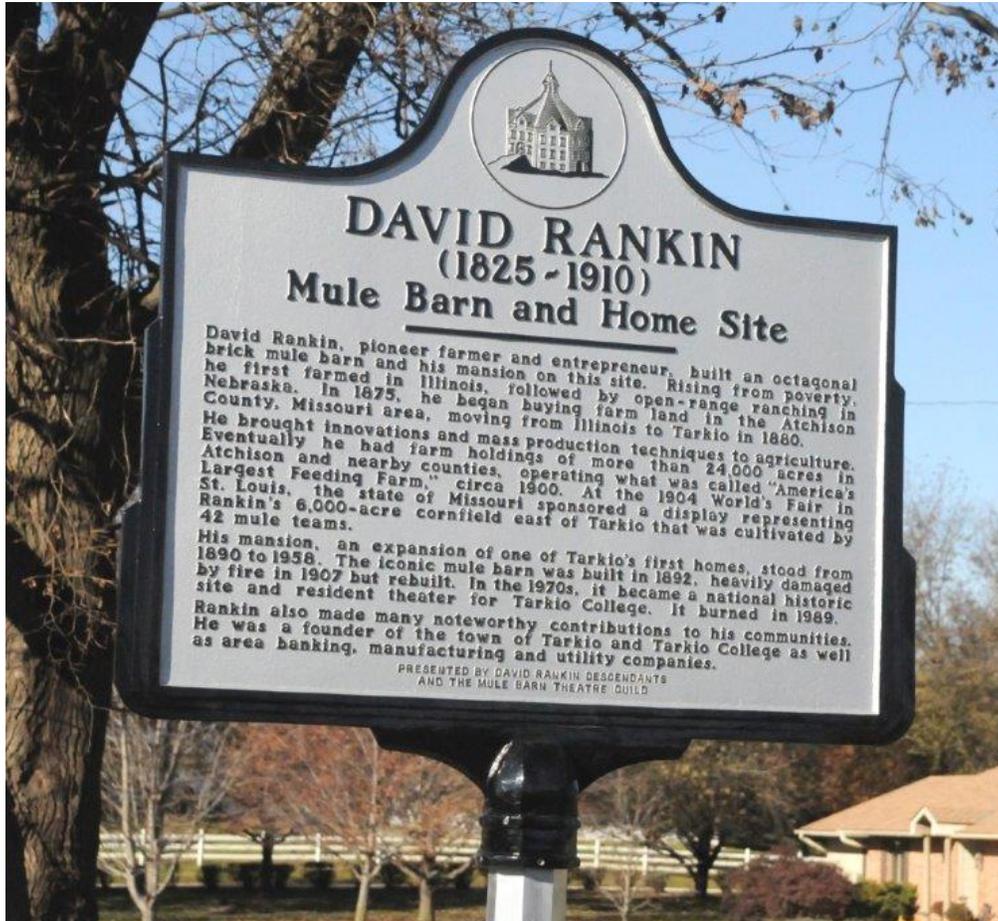


# The Phoenix

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## New Historical Sign Marks Rankin Mule Barn and Home Site

The first historical marker in Tarkio was unveiled in November 2017. The new sign shows where David Rankin's iconic mule barn and home once stood, at the corner of Park and 10<sup>th</sup> Streets.

A pioneer farmer and entrepreneur, David Rankin (1825-1910) was the eldest of nine children. He left school at age 11 to help support his family. Starting with nothing, he persevered through hard work, instinct and risk-taking to build a business. He began with farms in Illinois, then open range ranching in Nebraska, and, finally, established farming operations that eventually involved more than 24,000 acres in Atchison County and the surrounding area.

In addition to his nationally recognized farming success and innovations in agriculture, he helped found the town of Tarkio and Tarkio College. He also helped to bring the railroad to eastern Atchison County, and established a bank, manufacturing plant, utilities, as well as other ventures and community institutions.

Built in 1892, the 114-foot tall, octagonal brick barn became a landmark for the town and the region. Originally constructed to house mules or horses, hay and farmhands, it burned in 1907 but was quickly rebuilt. It entered its second life in the 1970s, when it was declared a national historic place and became the home of Tarkio College's theatre program until the barn burned in 1989.

The mansion was built in 1890 as an expansion of one of the first homes in Tarkio. Occupied by Rankin family members until about 1932, it served as the residence of Tarkio College's president from 1932 to 1948. It was razed in 1958.

The two-sided, cast aluminum marker, manufactured by Sewah Studios of Marietta, OH, has been placed along Park Street, near the North Polk School museum that stands on the actual site of the mansion.

The marker was developed jointly by Rankin descendants and the Mule Barn Theatre Guild. Representing the family at the marker's unveiling was Gayle Hanna Alexander '66, of Lincoln, NE, a great-great-granddaughter of David Rankin, while Anne Amthor, Tarkio, officiated on behalf of the Mule Barn Theatre Guild.

Local donors to the marker included: Mule Barn Theatre Guild, Tarkio Chamber of Commerce, Tarkio Lions Club, Tarkio Rotary Club and the City of Tarkio. Descendants of all four of David Rankin's children contributed to the marker.

Al Rankin



***From Our President:***

**Dear Alumni and Friends,**

Since obtaining the campus from Heartland, we have been busy getting the campus ready to open Tarkio College for classes and to the Tarkio Community. We're awaiting the final approval from the state.

Because of the much-appreciated resources that have been donated and volunteered, we have done well. The middle floor of Thompson Library is ready for classes. The old boilers in the Boiler House are ready for removal; once removed, the Boiler House will be readied for Welding Classes. The Alumni Association is in the process of getting other buildings ready for more Tech Classes.

Since we own the campus, it is our responsibility to prepare and maintain the campus for Tarkio College classes and for use by the Community. We are far from done and need the Alumni and Friends' financial help more now than ever. We are seeking grants from anyone who can help. We are very close to obtaining our goal.

All of the volunteers who have helped us in our endeavors are greatly appreciated. Please consider helping with your financial support.

Sincerely,

Wayne R. Gelston '71, President

Tarkio College Alumni Association





**Marilyn Mitchell Christy '52**, sent us a nice thank-you note.

We received Christmas cards and news from **Nancee Klem Morrow '58** and **Sam Dubin '75**. Thank you for thinking of us.

**Georgia Mitchell Carter '63** sent us a note thanking us for our restoration work. She thinks because she did not graduate she is not an alum. IF YOU EVER ATTENDED TC YOU ARE AN ALUM!! You did not have to graduate.

**Reynold Peterson '65** sent us a beautiful card from a concert he attended.

**Bill '66 and Dawn '64 Kraft** sent a brief note saying all was well in Connecticut.

*We love hearing from you. Please send us snail mail or email us at [tcaa@tarkio.net](mailto:tcaa@tarkio.net).*



## **Dues are Due!**

*Our fiscal year begins July 1. Dues for fiscal year 2019 are coming due. Dues will be \$50 per person for one year with a savings of \$50 if you pay for five years or \$200. Dues may be paid through PayPal through our website at [www.tarkioalumni.org](http://www.tarkioalumni.org), but there is a fee to us for this, or you can send a check to TCAA, P.O. Box 111, Tarkio, MO 64491. IF YOU ARE RECEIVING THIS ISSUE OF THE PHOENIX BY SNAIL MAIL, PLEASE GIVE US YOUR EMAIL AT [tcaa@tarkio.net](mailto:tcaa@tarkio.net) SO THAT YOU CAN RECEIVE IT ELECTRONICALLY IN THE FUTURE. We are no longer having it published by a printer because that saves us approximately \$2000 a year. If you do not have email, you will receive a locally copied version; however email saves us beaucoup money. Please help us out.*



Enel Corporation, Rock Creek Wind Project, joined the alumni at our work weekend on October 12, 2017, to help us clean out third floor, Thompson, and other on-campus projects. We are grateful for their interest in our campus and for their continued help. Come see our wind farms if you have not! AMAZING!!!

Our fabulous treasurer, **Mary McAdams '86**, Tarkio, retired as the manager Northwest Missouri Industries, a sheltered workshop, after 31 years of service on November 17, 2017. A large reception was held for her, and she was awarded a thank-you plaque from Missouri State Representative Allen Andrews at the ceremony. We are proud of you, Mary, and we thank you for continuing to work for TC and TCAA. We couldn't do it without you!

**Jerry LeFever '?**, Rock Port, was selected as 2017 District 32 Shelter Insurance Agent of the Year. Congratulations, Jerry!

The Lyceum Theatre in Arrow Rock, MO, was inducted into the Missouri Music Hall of Fame in November 2017. Former TCAA Board Member, **Steve Bertani '91**, is the director and CEO of the theatre.

The Journal News Westchester and Rockland County NY has featured several articles recently about **C. Thomas '76** and his journey from crack head to man of God and a leader in the Hillcrest, NY community. He has moved his area to be more neighborly which has reduced crime in the area, and he is a leader in cleaning up the neighborhood too. We are proud of you!

The winter edition of the Kansas City Zoo News featured a full page article about your editor, **Linda Brunk Smith '65**, and her husband, Harlan's, years of service to the Friends of the Zoo. They have been volunteering there since they were married in 1970. They currently serve as historians for the zoo as they have been there longer than anyone!



*From Tarkio College President:*

**Dear Friends,**

We continue to move forward with our application for certification of Tarkio College as an approved school of higher education in Missouri. Several things still need to be addressed. First, and foremost, we must show that we have the funds to cover the first year's operating deficit. Once we have these funds accumulated then we will be able to finalize the certification. The next item was the addition of technical classes for various trade certifications. The greatest demand in Northwest Missouri is for technical training, including welding, plumbing, electrical and HVAC. One of our goals is to provide the training needed by the community, so we have modified our application to include some of these trades. In the future, we will add computer technology, wind energy technology and various medical technologies.

Please be assured that your alumni association and those selected to lead the college are working diligently towards our shared goals. Much of the work already done has been completed by volunteers. We can always use volunteers, but if you can't volunteer we ask for your continued financial support. We have even started a plan to protect your donation. Any donation over \$5,000.00 which is designated for Tarkio College can, if you so choose, be placed in a restricted account which mandates that the funds cannot be used until Tarkio College receives certification. If, for some reason, Tarkio College does not receive certification the funds would be promptly returned to you. Now that's the type of assurance which gives you confidence that your donation will not be wasted. Donations under \$5,000.00 will continued to be used for current operating needs such as utilities, insurance and supplies, as we move towards certification.

Blessings to All,

Bob Hughes '71, President

Tarkio College



## **Obituaries**

*We post these notices when we receive them.*

When sending us a change of address and donation, Calvin C. Fahrion '91 Gloucester, VA, informed us that his wife, **Rosemarie Otte Fahrion '52** had passed away on May 19, 2010. We have no further information regarding Rosemarie.

**Joseph Caskey '91** Died in January 2015. We have no further information regarding Joseph.

Our beloved, **William D. Galbraith '58**, Crete, NE, died August 11, 2017. Bill should have been in an earlier class, but he left TC to serve his country in 1952. He was severely injured in the Korean War, but returned to TC where he regained his old running form and his athletic scholarship. He won many events and was a decorated runner as well as soldier. He was inducted into our Athletic Hall of Fame in 2003, and we could always count on him attending alumni weekend. He remained an active supporter of Tarkio College all of his life, and we will miss him. He was a teacher and track coach.

**Patricia Marie Belsly Bolton '91**, Maryville, MO, passed away August 13, 2017. She was a homemaker who was an active member of the Fairfax Presbyterian Church.

**Jack Renner '68**, Hilton Head, SC, died August 29, 2017. He was a master woodworker.

**Dr. David T. Kyle '54**, Tarkio, MO, died September 6, 2017. His father was Coach Newt Kyle. He practiced dentistry in Tarkio for 40 years and also did mission trips. He was an active member of Tarkio Presbyterian. His twin sister, Rosemary Kyle Morrill '54 and sister-in-law, Nancy Browning Kyle '54 were among the survivors.

**Dr. David L. McMillan '61**, Neosho, MO, died October 19, 2017. David was a medical doctor. At one time, he served on the TC Board as well as his local school board. He is survived by his wife, Frances Huston McMillan'62.

**E. Rosalie Woodring '?**, Tarkio, MO, passed away November 8, 2017. Rosalie was City Clerk for Tarkio for many years as well as mayor. We appreciated her support as mayor.

**Sally S. Boatman '77**, Elmira NY, passed away November 29, 2017. She had been a secretary at many places.

**James Allen Blane '?**, Shenandoah, IA, died December 2017. He had owned a restaurant in Shenandoah and later worked for Eatons. He was known for his cooking too.

**Maralee Sweeton Dinsdale '79**, Sedalia, MO, passed away December 14, 2017. She was a life-long teacher who also loved horses and barrel racing.

**James "Crop" Martin '70**, Kansas City, MO, died December 17, 2017. Crop was possibly TC's best basketball player ever setting many records. After graduation he played for the Kansas City Kings and later on the National AAU Senior Circuit. He was inducted into the Tarkio College Athletic Hall of Fame in 2009. He worked as a probation officer and medical records clerk. His homecoming service was attended by many TC alumni and friends. Survivors include his "Brother for Life" Charlie Parker '73 and special friend, Janet Grundman '72.

**Jack D. Nixon**, Staff, Tarkio, MO, died January 16, 2018. He had served during the Korean War and worked at the College as well as Nixon Brothers Amusement. He was an avid follower of the Owls.

**Rosemary Kyle Morrill '54**, Tulsa, OK, passed away January 18, 2018. Her father was Coach Newt Kyle. She taught briefly, but spent most of her life as a homemaker. She was a proficient violinist and was active her church, Kirk of the Hills Presbyterian. Survivors include her husband, Lowell '50 and son, John '84. The family has asked for memorials to come to TCAA. We thank them.

**Annelie Glimka '69**, Creighton, MO, passed away February 1, 2018. She had been a teacher and worked with therapy dogs.

**Richard D. Vitters**, Faculty, Fremont, NE, died February 3, 2018. He had taught in the Education Department at TC. He was also an Air Force veteran.

**Robert Earl "Doc" Savage '41**, San Antonio, TX, died March 3, 2018. Doc was one of our oldest alums, but we remember him coming to past Alumni Weekends. His printed obituary recalls that Doc worked his way through college shoveling coal into the boilers that heated the radiators in the campus buildings. Doc was an Air Force veteran retiring after 30 years service. He remained a loyal supporter all his life.

**Donna Schroer Williams '79**, Villisca, IA, passed away April 5, 2018. She was a member of the Tarkio College Athletic Hall of Fame as a terrific basketball player. She was a teacher and coach.

**Nancy Browning Kyle '54**, Tarkio, MO, has also passed away, but we have no further information.



# NEW ARRIVALS

**Paul Ruddick '84** from Merry Old England, sent a notice of the birth of his daughter, Daisy Freja on March 10, 2017. Congratulations!



## Happy Anniversary

In July 2017, **Kathy Gillespie Zaugra '69 and LeRoy G. Zaugra '66**, Tucson, AZ, celebrated 50 years of marriage. We do not have exact date.

**Jim '58 and Lois Craven Powell '58**, Tarkio, celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 4, 2017. Cards are still welcome at 1112 College Ave, Tarkio, MO 64491.

**Harry Kellenbarger '67 and Sheila Kinsey Kellenbarger '68** celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Lincoln, NE on April 29 2018.

*Send us news of more!*



### Tarkio History Lessons

**J. David Martin '66**, Georgetown, TX, sent us an interesting article on **Edgar Lee Hewitt** '9 who was an early archeologist and anthropologist whose focus was on Native Americans in New Mexico and the Southwestern United States. He is best known for his role in gaining passage of the Antiquities Act, a pioneer in the conservation movement and the founder of the Museum of New Mexico. He had dealings with Maria Martinez, the famous potter, and helped establish the center of Native American pottery. He also helped establish the Bandelier National Monument and Chaco Culture National Historical Park.

**Shirley Martin McLaren '53**, Harrisburg, PA, sent us an article she found regarding her great-uncle, **William Thomas Little '13**. Alumnus Little was also a graduate of Xenia Theological Seminary and was the first Presbyterian theological student to enter the service of his country and to give his life in WW1 on October 1, 1918 in France. He had also served earlier on the Mexican border.

Shirley reminds us of her family's history with Tarkio College. Her dad, Arch Martin, attended and she and her sister, Dolores, graduated and brother, Wes, attended. Shirley continues to volunteer to help from afar and is a monthly donor. We thank her.

In the memories' column of the Atchison County Mail (Tarkio Avalanche) recently there was a reminder of an earlier article of November 23, 1967. On that date, **Bob McCoy '65**, of the Mule Barn Opera House Company presented a check of \$1600 to Tarkio College to begin the renovation of the Mule Barn. This was from monies raised from the production of South Pacific, the very first Mule Barn production.



**FROM YOUR EDITOR:**

Because of the expense of publishing a hard copy of the Phoenix, we have decided to publish the Phoenix by email. Only those without email addresses will get photocopies. This will save us approximately \$2000 a year. If we do not have your email address, we ask that you please send to [tcaa@tarkio.net](mailto:tcaa@tarkio.net) or update it through our website at [www.tarkioalumni.org](http://www.tarkioalumni.org). We thank you for your understanding and apologize for the late release of this year's edition.

**Linda Brunk Smith**  
**President, Tarkio College Board of Directors**



**OTHER WAYS YOU CAN HELP**

Double your dues and donations if your employer has matching gifts. Our EIN number is 43-1617012.

If you are at the age that you must make a RMD from your IRA, think of TCAA. Our EIN number is above. We have received several and are most grateful.

If you are doing your estate planning, consider TCAA and/or Tarkio College in your will. Your editor has done this and encourages you to do likewise. Estates have kept us going the last several years.

Come to our Work Weekends/Weeks. Our next one begins June 19, 2018, the week of Homecoming. If you like to paint, the Chapel windows, lower level need your touch, and there is always plenty of dusting, vacuuming and yard work. Please join us for good times and good food.



**Alumni Weekend**

**Friday, June 22 – Sunday, June 24, 2018**

**Join in the Fun!!**

## MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

Ardis Dusenberry '53	Family
Ardis Dusenberry '53	Christine Cashner
Ardis Dusenberry '53	Warren Hutchinson
Ardis Dusenberry '53	Joanne Ozburn
Ardis Dusenberry '53	Linda Smith '65
Arthur Murphy '49	Linda Smith '65
Arthur Murphy '49	Phyllis Melchar
Audrey (McLaughin) Bair '88	William Galbraith '58
Phillip Hummell '55	William Galbraith '58
Alice (Cagley) Diffey '56	William Galbraith '58
Gayla (Arnold) McIntosh	William Galbraith '58
Bob Lade & Tark Lads	Lou Vircillo '70
David Kyle '54	Rosemary Kyle Morrill '54
Donna Jo Jones '65	Linda Smith '65
Gilbert Duane Anderson '50	Linda Smith '65
Jack Renner '68	Robert Doran '69
Justin Gelston	Muriel Sugar Tosh '71
Justin Gelston	Dan '72 & Eleanor Cox
Justin Gelston	Don '70 & Carol '68 Jagger
Justin Gelston	Bill Slaughter '70
Larry Haines '72	Kenneth '72 & Myrna '74 Vardeman
Linda Smith '65 (birthday)	Anthony D'Alessio '65
Linda Smith '65 (birthday)	Tim Turnbull
Linda Smith '65 (birthday)	Mary Ann Harding Hull
Nancy Gay (anniversary)	Linda Smith '65
Samantha Erdman '83 (birthday)	Rev. Rich & Vicki Pearson
Terry Dixon	Marilyn Alldredge

## BRICKS

"The Black Independence"	Douglas Stokes '80
Ardis Gould Dusenberry '53	Stuart Dusenberry '84
Arthur Murphy '49	Phyllis Melchar
Bill Galbraith '66	Linda Smith '65
Black Student Alliance	Cosetta McQueen '79, Francine Evans '78
Children of God Choir	Cynthia Green '78
Cynthia Green '78	Cynthia Green '78
Dale Dyke '67	Gail Dyke
Delores K Gilbert '66	Pat Gilbert O'Neill '71
Dr. Paul F Gilbert	Pat Gilbert O'Neill '71
Donna Jones '65	Tom '64 & Gayle Hanna '65 Alexander
Henry & Marilyn Ihrig Small '55	Henry & Marilyn Small '65
Jack Renner '68	Robert Doran '69
John Calvin '62	Sarah Calvin
Justin Gelston	Linda Smith '65
Kuntaya Drum	Francine Evans '78 & Others
Reginald Young '71	Ollie Young '70
Robert "Doc" Savage '41	Linda Smith '65
Stuart Dusenberry '84	Stuart Dusenberry '84
Terry Ellen Brooks Mason '62	Terry Ellen Brooks Mason '62

**TCAA-Statement of Financial Position**  
**(Includes unrealized gain of \$3635)**  
**6/30/2017**

ASSETS

Cash and Bank Accounts		\$19,624
Inventory		\$756
Memorabilia	\$15,774	
Printer, Computer, fax	\$7,756	
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TOTAL Other Assets		\$0
Investments		\$27,191
		\$47,571
		\$47,571
Fund Balance		
Total Fund Balance		\$47,571

**TCAA Statement of Activities**  
**7/1/2016 Through 6/30/2017**

Inflows		
Contributions Gifts Grants	\$64,288	
Dues	\$16,209	
Rental Income	\$12,650	
Net Sales	\$1,796	
Interest, Dividends and Realized Gain	\$1,357	
Total Inflows		\$96,300
Outflows		
Bank, License, Officers Ins. and Office fees	\$3,279	
Depreciation	\$2	
Occupancy, Rent, Utilities, Maintenance	\$151,308	*
Printing, Publications, Postage	\$6,383	
Professional fees, Independent Contractors	\$24,695	
Student Scholarships & Donations	\$1,201	
Total Outflows		\$186,868
OVERALL TOTAL INFLOWS OVER OUTFLOWS		(\$90,568)
Change in UnrlzdGain		\$1,186
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE		(\$89,382)

\* Thompson renovation \$72157