

Former judge shares Cold War lessons

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Former Judge James E. Baker might have had a relatively small crowd Thursday morning at Westminster College, but he had a bigger audience in mind.

"I was really talking to the people in Washington (D.C.): Knock it off, the both of you!" he said. "You can figure out for yourself who I'm talking to — it may be more people than you think."

Baker is the former chief judge to the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces. He's also spent time on the National Security Council, the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board and the Intelligence Oversight Board. He cur-

rently directs the Institute for National Security & Counterterrorism at Syracuse University.

Standing in the history-steeped Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Aldermanbury in these "divisive times," Baker said he felt a "sense of duty to deliver a speech."

His focus: Lessons he thinks modern American government should learn from the Cold War.

Background

Baker started with his bona fides as an apolitical observer. He grew up in Cambridge, Massachusetts, in the 1960s and '70s, before joining the Marines at age 18. "My drill instructors called me a com-

munist when they found out I was from Cambridge and Yale, and my classmates called me a conservative when they found out I was in the Marines," he said. "I never spoke in class and rarely outside of class, so it would've been impossible for anyone to have known what I was or wasn't. Do not judge the book by the cover, we are told, but we do it all the time."

At the request of then-New York Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, Baker resigned, joined the reserves and came to work for Moynihan in D.C. He grew to admire Moynihan's big-picture outlook, integrity and ability to reach across the aisle to work with apparent political opponents.

"He ... had that sense that Ronald Reagan had, that America was a shining city on



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Judge James E. Baker addresses his audience Thursday at Westminster College. The national security expert is concerned about how the current government's actions may be harming the nation's future.

a hill, and we ought always act like it," Baker recalled.

Years later, after being nominated to become a judge, Baker wrote down his

political affiliation as "American" and was told that was not among the choices. He settled on "independent" instead. See **Judge**, Page 3

Day of service, learning

245 South Callaway students spread service across Callaway County

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South Callaway High School students spread service across Callaway County on Thursday morning.

Approximately 245 students broke into 17 groups throughout the area to give back during South Callaway's first day of service, according to Olivia Brandt, library media specialist at the high school.

South Callaway math teacher Shelly Sconce said their student council wanted to put a larger emphasis on service that got the entire student body involved.

"We wanted to instill in the students the importance of community outreach, support, and let them know that we're all in this together," Sconce said.

Some communities that were served include Mokane, Fulton, Tebbets and Portland, and one group volunteered in Columbia. Five groups volunteered in Fulton at Trends, SERVE, the Brick District Playhouse and Fulton Nursing & Rehab and picked up trash along the Stinson Creek trail and around town.

The number of students at each service site varied depending on the type of work or the size of the area that needed to be covered. At the Brick District Playhouse, the students swept, mopped, vacuumed, moved chairs and built tables to help prepare for the theater's next production.

"It's always a dust storm after renovations, so we need something like (these students) to help," said Steve Merritt, coordinator at the Brick District Playhouse.

Kasey Dunnivant, a junior at South Callaway, worked as the chairman of the school's service committee, where she and other students came up with the 17 service locations throughout the area. She said her role consisted of calling the service locations to figure out what they needed help with and how many students would be needed.

"(South Callaway) is actually having our prom at the



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South Callaway High School student Taylor Hampton pulls a basil plant from the garden at SERVE in Fulton. The high school students were broken into random service groups all over Callaway County that included five in Fulton.

Brick District Playhouse this spring, so it was kind of nice to get a preview and be able to give back," Dunnivant said.

South Callaway social studies teacher Tyler Kirchner was the site coordinator at the Brick District Playhouse, where he managed a group of 11 students. Kirchner said having students think about others and community ser-

vice was an important part of the day.

"We want (the students) to take pride in something that might not necessarily impact their lives," Kirchner said.

At SERVE, a group of 15 students cleaned up the organization's garden, pulled weeds, moved flower beds and

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Halloween party has a purpose

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Ghouls and fiends, ladies and gentlemen: SERVE invites one and all to its first-ever Halloween Charity Ball.

No, not the crystal kind. From 8 p.m.-midnight Oct. 25, the local charity is hosting an adults-only spooky party at the Brick District Playhouse.

SERVE director Courtney Harrison said the tickets themselves are the fundraiser — attendees won't be solicited for further donations and can just focus on having a good time. She hopes to make the ball an annual event.

"The goal is to make the Halloween Ball so much fun tickets will sell themselves every year," she said in a press release.

The cost of admission includes free food, keg beer, dancing and entry into the costume contest. Costumes aren't required for admission to the party, but they're encouraged. Those who opt in may have a chance to win cash prizes.

Tickets can be purchased for \$35 each or \$60 for a pair in advance from any SERVE staff or board member, or online at www.ServeHalloweenCharityBall.com. VIP tickets are available for \$60 each or \$100 for a pair. VIP guests get table service in addition to the free food, beer, dancing and costume party. Guests must be 21 to enter.

SERVE provides assistance with food, transportation, life-saving medications and clothing. For more information about the party or the organization, contact the SERVE office at 573-642-6388.

Diversity, equality symposium returns to WWU

To the Fulton Sun

William Woods University will host its fourth annual symposium next week with programming exploring issues of diversity and equality.

"Bridging Differences: Conversations on Gender, Race and Equality" will be Monday through Thursday and will feature lectures, discussions, a film screening and art exhibit. Established in 2016, the symposium addresses national struggles with race, sexual misconduct and free speech,

according to WWU president Jahnae Barnett.

On Monday, there will be a performance of The Milly Project from 7-9:30 p.m. at The Brick District Playhouse. The play depicts the story of a formerly enslaved 19th century Springfield woman, Milly Sawyers, who successfully sued to attain her freedom.

Tuesday will feature three events. First, Margot McMillen will discuss her book "The Golden Lane: How Missouri Women Gained the Vote and Changed History" from noon-1 p.m. in the Ivy Room at Tuck-

er Dining Hall. The book tells the story of how Missouri women protesting at the 1916 Democratic National Convention in St. Louis helped secure the passage of the 19th Amendment.

From 4-6 p.m. is an opening reception for the "bridging differences" art exhibit in the Mildren Cox Gallery at the Gladys Woods Kemper Center for the Arts. The work of 20 artists will be on display to explore their understanding of how the issues of gender and race, and their intersections, influence contemporary culture.

From 6:30-8:30 p.m., join a film screen-

ing of "Equal Means Equal" in the Dulany Library Auditorium. The film tackles "large-scale issues" impacting the lives of women historically and today.

On Wednesday evening, historian Laura Free will deliver the keynote address, "Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Racist?" from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Dulany Library Auditorium. The lecture will discuss the ways that racism was adopted as a rhetorical tool in the 1860s and the implications it had on the 20th Century suffrage and feminism movements.

Thursday will feature another lecture

from 2-3 p.m. in the Dulany Library Auditorium by Marilyn McLeod entitled "100 Years of the League of Women Voters."

The auditorium will host a panel from 6:30-8 p.m. that will explore the subject of Missouri politics from the perspective of women who have served at the highest levels of state government. Moderated by WWU professor Cynthia Kramer, the panel will feature Maida Coleman, who was the first African-American woman to serve as the Missouri Senate minority leader, and Luann Ridgeway, former state senator and state representative.

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FOUR-DAY FORECAST

			
Today HIGH: 70 LOW: 47 SKIES: Partly cloudy; 10 percent chance of rain.	Saturday HIGH: 61 LOW: 45 SKIES: Cloudy skies; 20 percent chance of rain.	Sunday HIGH: 69 LOW: 57 SKIES: Partly cloudy; 10 percent chance of rain.	Monday HIGH: 62 LOW: 43 SKIES: 40 percent chance of precipitation.

Trapper plays with 'gator until it tires

A Florida animal trapper said he corralled a large alligator by playing with it until it got tired after it hopped into a residential swimming pool. Celebrity trapper Paul Bedard, who is contracted with the state's nuisance alligator program, said Thursday he was dispatched to a house in Parkland, Florida. He pulled the nearly 9-foot animal out of the water once it grew tired from playing with him in the pool Wednesday. He put a snare on its mouth and taped it. He described the reptile as "mellow" and named it Cool Hand Luke after the 1967 film starring Paul Newman.