rep. Martin Rucker (D-St. Joseph) is running for State Senator. Two Democrats, Bill Caldwell and Dennis Snethen have announced they would seek their party's nomination in the August primary.

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Immediately following the Tournament of Roses Parade, the BSA launches "Adventure Base 100," a 10,000-square-foot interactive campus featuring immersive and exciting Scout-related experiences. Adventure Base 100 will travel the country throughout 2010, providing more than 40 markets with a hands-on view of Scouting and the difference it makes in the lives of millions of youth.

"Adventure Base 100 is a chance to give visitors a view of the history and the future of the Boy Scouts of America," said John Gottschalk, current national president of the BSA, and chairman of the Omaha World-Herald Corporation. "We are bringing

the Scouting experience into the heart of dozens of communities and rallying the country to join us in „Celebrating the Adventure, Continuing the Journey.”"

About the Boy Scouts of America The Scouting movement is composed of 2.8 million young people between the ages of 7 and 20 and 1.1 million volunteers in more than 290 local councils throughout the United States and its territories. The Boy Scouts of America is the nation's foremost youth program of character development and values-based leadership training. For more information on the Boy Scouts of America, please visit [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org).



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