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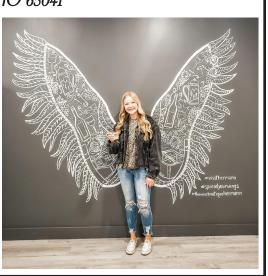
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On behalf of the Hermann Area Chamber of Commerce, and the City of Hermann, we want to welcome you to our hometown.

The Chamber, whose history dates to 1903, works in conjunction with our city leaders and others in our region to support the area's business community, nurture a robust economic environment, and thereby improve the quality of life for all Hermann area residents. Our community is rich with educators, business owners, citizens, and volunteers who realize a shared responsibility of making the Hermann area one of the best places in Missouri to live, work, and raise a family.

This Community Guide is a great introduction to what our beautiful city and region has to offer. You likely know Hermann is famous for its selection of wineries, but you will also discover we offer everything a family or business may need. From realtors to restaurants, florists to furniture stores, banks or breweries, and anything in between, you'll find it here. For quick and easy access to our Chamber Member's business catalogs, simply text the word HERMANN to 866-866-5545, which will download the Hermann Area Chamber of Commerce member marketplace.

Whether you are planning to visit our area for a short time, or have a desire to move to Hermann, we are confident our business community members are eager to make your time here a welcoming, satisfying experience. This Community Guide comes to you with the compliments and best wishes of all the members of the Hermann Area Chamber of Commerce.

If you are looking for even more information regarding relocating or opening a business in the Hermann area, or are interested in becoming Chamber Member, we invite you to visit our website www.hermannareachamber.com or give us a call at 573-486-2313.

As the Chamber President, I am honored to work alongside our dedicated Board who all share the same vision, drive for business growth, and commitment to a healthy community environment. We look forward to continuing our Chamber's history of connecting the network of businesses, non-profit organizations, and our local officials in our mission to cultivate the betterment of our community and our region.

Once again...welcome and enjoy your time in the Hermann, Missouri area.

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Hermann's History

The city of Hermann, the county seat of Gasconade County since 1842, lies on the Missouri River. The history of the settlement is unique to any town in the area. A company was established in Philadelphia with the purpose of settling an area in the west where the German Americans of that area could perpetuate their culture in this free country.

In August of 1836 the German Settlement Society of Philadelphia was formed. Its purpose was to establish a colony "Far West" where the colonists could live in partial isolation, where German language and customs could be preserved, and all would be "German in every particular."

Enthusiastically supported, shares in the venture were sold for \$25 and in early 1837 a group of three representatives was sent west to identify a site for the new colony. George Bayer served on the committee defining their duties and was subsequently selected as the Society's representative to acquire the recommended land parcel.

Born in Baden, Germany on September 27, 1800, George Frederick Bayer showed musical talent from an early age. In 1831 he married the beautiful and talented Catherine Krecher; three of their five children were born while in Philadelphia. He set out in July of 1837 and acquired some 11,000 acres of government land and parcels from private owners for the total sum of \$15,612.

The news that land had been acquired was received with great celebration in Philadelphia on October 5, 1837, "... glad tidings, that an extensive tract of land has been purchased for the Society." With land purchased, the Settlement Society had tangible proof of its credibility and the stock price rose to \$50 per share. A Settlement Agent was now needed to manage affairs at the new town to be called Hermann and George Bayer was again selected, having successfully discharged his duties acquiring the land

German settlers were eager to head



west and begin their new life in Hermann. The first seventeen settlers, including women and children, forged ahead arriving by boat in December of 1837, confident that Bayer would soon follow. However, George Bayer was taken ill on the trip west and was detained in Pittsburg for many months. Other share owners journeyed as far as St. Louis and wisely spent the winter there. Early settlement proved a difficult challenge. The land was a wilderness, heavily wooded and far from other settlements. Settlers were ill prepared for the difficulties of clearing the land and carving out a town from the rugged hills.

When Bayer and family finally arrived in March of 1838, soon followed by hundreds of new settlers, he was faced with the angry disillusionment of the first group who did not know the reason for his delay and an impossible task ahead of him. Among the duties charged to him by the Society were the oversight of all Society matters including the resolution of disputes, written progress reports back to Philadelphia, the survey of 11,000 acres, the layout of the town in accordance with the plans drawn up in Philadelphia, assignment of property

in exchange for Settlement shares, the construction of a grist and a saw mill, and the provision of food and supplies for all the settlers.

Whether an abject failure at these duties or whether given responsibilities too broad for any one man to accomplish in such difficult circumstances is still debated. Early settlers were unhappy and freely expressed their complaints in letters to the home society. The fact that Bayer accomplished much is also known; a letter to the Philadelphia paper "Alte und Neue Welt" in June of 1838 reported Bayer as "... an upright, helpful and affable man, whom I consider absolutely worthy of the honorable trust which the Society put in him..." Bayer's own letters to the Society reporting on the progress of the Society and dealing with those unhappy with his efforts are revealing.

Writing in 1838 to Philadelphia regarding a dispute over 80 acres given him as compensation for his services he states, "If I had been more cautious and trusted less, I should not have so much to repent now." Bayer was relieved of his duties

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Hermann Hideout



Experience the ultimate getaway at this exquisite rental in Hermann, Missouri. Perfectly situated in the heart of wine country, this luxurious property combines modern amenities with country charm, making it ideal for large families, groups of friends, or special gatherings.

Grilling Stations: The property includes multiple grilling stations, perfect for outdoor cooking and dining. Enjoy a barbecue with friends and family in the well-equipped outdoor area.

Pavilion Area: The pavilion provides a lovely, shaded area for gatherings and grilling meals. Furnished with comfortable seating, ceiling fan, lighting and designed with modern elegance, it's an ideal spot for enjoying the outdoors.

Hot Tub, Grilling Stations, Pavilion Area and Fire pits are a communal space for making new

friends. If you rent the entire Hideout you get all the wonderful amenities to yourself. **Proximity to Attractions:** Located just minutes from Hermann's famous wineries, bars, historic downtown, and scenic trails, this rental offers convenient access to all the area's top attractions. This stunning rental is nestled in the heart of Hermann's picturesque wine country and provides a perfect blend of luxury, modern comfort, and natural beauty, ensuring a memorable and enjoyable stay for all guests. Ideal for families or groups, the property features luxurious amenities that promise a relaxing stay.







All bedrooms are beautifully furnished with a king-size bed, perfect for unwinding after a day of exploring Hermann.

All units have a **fully equipped kitchen** that features high-end appliances, granite countertops, a large island with bar seating, and ample cabinet space. Perfect for preparing gourmet meals or casual snacks. Take that fabulous dinner outdoors with a private grill and plenty of dining space for everyone overlooking the beautiful valley views.









Hot Tub: Enjoy a soak in the hot tub with stunning views of the surrounding landscape, it's the perfect spot to unwind and relax.

Fire Pits: Gather around the fire pit in the evening for a cozy, communal atmosphere. Perfect for storytelling, roasting marshmallows, or simply enjoying the night sky.

Hermann Hideout is located right on Hermann's city limit line, approximately 3-5 minutes from downtown. The Hermann trolley will pick you up from the Hideout, but you must call and make a reservation in advance; they will fetch you using a shuttle bus.

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in October of 1838 and died in March of 1839. He left behind a widow and five children, including a daughter born March 30, 1839. Bayer was buried in the cemetery he had laid out as part of his duties, but on the south side of the hill, not visible from the town.

Bayer leaves a lasting legacy, having selected the site for Hermann with its picturesque setting reminiscent of the middle Rhine Valley. Though he struggled, as did all the early settlers, to carve a town from the wilderness, his was an important role in realizing their dream to create a new German homeland where German language and culture would be preserved for future generations.

The original deed transfer from George and his wife Catherine Bayer to the German Settlement Society of Philadelphia is a treasured document within the Archives & Records Center. It and thousands of other documents and records are preserved and protected in this state of the art facility by the Gasconade County Historical Society. Visitors are welcomed to view documents on display, research family genealogy, and learn more about Gasconade County's rich history.

Tradesmen, artisans, farmers and professionals were all involved in the early settlement and formation of Hermann. Within a short time, streets were determined, houses were constructed, shops and businesses were established.

There were enough people in Hermann by 1842 to call an election for moving the county seat from Mt. Sterling to Hermann.

Vineyards and wine making became a major industry early in the development of the area and remained so until Prohibition. This industry has resumed and is continuing to grow from mid 1960s to present. In the early 20th century there were factories to support the economy of Hermann. A shoe factory was a major employer, but other light industries were also prevalent.

Tourism has always been a part of Hermann's culture beginning with river boats of late 19th century and currently with wineries, antique shops and festivals. An area of five blocks from the Missouri River to Fifth Street is designated as an historic district with several buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The earliest of these is on tour with the Department of Natural Resources State Historic Site, Deutschheim.

Gasconade County Courthouse

Dedicated on July 18, 1898, the Gasconade County Courthouse is thought to be one of the few courthouses in the United States built entirely with private funds.

Charles D. Eitzen, a self-made millionaire, willed the sum of \$50,000 to Gasconade County for construction and furnishing of a new courthouse.

The present structure is the second building on the same site to serve as

the courthouse. The first was a square, two-story brick building with a hip roof that cost \$3,000. Paid for by the City of Hermann, it replaced a 20 by 24-foot log hut at Mt. Sterling. The building was was razed in 1896 to make way for the present courthouse.

Original plans for the new courthouse building, designed by architects J. B. Legg of St. Louis and A. W. Elsner of Jefferson City, called for light-gray or medium-buff brick with terra cotta trim. The main roof was to be dark Pennsylvania slate, and the tin dome roofs were to be painted a copper color. The rotunda and corridors were to be tiled in Italian marble and mosaic.

After bids were opened, the plan was modified to eliminate some of the more costly specifications. Most notably, the new plan called for red brick with stone trim. More than 400,000 bricks went into the new courthouse. Bricklayers brushed bricks with beer (cheaper than vinegar in those days) to make them shine and even out the color.

On February 3rd, 1905, the building was heavily damaged by fire, which destroyed the dome, roof, and a large portion of the second floor. Repairs were completed in December 1905.

The courthouse today remains little changed from its original design. Murals by area artists depicting the history of Gasconade County were added as a part



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The Hermann Area Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with Regional Economic Development Initiative (HRED/REDI), has launched Rooted & Ready 2025–2029, a five-year strategic plan designed to strengthen our economy, preserve our heritage, and make our entire region — spanning into four counties — an even better place to live, work, and visit.

Why now?

Our community is thriving in many ways — tourism is booming, local entrepreneurs are growing, and our small-town quality of life is second to none. But behind the charm, we face challenges:

- Housing shortages that make it hard for workers and families to move here.
- A dwindling population that threatens the vitality of our schools and healthcare system — both of which serve residents well beyond Hermann's city limits.
- Infrastructure needs that must be addressed for long-term growth across the region.

We're at a crossroads, and the decisions we make in the next few years will shape the Greater Hermann Area for decades.

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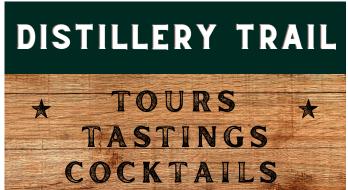
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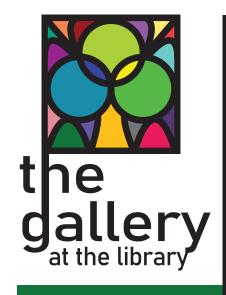












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The Plan

The Chamber's strategy focuses on four core initiatives:

- 1. Workforce Development & Housing Attracting talent, adding housing options, and expanding childcare.
- 2. Infrastructure & Riverfront Development Improving streets, utilities, and public spaces while reimagining our riverfront.
- 3. Lifestyle & Entertainment Creating more year-round activities, parks, and family-friendly amenities.
- 4. Heritage & Cultural Preservation Protecting historic buildings and expanding our iconic festivals.

The Impact

An independent economic study by Impact DataSource shows that if we follow through on this plan, over the next 15 years the Greater Hermann Area can expect:

- \$265 million in total economic output.
- 72 permanent jobs with \$75 million in wages.
- 400 new residents and 100 new students in our regional school district.
- Nearly \$15 million in net new revenue for local governments funding vital services without raising taxes.
- A stronger tax base to sustain our schools, infrastructure, and healthcare for residents across four counties.

Why a Capital Campaign?

To make this vision a reality, the Chamber is launching a \$1 million capital campaign over the next five years. These funds will directly support the programs, partnerships, and projects that turn strategy into action — for the city, for the countryside, and for the entire region.

- Every dollar stays in the Greater Hermann Area.
- Every project supports our long-term economic health.
- Every investment protects what makes our region special.

Be Part of the Hermann Area's Next Chapter

When our German founders established Hermann, they invested their time, resources, and dreams into building something that would last. Now it's our turn

By contributing to Rooted & Ready, you're not just funding projects — you're building homes for future neighbors, creating jobs for local families, preserving the places we love, and ensuring that the Hermann Area's story keeps getting better.

Be Part of Hermann's Next Chapter.

Join the businesses, community leaders, and residents investing in the Greater Hermann Area's future.

Your support will create homes for families, jobs for our neighbors, and lasting prosperity for all four counties we serve.

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While tourism is the leading industry today in Hermann, the driving force over the area's history has been agriculture. When the community was founded by German immigrants in the mid-19th century, farming was the utmost priority so the enclave could be self-sufficient.

George Husmann is considered to be the "father of Missouri wine-making" as he cleared land in the Hermann area for vineyards and began his winery. The property where he started is now known as Hermann Farm, and is operated by a non-profit that uses it as a demonstration farm depicting early life in the Hermann area.

Vineyards and wine making became a major industry early in the development of the area and remained so until Prohibition. This industry has resumed and is continuing to grow from mid 1960s to present.

Over the years, agriculture has developed to include corn and soybean farming operations in the fertile Missouri River valley, with cattle and swine breeders also adding to the region's agribusiness. All of these enterprises continue to add to the diversity of the economy in the Hermann area, and give it the country feel visitors experience



while here

The importance of agriculture to the region is demonstrated by the strength of the FFA program at Hermann High School, leading a Hermann student to be named an Area Star in Agribusiness by the State's FFA Association.

In the early 20th century there were

factories to support the economy of Hermann. A shoe factory was a major employer, but other light industries were also prevalent, and have continued to develop in recent years to include packaging, plastics, a logistics company, and several other industrial enterprises and suppliers.





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Hermann Tourism — Visitors Welcomed!

Historic buildings that housed 19th century German immigrants have been turned into classic lodging establishments that welcome visitors to the small city of Hermann, Missouri. Thousands of guests visit the community annually to enjoy a winery tour, shopping, meal or just a relaxing respite from city life.

Located at the intersection of state highways 19 and 100, and easily accessed from Interstate 70 and Interstate 44, Hermann is a picturesque community surrounded by hillside vineyards and bordered by the Missouri River.

The Katy Trail, the nation's longest "rails to trails" project, is located just two miles north of Hermann, and offers cyclists and hikers the opportunity to visit the area in the same manner as the pioneers did in the 19th century. Amtrak also makes daily stops in Hermann with the "River Runner" route between Kansas City and St. Louis.

Wineries

Over 20 percent of the state's

total wine production comes from the Hermann area, whose legacy began in 1837 when the first German settlers arrived. More than 178,000 gallons of wine are produced annually by vintners in the area, many of whom have banded together to create the Hermann Wine Trail (hermannwinetrail.com).

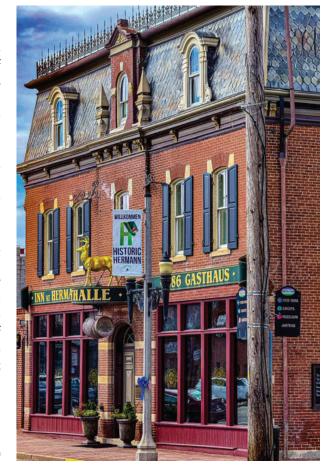
The 51,200 acres of the Hermann area American Viticultural Area (AVA) is one of five AVAs in the state of Missouri and one of 276 in the nation. It was the second AVA to be established in the state of Missouri.

Local winemakers craft various blends from grapes and other fruits, creating flavors that will delight any palette. Historic wineries with stone cellars and country farms all produce wines that celebrate the rich history of the region. The Wine Trail group hosts six trail events throughout the year at participating wineries.

Distilleries and Breweries

The Hermann area also is home to a variety of distilleries and breweries,

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Hermann's unique shops are filled with many one-of-a-kind treasures, collectibles, antiques and new items that will suit your tastes. Among the varied stores throughout town you'll find quilting fabrics, clothing, jewelry, art, food treats, home décor, and much more. The selection belies Hermann's small size, and you can find something for everyone on a gift list as well!

Dining

Well-known for its selection of German food, including award-winning sausages and smoked meats, Hermann also offers a variety of other dining options at its many restaurants and cafes. Enjoy a made-from-scratch breakfast at a coffee house, pizza, bratwurst or schnitzel for lunch or dinner, or dine at one of the fine dining establishments, most of which serve local wines and brews that pair beautifully with your selection. Many offer take-out service

if you want to take a picnic to your favorite winery or distillery.

You will even find frozen custard, pastries, locally-produced candies and bakery items that can be enjoyed during your visit or can be taken home.

Lodging and Accomodations

If one day isn't enough to experience all Hermann has to offer, and many visitors say that is the case, there are many places to lay your head for a peaceful night's sleep.

The area offers an abundant variety of accommodations, from luxury hotel suites to cozy cottages, country homes and inns, house rentals and even tree houses.

RV and Tent Camping

If you prefer being closer to nature, there are campgrounds, RV parks and tent camping areas in and around Hermann that welcome those activities. Hermann's city park campground boasts 42 full hookup (water, electric and sewer) RV sites, another 24 with water and electric only, and eight with only electricity. Tent spaces are also available on a first come, first served basis.

Jam Hut RV Park, just east of town on Highway 100, offers nine full hookup sites, three with water and electric only, and is horse-friendly, with a stable on the property.

The city of Owensville, just 20

minutes south on Highway 19, operates a campground in Memorial Park with 25 RV sites with 30 amp electric and water, with a dump station in the park.

In Jonesburg, 25 miles northeast of Hermann along I-70, Jonesburg Gardens RV Campground offers full hookup sites and a swimming pool at the park.

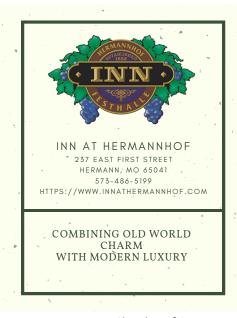
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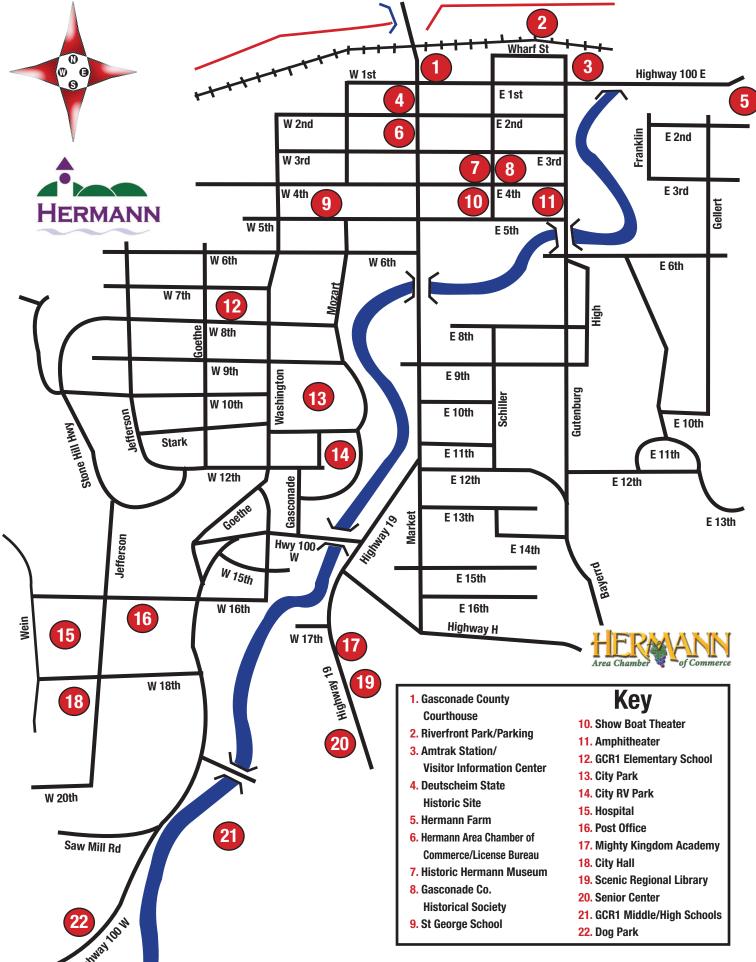
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Historic Preservation Key to Hermann Area Economy

With 175 years of history, Hermann is an explorer's paradise. The downtown district features the Deutschheim State Historic Site, the Historic Hermann Museum, the Gasconade County Historical Society headquarters, and many more historic buildings to enjoy.

The museums offer information about how the westward expansion, the abolitionist movement, the Civil War, Prohibition, and various wars touched area residents. Stop by the Visitor Information Center for a map highlighting parks, gardens, and historical markers.

Deutschheim State Historic Site

Visitors can discover a part of German American heritage and experience an early Missouri settlement, all in one place—Deutschheim State Historic Site. This site is located in Hermann, a town known throughout the Midwest for its German heritage. Deutschheim State Historic Site preserves several structures dating from 1840-1890 that reflect the period when Germans first settled the Missouri River valley that reminded them of home.



The site includes the Pommer-Gentner house, which was built in 1840 and is one of the oldest surviving buildings in Hermann. It also preserves the Carl Strehly house, which was built in 1842. Through guided tours of both historic houses, visitors can experience the daily life and traditions of German immigrants to Missouri in the

mid-19th century.

Historic Hermann Museum

Housed in a building that served as a bilingual (English and German) school beginning in 1872, the Historic Hermann Museum at the German School is much more than a recollection of its early

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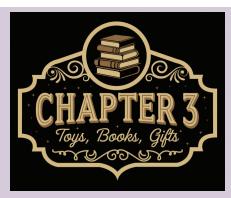




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school days. It is a testimony to the strength and resilience of the German immigrants who founded and grew Hermann from the 1830s to the early 1900s. Visitors learn why and how they came, what they encountered, endured and accomplished.

In the main hall, the Hermann Sesquicentennial Quilt is displayed. Created by several local ladies to commemorate the community's 150th anniversary in 1986, the quilt depicts many of the historic buildings and architecture in Hermann.

Other main floor rooms contain a variety of vintage clothing, furniture, historic signage and tools from a bygone era of Hermann history. There are also artifacts such as pottery, newspapers and décor items from early settlers.

Upstairs, there are rooms dedicated to some of the early industries of the area, including wine making, shoe making and textiles. The River Room also celebrates the impact of the Missouri River on the region's economic health, with Riverboat memorabilia, a replica of the steamer Pin Oak's pilot house.

Two other upstairs rooms harken back to when the building was used as a school. The Musik Room contains a collection of vintage musical instruments, band uniforms, and an early Clavichord. The room served as the Principal's office during the school days. The Kinder Room depicts a school classroom as it might have appeared in the early days of the



The Kinder Room at the Historic Hermann Museum contains many artifacts from early Hermann history, when the museum building was built for use as the German School. Photo by John Speck

German School. There are also dolls, toys and vintage furniture housed in this room.

The museum is located at the corner of East 4th Street and Schiller in downtown Hermann. The entire museum is handicap accessible. For further information, call (573) 486-2027.

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As part of the Dierberg Educational Foundation, Hermann Farm's mission is to engage and educate the public regarding the significance of Missouri's cultural, agricultural and wine making

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Tours of the Historic Hermann Farm Homes and distillery are available. The

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Visitors regularly see wild turkeys, deer, geese, ducks and other wildlife near and around the beautiful lake. Two Missouri Mules, Pat and Jane, Nigerian Dwarf Goats and Katahdin Sheep are stabled near the historic Teubner - Husmann house. At this 1847 Greek Revival style house -- the focal point of Hermann Farm — you can take a walking tour of the house and outbuildings and learn about the Teubner, Husmann, and Manwaring families who changed the history of wine making in America as well as Europe.

Hermann Farm is located at 526 East 1st Street in Hermann. For more information, please visit the website at hermannfarm.org.

The Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows - "Starkenburg Shrine"

In 1847 the first people came to the area known as Rhineland or Loutre



Island, along the Missouri River. The area was soon to be named "Starkenburg." The settlers were Germans from the Hermann, Missouri area. They would have special services when missionaries came. In the barn where they met was a statue, which the Germans named "Weisse dame" or "White Lady." St. Martin's Parish was chartered in 1848.

During Lent, in the year 1890, through the contribution of two generous St. Louisans, the parish was able to make the purchase of a "Sorrowful Mother" statue. The new statue of the "Sorrowful Mother" attracted many visitors. Multitudes came to seek comfort in their misery from the Mater Dolorosa, who in her own agony would not forsake her suffering children. Through the devotion to the Sorrowful Mother, so pleasing to Catholics, the shrine was showered with blessings.

As the number of pilgrims continued to mount, it soon became necessary to build a larger chapel. On July 16, 1910, on the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, a large copper cross measuring seven feet in length, "was fastened to



the steeple of the chapel," wrote Father Hoehn with a triumphant air. On the eve of the Feast of the Assumption, the statue of the Sorrowful Mother was transferred to the side altar, Her new home in the stone chapel.

The White Lady, which had been the inspiration for the chapel in the woods, was to be returned to that place. Now, painted in beautiful colors and draped in a white German robe, She was carried to the chapel.

The chapel is constructed entirely of stone in the early Rhenish-Romanesque style. It is 69 feet long and 43 feet wide. Its height to the gable is 50 feet and to the right of the sanctuary the tower walls reach 67 feet. The spire, in typical Romanesque style, is short. Above the main entrance is a magnificent 12-paned rosette window. Above the window, in a niche, is a beautiful statue of the Archangel Gabriel. The roof is of slate.

Before entering the chapel, one

sees a lovely bas relief of Mary Queen of the rosary, with St. Dominic on one side, and St. Catherine of Siena on the other. To the left of the main entrance is the aisle leading to the altar of Our Sorrowful Mother.

The St. Martin Parish is no longer an active parish, and the Shrine is maintained by the Church of the Risen Savior in Rhineland. The grounds now include St. Martin's church, Our Lady of Sorrows chapel, a Stations of the Cross prayer garden, sepulcher and Valentine Hall, which was built in 2010 and is used for wedding receptions, meetings and special events. Holy water from the Lord's Grotto on the grounds is blessed and used for sacraments.

Two pilgrimages are held at the Shrine – one on the third Sunday in May and one on the second Sunday in September – outdoors as weather permits. Mass is held at Noon on the second Tuesday of each month from

March through November, followed by a luncheon in Valentine Hall.

The Shrine is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily for visitors, and the grounds are always available for prayer and meditation.

For more information about the beautiful Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows, please email risensav@ktis.net

Stone Hill Winery Museum

Along with free daily guided tours of the historic underground cellars, a self-guided exhibit of winery artifacts with informative history panels. Located on the main level of the winery building at Stone Hill Winery, you are able to peruse at your own pace and learn more history of Stone Hill Winery and its role in the global wine industry. Available during winery salesroom hours.

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Recreation Opportunities Abound

There are plenty of ways to get out and play in the Hermann area, from fishing, boating or kayaking on the Missouri River, Gasconade River or Loutre Creek to cycling on the Katy Trail, to outdoor sports such as pickleball, tennis, soccer and softball.

Hermann Pickleball Club

Pickleball has gained popularity as a sport players of any age can enjoy, with its smaller court size than tennis and slower speed of play. The club is loosely organized into beginner and more experienced players, with the beginners meeting weekday mornings at 7 am and veterans playing at 5 pm on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday.

Club members have put together funding for resurfacing the tennis courts at City Park and paint boundary lines to create four permanent pickleball courts. The tennis court on the south end can also be temporarily set up for pickleball.

An annual tournament held each September draws players from all over the region to Hermann. For more information on the Pickleball Club and/or the tournament schedule, contact Tom Rethemeyer at (636) 221-7911.

Hermann Youth League

Youth Baseball, Softball, Soccer and Basketball leagues are organized under the umbrella of Hermann Youth League. Over 200 area youth participated in baseball and softball last spring, with increasing numbers each season in the other sports as well.

The Hermann Youth League consists fully of volunteer board members and coaches. It exists to encourage growth, community and hard work in youth by providing a semi-competitive and enjoyable environment revolving around multiple sports.

The organization's mission is to provide a safe place for youth to have fun while learning the fundamentals of the sports they are playing. For more information, visit their website at www. hermannyouthleague.com or email them at hermannyouthsports@gmail.com

Cycling on Katy Trail

Katy Trail is the longest Rails to Trails pathway in the United States, stretching from east to west across virtually the entire state of Missouri. Many cyclists



appreciate the car-free crushed limestone trail that winds through dense forests and lush fields near the Missouri River.

There are many quaint towns and country inns ready to welcome cyclists and provide a respite from the day's trip. The nearest trailhead, in McKittrick, is just over two miles north of downtown Hermann. Several of Hermann's lodging establishments are set up to accommodate cyclists and their equipment.





Community Foundation of the Hermann Area

The Community Foundation of the Hermann Area (CFHA) is committed to developing local charitable funds and engaging community members to support needs in Hermann.

As an affiliate of the Community Foundation of the Ozarks, the foundation is a tax-exempt 501(c)3 public charity that enables individual donors, families, businesses and organizations to establish charitable giving funds and make a difference in our community.

The foundation is supported by local donors and governed by a board of local private citizens who work toward the greater good of the Hermann area. Working with the foundation will make your giving simple and effective — they analyze your giving or grant-making

objectives and help you to determine the appropriate investment strategy. There are a variety of fund structures offered by the CFHA to ensure your giving goals are met.

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- Blue and White Fund
- Brush and Palette Club
- Children's Emergency Fund & Community Christmas
- Gasconade County Historical Society
- Hermann Community Food Pantry
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- Historic Hermann
- Park Pride
- Various Scholarships

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In recent years it has become apparent that students graduating from Gasconade County R-1 schools in Hermann are feeling drawn to return to the district to educate and train their younger counterparts and prepare them for the future. In the cases of five young women who were willing to share their stories, the community and the students will benefit from the strong bonds these recent graduates have with the district and their fellow teachers.

The group includes Alida (Bader) Laaker, a 2017 graduate, Lexi (Isaac) Groppe, who graduated in 2018, Sydney Whithaus, a 2022 graduate, Rosemary Dildine and Tirzah Dodorico, who both graduated in 2023.

While each of the women took different paths back to Hermann, all share in their commitment to provide the quality educational and social benefits they received during their years as students in the small district. Anticipated challenges, such as calling their peers by a first name instead of "Mister ____" or "Miss ___" when they had been their teachers in prior years, have been graciously overcome.

A consistent theme among all of those interviewed was the welcome they received from their colleagues and the district administration when they returned. Terms like "I really felt heard," "they value my input" and "they genuinely care about me as a person" reflect the camaraderie experienced by the group as a whole.

Alida (Bader) Laaker

After graduating in 2017, having participated in Future Teachers of America and job shadowing teachers during her high school career, Alida Laaker knew what she wanted to do for her career. She focused on working toward her teaching credential, pursuing her Bachelors degree in Early Childhood and Elementary Education at the University of Missouri.

"I was able to substitute teach in Hermann while I was going to college, and was absolutely sure that was what I was going to do after graduating," she



Rosemary Dildine and her cheer squad. Photo by Rosemary Dildine.



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Alida Laaker

explained. "I was focused on Elementary Education, and wanted to help the students through their formative years."

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"It is very rewarding to work with the students and see their progress with the individualized attention," she described. "It keeps them from falling through the cracks and minimizes their struggles to keep up."

Ms. Lakker received her Masters degree in May, and feels prepared to give back to the Hermann community, making a difference for the kids and helping them succeed in school and life.

Lexi (Isaac) Groppe

A 2018 graduate of Hermann High School, Lexi Groppe attended Central Methodist University, undecided about what her major would be.

"It took me a little while to choose, but once I decided on Education, it became clear where I wanted to teach," she stated. "And the more I learned, the more I knew I wanted to work with the younger kids, teaching more general



Lexi Groppe

education than specific course work."

Ms. Groppe received her Bachelors degree in Education at Central Methodist, then went on to earn a Masters degree in Administration from Missouri Baptist. Before coming back home to Hermann, she taught for three years in Montgomery City schools.



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Sydney Whithaus

After welcoming a baby in March, Groppe decided to rethink her career options. "I wanted my child to go to school in Hermann, because I had such a great experience here," she explained. "A third grade teaching position was open, and I am so grateful to be able to be here."

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Together with her husband Brock, owner of Affordable Plumbing in Hermann, they are rooted in the community and focused on what is ahead. "There is no question in my mind that we have made a great decision to be here, where we both grew up and now can raise our family," she concluded.

Sydney Whithaus

When she graduated from Hermann High School in 2022, Sydney Whithaus already had 21 hours of concurrent college credit, which put her on a quick path to her Bachelors degree in Early Childhood Education from University of Central Missouri (UCM) in Warrensburg.

"From the time I was in third or fourth grade, I knew I wanted to teach. I wanted to come back and teach in Hermann, and the district is giving me the opportunity to finish my credential doing my student teaching this fall so I can graduate with it in December," Whithaus elaborated. "It is a great situation for me, being able to team with the woman who was my kindergarten teacher (Jenny Baynes) and be her colleague years later."

Whithaus chose the small University in Warrensburg after narrowing her choices to three potential institutions – University of Missouri in Columbia, Missouri State University in Springfield and UCM.

"Mizzou was just too big, and I went to Warrensburg and felt like I really belonged there," she explained. "When I visited Springfield, I had already made up my mind where I would go."

Despite her youthful age, Whithaus says she didn't feel intimidated by working with colleagues who had been her teachers during her school career in Hermann. "I went to school for my entire childhood here, and it is a special place to live and work. There was a strong draw to come back and everyone has been very helpful, from my fellow teachers to the administration," she concluded.

Rosemary Dildine

When she graduated in 2023, Rosemary Dildine enrolled at Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar, Missouri as a Nursing student. "My goal in life was to help people, and I thought that would be the best way to reach my goal," Dildine said.



"But what I really wanted to do in college was cheerleading, and Southwest Baptist said I could be on their cheer squad."

Dildine did not enjoy her experience at the University as much as she had hoped, and moved to East Central College in Union to continue her education. The pull was strong toward a career in education, as was the desire to coach cheerleading at the high school level.

"I prayed on it for guidance from God, and planned to apply for substitute teaching positions to get some experience while I continued my education," she added. "Then the position as a Special Education Paraprofessional opened up, and it gave me the opportunity to work in the Hermann district and coach cheerleading."

In her primary role, she now assists general education teachers at the middle school with Special Education students in an inclusive environment, keeping them in regular classes and avoiding the stigma associated with separation from the general student population.

Dildine had been a volunteer coach for the Hermann squad during the 2024-25 school year, but as an employee was eligible to become the head coach – and be compensated for her time.

"I'm grateful to have the opportunity to work with the next generation of cheerleaders and build a team unlike any other before them," she concluded. "My friends and fiancé are all very excited that I am here, and I feel Hermann is a place where I can be safe, heard and valued professionally and personally."

Tirzah Dodorico

An athlete during her high school years in Hermann, Tirzah Dodorico graduated in 2023 and enrolled at Columbia College.

"I had some great teachers who helped me through some personal issues I had in my senior year, encouraging me and pushing me to be the best I could be," Dodorico said. "I planned to get my college education and come back to teach, but the need to find employment was accelerated this past Spring."

What changed Dodorico's timeline was the arrival of her daughter, Leilani, in January. "She is the blessing of my life, but I had to leave school for the Spring semester and work to support her," she

added. "I got my job back at Downtown Deli, and thought my dream of teaching was gone."

The teachers who had helped her through her Senior year – Jess Robb, Josh Schwenk, and his wife, Mary Beth - were there for her again, encouraging her along the way as a new mother. "They were so helpful, and when the Special Ed Paraprofessional position came open, they told me I should apply," she continued.

Josh Schwenk is now the Middle School Principal, and is continuing to mentor Dodorico as she learns her new position at the district. "Having strong relationships with my new colleagues makes me feel really welcome. They genuinely care about me as a person, and that has made the transition very comfortable," she stated.

The toughest part of her new job has been calling her former teachers by their first names, according to Dodorico. "They told me if I was going to be their peer, I needed to just get used to it. It seems a little strange, but I'm sure they will help

me get there," she concluded.

If recent history is any indication of the future of Hermann schools, there will be a whole generation of students who will benefit from the experiences these and other former students will bring to the classrooms in the district. Paying it forward will pay dividends, to be sure.



Tirzah Dodorico and her daughter Leilani.





Gasconade County R-1 School District

The Gasconade Co. R-I School District is a PreK-12 school district located in Hermann, Missouri. Enrollment for the 2025-26 school year is 855 total students across all grade levels. Dr. Geoff Neill serves as Superintendent of Schools for the district.

Within the District are three schools – Hermann Elementary with 269 students in grades PK-3, Hermann Middle School with 293 students in grades 4-8, and Hermann High School with 293 students in grades 9–12. The district's motto is "We Are Educating for Excellence!"

Some of the strengths of the Gasconade County R-1 School District are:

- Community Support and Pride for District and Students
- Early Childhood Education
- Nationally recognized FFA and FCCLA Programs. Students participating in these programs have competed at the regional, state, and national levels. They continue to expand their knowledge through interaction with other students.



Photo courtesy of Gasconade County R-1 School District.

- Small Class Sizes
- Members of the Four Rivers Conference for athletic and extracurricular activities
 Developing these strengths to benefit the

district, its students and the community at large will be an area of primary focus for the next five years. For more information visit Hermann.k12. mo.us.



Mighty Kingdom Academy

Mighty Kingdom Academy opened its doors in August 2021. What began as a group of five students has multiplied in enrollment each consecutive year. The Academy's board members are in awe of the magnitude of God's plan for the once little Academy.

Why an Academy and not a school? A school is an institution that provides formal education to children, whereas an academy is typically a group that focuses on a specific topic of interest. Our Academy's focus is discipleship and teaching children how to deepen their relationship with God.

Mighty Kingdom Academy is interdenominational, meaning that it holds true to Biblical teachings while celebrating the strengths of multiple Christian denominations. Staff, students/families, volunteers, and Board members have been drawn from many different denominations, having come together to unite in a love of God and spreading the Good News.

The Academy believes parents are a child's first educators; therefore, the relationship between Mighty Kingdom Academy and its families is one of cooperation and fellowship.

Educational values of the Academy align with family values and are Biblically driven and Christ-centered. All students are seen as children of God and are treated with dignity, respect, and acceptance. Students are met at their ability and encouraged to be lifelong learners as they grow on a spiritual, social/emotional, and educational level.

The staff focuses on teaching each child according to his or her strengths and goals. Enrollment is available to students from Pre-K through 10th grade, and the program intends to continue to add additional high school grades each year. Mixed-age interaction brings tremendous developmental benefits, allowing creative ways to help children



nurture their skills and maximize their potential.

The Abeka curriculum is utilized to provide a teacher-led, character-building philosophy that comes from a biblical foundation—Proverbs 22:6a, "Train up a child in the way he should go." Every subject is approached from a Christian perspective, where Scripture and Biblical principles are used to emphasize or illustrate all concepts.

The Academy is privately funded and thus free from government decisions,

programs, and mandates. However, as a non-profit entity, it is solely financed by tuition and donations.

New families and area churches are encouraged to partner with the Academy as it works to bring education back to the basics while emphasizing Biblical truths. For more information about how Academy students are led to "pray, learn, explore, and find their roar", visit www.mightykingdomacademy. com.



St. George School

St. George School is a faith-based community which fosters Catholic values while empowering students with strong academics. The parish was established in 1847, with the first school being built in 1879 and staffed by the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood until 1887. The Sisters of Perpetual Adoration staffed the school from 1887 to 1989, followed by the School Sisters of Notre Dame from 1989 to 1993.

Lay people took over the administration in 1993 and have continued to the present. Amy Schebaum, a former student at the school, became Principal in 2022. "I attended St. George from first through eighth grade," said Mrs. Schebaum. "I prepared for and received my First Holy Communion and Confirmation at St. George."

She conducted her student teaching at St. George School with Karen Mazzocchio, who was the first-grade teacher at the time. "Shortly after that, I married a fellow St. George classmate at St. George Church," she said. "And now our son, Lane, walks the halls at St. George School as a fourth-generation 'Dragon.'"

This will be Mrs. Schebaum's 18th year in education. She holds a bachelor's degree in early childhood education, a master's in education administration and an educational specialist in educational leadership (K-12).

The St. George campus consists of two buildings – the primary building built in 1917 and the intermediate building built in 1950. The primary building houses Preschool through third grade, as well as the primary library, a student success coordinator room, and a Title I resource room. The intermediate building contains grades four through eight, the administrative offices, science lab, music room, and gymnasium with stage.

Over the years the school has been visible within the Hermann community, not only due to its location at the top of the hill, but also by its participation in local events, service projects, sports programs, and the involvement of their alumni and parents throughout the area.

A strong spirit of stewardship characterizes the school and its students.



Children are taught early through example and leadership to be alert to the call for service to each other and to the church. This is achieved through student mentoring programs, sportsmanlike conduct, service projects and a discipline policy based upon accountability and Christianity.

Students and faculty work together to promote Catholic values and stewardship. Philosophies include developing and implementing policies and procedures that provide a safe,

Christian environment in which to learn; promoting self-worth and overall spiritual maturity while recognizing individual differences; integrating spirituality, technology and problem solving skills through a varied curriculum; identifying and acting on global issues that affect all humanity.

Most of all, St. George School provides the foundation to help students prepare for the future. For more information about the school, visit the website at www.stghermann.diojeffcity.org/school



East Central College

East Central College is a comprehensive community college and the primary provider of higher education in the Hermann area. The College serves the needs of its district and service region by providing quality educational programs and services. As an open-access institution, ECC welcomes students with diverse backgrounds and abilities.

The main campus in Union, Mo., spans more than 200 acres. In addition, ECC operates two sites in Rolla, with a 107,000-square-foot facility scheduled for renovation to house all Rolla services by 2027.

Approximately 2,000 students enroll each semester. Students can complete the first two years of coursework toward a bachelor's degree, with the option to transfer to a four-year institution. Historically, ECC transfer students have ranked among the top of their classes in GPA at four-year colleges and universities.

ECC offers more than two dozen career and technical programs, with Associate of Applied Science (AAS) and certificate options for students entering the workforce directly.

The College also offers four transferoriented degrees—Associate of Arts (AA), Associate of Science (AS), Associate of Fine Arts (AFA), and Associate of Arts in Teaching (AAT)—for students planning to complete their freshman and sophomore years at ECC before transferring to earn a bachelor's degree.

In 2025, WalletHub.com ranked ECC the No. 2 two-year college in Missouri and the top-ranking community college in the state.

Founded in 1968, ECC serves the educational needs of residents in east-central Missouri, including Franklin County and portions of Gasconade, Crawford, Warren, and surrounding counties.

ECC competes in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA), offering three women's sports—soccer, volleyball, and softball—and two men's sports—soccer and baseball.

The College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), an independent organization approved by the U.S. Department of Education. This



accreditation is required to offer federal financial aid, receive federal grants, and enable students to transfer credits to other accredited institutions. For more information, visit eastcentral. edu. ECC is also active on TikTok, Facebook, Instagram, and X (formerly Twitter).





HEALTHCARE

Medical Services Vital to Area



Hermann Area District Hospital

The Hermann Area District Hospital (HADH) is a community-based, independent rural hospital which offers a variety of services to our area. The hospital was opened over 50 years ago as a district hospital and is controlled by a six person volunteer elected Board of Directors.

There is a rich history within the hospital - in fact, some of the current board members had fathers who formerly served in that capacity.

In April, 2025, Bill Hellebusch, who served as CEO/Administrator under an operating agreement with Mercy Health that was established in 2022, was hired as CEO/Administrator by HADH after that agreement expired. He has been in that role since the retirement of Dan McKinney, who led the hospital and clinics for over 30 years.

The hospital is the largest employer in the area, with over 200 employees and a payroll of over \$8.5 million. Steadfast and dedicated employees, some of whom who have been working upwards of 30, 40, and 50 years at HADH, provide excellent care in all areas of the hospital.

Various reliable, rewarding and fulfilling career opportunities are available throughout the hospital system. If you are interested in employment, please contact Human Resources, or look at the hospital website at www.hadh.org, or on Facebook.

The hospital employs over 20 medical providers in the hospital and its two clinics in Hermann and Montgomery City. This includes family practice physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants, also a general surgeon, certified nurse anesthetist, hospitalist, emergency room providers and licensed clinical social workers.

There are a variety of physicians who utilize the hospital to render their services.

A General Surgeon performs a wide variety of surgical procedures. Visiting physicians offering clinical services in Cardiology, Dermatology, and Audiology also work with patients at the hospital and clinics.

The hospital offers inpatient acute, surgical and skilled nursing, called "swing bed by Medicare" within rural hospitals, and a variety of outpatient services. These services range from a full service laboratory, radiology, cardiac ultrasound, CAT scan, MRI, cardiac rehab, pulmonary rehab, speech therapy, physical therapy, and occupational therapy.

Therapy staff is especially qualified to receive patients recovering from major procedures or accidents that have been treated at a tertiary facility, taking them from skilled nursing to outpatient therapy, so they can return home independently.

The clinics provide a full range of family practice services from newborn to geriatric. The clinics also have the services of Licensed Clinical Social Workers.

New Freedom Family Medicine

New Freedom Family Medicine is a full service family practice offering exceptional care, access, and affordable pricing. The clinic happily does not bill your insurance, as they believe health care should focus on the relationship between the physician and the family. Many special services are offered outside of their standard membership- Platelet rich plasma, medical aesthetics- facials, hair regrowth, sexual rejuvenation, Neurotoxin and fillers, vasectomy, allergy testing, DOT physicals, and weight loss. Come see how your family can benefit from Direct Primary Care at New Freedom Family Medicine. With locations in Hermann, Washington and O'Fallon, they can serve you well.







CHAMBER

Brief History of the Hermann Area Chamber of Commerce



In late 1902, leaders in the community began to discuss an effort to recruit a manufacturing plant to Hermann. They set their sites on a shoe factory, specifically Gem City Shoe Manufacturing Co. out of Sedalia, Mo. This effort led to the creation of the Board of Trade. The Hermann Board of Trade held its first official meeting on Saturday, January 3, 1903 by creating a constitution and by-laws for the government of the organization. Their meeting place was the Market House. A building that stood in the middle of Market Street much like our building does today, only it was near the intersection of 4th street. While the effort to move Gem City Shoe was unsuccessful, in 1904 Peters Shoe Co. of St. Louis did begin production in a plant located in Hermann. By 1923 the

company employed about 400 workers under the name of the International Shoe Co, then in later years became the Florsheim Shoe Co., employing about 500 workers.

In February of 1915, the Hermann Board of Trade changed its name to the Commercial Club of Hermann. An initial effort by this group involved a resolution to urge the legislature to raise the passenger rates for railways and to keep from passing any law adverse to railroads. The number of board members was increased from 9 to the current number of today's chamber board members - 15.

In 1931, another name change created the Chamber of Commerce Hermann, Mo. Efforts underway during this time included a new hospital, celebrating the completion of the bridge over the Missouri River and highway 100 construction to Gasconade.

Since 1903, the Hermann Area Chamber of Commerce and its previous forms, has led many initiatives that have improved our community and the lives of our residents. In recent history, our organization is proud of the significant contribution with promoting the tourism industry in the Hermann Area and sponsoring many community events.

Our founding leaders in 1903 knew that a vibrant community needed good jobs and opportunity for growth. Further, they knew it takes good leadership working together to make that happen. We are thankful for those who gave us an incredible legacy of leadership to this community and we look forward to continuing that legacy for generations to come.



INSURANCE

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Doug Lensing, Agent

CHAMBER

Meet The Executive Director



Melissa Lensing is the Executive Director of the Hermann Area Chamber of Commerce. Prior to holding this current position Melissa retired from a career in Human Resource Management with several companies including J.B. Hunt Transport, Lowes and most recently at GKN Aerospace in Hazelwood.

Since being hired to lead the Hermann Area Chamber of Commerce in October of 2017, Melissa and the Chamber team have navigated through many changes within the organization and its role within the community. The major wins were establishing a strategic plan in 2019, launching our own website and a chamber management system that includes a community calendar and a job board. With monies received from

Gasconade County CARES Act funding, the Chamber initiated the Chamber Member Marketplace which is a mobile platform that promotes our member businesses in an easy to access mobile application. This member marketplace can be accessed by texting Hermann to 866-866-5545. The addition of this publication, our first Chamber/ Community Guide promotes the Hermann community in a new way by highlighting our schools, healthcare, business and industry to prospective residents and businesses. New this year is an improved chamber office offering information to visitors who want to know more about the area as a place to live or start/move a business.

Melissa leads the event planning for the chamber's signature events of Wurstfest, Freedomfest and the Cookie Walk. When not working on events that support our local businesses, she spends working on communication channels to strengthen the Chamber's role as the convener of community information and support. Melissa also has oversight of the Hermann License Bureau operation. Melissa serves on the boards of the Regional Economic Development Initiative (HRED/REDI), the Community Foundation of the Hermann Area,

Hermann Area District Hospital and Stay Inn the Heartland.

While Melissa has only lived in Hermann for a short while, her commitment to the community shows in everything she does. She works tirelessly to support the community, business owners, and organizations in promoting Hermann as a wonderful place to live, work and raise a family. Melissa encourages businesses and residents to get involved in our community either through chamber membership or service with many of our local organizations. knows our strength as a community comes from working together, and by working together we can ensure a prosperous future for generations to come.



Visit our historic Antique Barn at our original location 523 West 9th, Hermann

Call for an appointment: 573-486-1012

NEWCOMER

Major Employers

City of Hermann Damhorst Toys Gasconade County R-1 School District Hermann Area District Hospital Hermann Hill Hermann Lumber Hermann Sand and Gravel Hermannhof Inc **Kallmeyer Brothers Enterprises** Lennertson Sample Co. **Moore Gear People's Savings Bank Quality Custom Molding, LLC Spectrum Plastics Group A Dupont Business Stone Hill Winery Stonebridge Hermann Tri-County Trucking**

Moving Checklist

If you are moving to the area, here are a few reminders:

Turn on Utilities

Hermann City Office (573) 486-5400 Electric/Water/Sewer/Refuse Hermann City Natural Gas (573) 486-4500

Hook up cable, internet and phone services

Mediacom (Cable) (800) 234-2157 CenturyLink (Phone) (800) 201-4099 Callabyte (Internet) (573) 826-2371 Brightspeed (Internet) (833) 692-7773

Enroll kids in school

Change of address at post office

Out of state moves:

Change Drivers License

Obtain new auto insurance

Local Elected Officials

Mayor

Bruce Cox • 573-486-5400 • mayor@hermannmo.com

Board of Aldermen Representing Ward 1

Dolores Grannemann ward1ald1@hermannmo.com

Chad Walton ward1ald2@hermannmo.com

Representing Ward 2

Jim Schirmer ward2ald1@hermannmo.com

Ash Geers ward2ald2@hermannmo.com

City Administrator

Patricia Heaney cityadmin@hermannmo.com

Director of Economic Development & Tourism

Tammy Bruckerhoff tourismdirector@visithermann.com City Clerk (Interim)

Kelsey Mariano cityclerk@hermannmo.com





NEWCOMER

Hermann City Offices

FIRE/POLICE EMERGENCY
Call 911

Fire Dept Administration (573) 486-5618

Police Dept Administration (573) 486-2081

Mayor Bruce Cox (573) 486-5400

Building Department,

City Clerk, Public Works (573) 486-5400

District Court (573) 486-2632

Hermann Tourism (573) 789-0771

Assessor Julie Baker (573) 486-3100

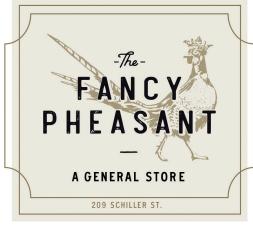
Gasconade County Government

Associate Circuit Judge
Ada Brehe-Krueger (573) 486-2321
Clerk, Circuit Court and
Ex Officio Recorder of Deeds
Jenny Schneider (573) 486-2632
Clerk, County Commission
& Election Authority
Lesa Lietzow (573) 486- 5427
Collector of Revenue
Shawn Schlottach (573) 486-2711
Commissioner, Northern District
Jim Holland (573) 486- 5427
Commissioner, Southern District
Ron Hardecke (573) 486-5427

Coroner
Jeffrey Arnold (573) 437-2090
County Surveyor
Jeremiah D. Pellin (636) 388-1797
Emergency Management Director
Clyde Zelch (573) 486-3621
Presiding Commissioner
Tim Schulte (573) 486-5427
Prosecuting Attorney
Mary E. Weston (573) 486-2173
Public Administrator
Kelly Thomas (573) 486-2656
Sheriff
Scott Eiler (573) 486-3880
Treasurer

Michael Feagan (573) 486-2411











NEWCOMER

2020 US Census Quick Facts

Gasconade Co

Population: 14,794 Adult Pop: 16,996 65 & Older Pop: 3,297

Racial Diversity
By Percentage

White Only: 97.1%
African American Only: .6%
American Indian Only: .4%
Asian Only: .4%
Hispanic/Latino Only: 1.6%
Mixed Race: 1.4%

Housing

Total Housing Units: 8,170
Owner Occupied Rate: 78.4%
Owner Occupied Median: \$134,200
Median Gross Rent \$611

Family & Living

Households: 6,076 Persons Per Household: 2.38

% Living In Same

House 1 Year Prior: 86.5%

% Other Than English

Spoken In Home: 1.7%
Median Household Income: \$56,380

Education

HS Graduate or Higher: 87.8% Bachelors Degree Min.: 19.2%

Economy

% In Civilian Labor (15-19): 60.1% Total Retail Sales (\$1,000): \$171,382 Total Shipments (\$1,000): \$193,214

For information on the Hermann Area Chamber of Commerce, visit us at hermannareachamber.com

State and Federal Elected Officials

United States Senate

Josh Hawley (573) 554-1919

Eric Schmitt (573) 751-2853

United States Congress

Bob Onder (573) 635-7232

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NEWCOMER — Newcomer & Tourism Notes

ACCOUNTING

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ADVENTURES/EXPERIENCES

Hermann Farm

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Hermann Wine Trail

150A Market St Hermann, MO 65041 573.294.2228 hermannwinetrail@gmail.com hermannwinetrail com

Little Piney Lodge/Wedding Venue

19 Little Piney Ln Hermann, MÓ 65041 636-561-8615 littlepineylodge@gmail.com littlepineylodge.com

Pin Oak Farms Inc

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Starkenburg Shrine

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Wild Boar Creek Farm

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ANTIQUES

Red Barn Crafts and Antiques

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APPLIANCE SALES/SERVICE

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905 Market Hermann, MO 65041 573-486-5712 andychad2002@yahoo.com grannemanns.com

Kugelblitz Gaming

407 Market Hermann, MO 65041 314-343-6161 brian@kugelblitzgaming.com kugelblitzgaming.com

ART STUDIO

The Blank Canvas Gallery & Studio

409 Market St Hermann, MO 65041 573-409-0109 gabriellegleeson@hotmail.com theblankcanvashermann.com

Scenic Regional Library - Hermann Branch

123 Bavarian Plaza #A Hermann, MO 65041 573-486-2024 trichards@scenicregional.org scenicregional.org

AUTOMOBILE SALES

Hermann Ford

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Maczuk Automotive Group

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BANK

First State Community Bank

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Peoples Savings Bank

112 W. 5th St. Hermann, MO 65041 573-486-1444 ourpsb.com

The Missouri Bank

501 Market Street Hermann, MO 65041 573-486-3134 themissouribank.com

BEE KEEPER

Hermann Hills Bees Berries & More

1303 Bareis Rd Hermann, MO 65041 573-284-5336 welsbees@gmail.com facebook.com/beesberriesandmore

BEEF SALES

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BOAT

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BREWERY

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BUILDERS

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St Paul United Church of Christ

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Pinckney Bend Distillery

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Concert Hall and Barrel Tavern

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Downtown Deli & Custard

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Doxie Slush-Coastal Cocktails & Kitchen

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Fernweh Distilling Co

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Stomp'n Grounds Espresso Bar

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Tin Mill Brewing Co

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Tin Mill Restaurant

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Twisted Cone Corporation

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Wicked Asian Wings

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Zydeco

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The Blank Canvas Gallery & Studio

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Meramec Regional Planning Commission

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GROCERY STORE

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Village Market

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Hermann Lumber

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Luminous Chiropractic & Wellness

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New Freedom Family Medicine

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Hermann Area District Hospital

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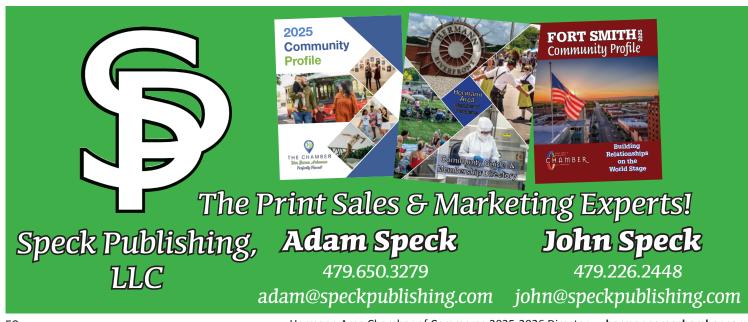
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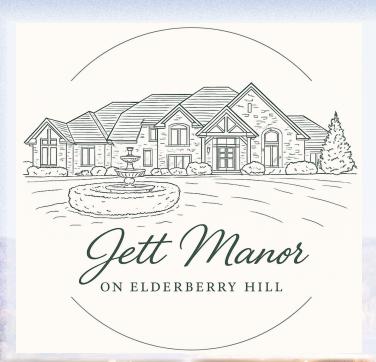




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