

History Committee Data Base		
June		
Year	Date	Information
1890	June	Sikeston had its most destructive fire in the business section. Most of the business buildings were frame structures. This fire occurred before daylight one morning in the summer. There was no fire fighting apparatus, except the old bucket brigade. The "Star of Sikeston" stated, that seventeen frame buildings went up in flames and smoke, many of them the old landmark two-story frame business houses which were erected in the late 1870's or early 1880's. "Chris Hollingsworth, Sikeston's only tinner then, was burned to death in that fire. 'I remember looking at the crisp body the next day.' It required many days to clear the debris and ruins. Sikeston business men were not so alert and eager to rebuild in these days when there were no good roads to offer trade for miles away, as there are now."
1901	14-Jun	Farmer's Supply Company wholesale and retail was established by its owners, C.D. Matthews, C.D. Matthews, Jr., and Edward C. Matthews. It became one of Sikeston's largest business enterprises, located in a large two story building on Front and New Madrid Street, with the Bank of Sikeston on the corner. It employed 50 people, and could supply a person's needs "from the cradle to the grave [coffins]."
1903	June	Ulysses Grant Holley moved his saw mill to Sikeston where the railroad facilities were better than his previous location, 3 miles south of Sikeston. The Holley Cooperage Company manufactures elm barrel hoops and has equipment to make veneer barrel staves. Mr. Holley has also secured a contract to make egg cases, constructed from cottonwood lumber.
1904	June	Dr. Pleasant T. Malcolm, M.D. who has practiced in his native town of Sikeston since June 1900, has completed a graduate course at Vanderbilt University.
1908	June	The Sikeston Electric Laundry began operations this week.
1912	June	A.J. Davis, who farms about 3 miles below Sikeston on the New Madrid road, was bitten on the right hand by a monster black snake Wednesday and for several days was unable to go about his work. The reptile held onto his hand as if he were going to get a week's board at the time.
1913	June	The Sikeston Standard is a weekly newspaper published each Friday morning. Charles L. Blanton, Sr., is the owner, and the subscription is \$1 per year.
1917	June	Flu Epidemic: The City Council and Board of Health placed the ban still tighter on all meeting places by extending the ban to lodges, ball games, and swimming pools to stop the spread of influenza. The matter of persons violating the quarantine laws was left to the City Attorney. Dr. Miller, the health board physician reports there are 18 houses under quarantine.
1926	June	Taking a new city census was completed and shows that the city population of Sikeston is 4,893. Sikeston's population, according to the Federal Census of 1920, was 3,613, the new census showing a gain of 1,280 or more than 35% in 6 years.
1927	June	Beans and tomatoes are being grown locally for the new Sikeston-Akin Canning Company.
1930	June	Scott County shows a gain in population in the new census. 1920 population was 23,409. 1930 is 24,908.
1932	4-Jun	J. Otto Hahs patented and received a blue ribbon for his mechanical horse. It was a big hit in 1933 at the Chicago World's Fair.
1940	June	The establishment in Sikeston of the eleventh United States flying school for the training of army students will be completed the first of August.
1941	June	Sikeston's new municipal swimming pool, located on Taylor St., opened.
1942	5-Jun	During WWII, a city defense organization was formed.

1942	5-Jun	The City Council took first steps in a move to clear negro shacks in some white residential sections. Because of the tin roofs on the shacks, these alleys were called "Tin Pan Alley."
1942	23-Jun	The first class of the air-raid training program is to be held at the Armory. 75 people have signed up for this training.
1942	June	Scott County has collected more than 200 tons of scrap rubber with hopes of 150 tons more to be collected for use by the Armed Services.
1942	30-Jun	Men aged 18 to 20 registered with the Selective Service System for the draft.
1943	June	"Save by Sacrifice" is the slogan of National Flag Week, which begins June 8, and whose primary purpose this year is the raising of \$100 million dollars in war bonds and stamps "above and beyond" normal purchases of the week. Sikeston, let's do our part!
1944	June	More Sikeston people are doing their patriotic duty by raising "Victory Gardens."
1944	June	Sikeston Concrete Products, the first automated "batching" plant between St. Louis and Memphis, opened for business.
1948	June	Over 2500 Sikeston residents have been given chest x-rays by the mobile unit the first three and one half days of operation here up to noon. A continuous line of patrons has been moving through the unit set up in Railroad Park as heavy response to the service continues. A total of 739 persons received x-rays on the first day of the operation.
1961	June	The Senior High School Concert Choir records have arrived. Those of you who have ordered records may pick them up at the Senior Music Department building.
1963	June	The five-digit Zip Code number for Sikeston will be 63801, Postmaster Pleas Malcom announced today.
1969	June	The President of the United States has approved and sent to the Senate a list of nominations for promotions to the rank of Rear Admiral in the United States Navy, which includes the name of one of Sikeston's leading citizen's, Captain H. Spencer Matthews, Jr. He is a veteran of 26 years of commissioned Naval service.
1973	June	The Institution of the auxiliary to Sikeston Aerie No. 3319, Fraternal Order of Eagles, was held May 20 in the banquet room at Rustic Rock Inn. There were 61 charter applicants and 33 initiated at the meeting.
1980	June	A citizen's study report recommended a new middle school facility be built to replace the current facility located on Tanner Street [present location of the YMCA].
1984	June	The Olympic Torch began its morning trek on Highway 61 just before 8 a.m. at Calvary Temple on the north edge of Sikeston. Each of the runners will complete a four-mile stretch.
1995	June	The dedication ceremony at the Sikeston Public Library was held in the McAmis Community Room, with several special guests. Following the ceremony, the renovated facility was open for tours.
1998	June	For the first time a professional golf tournament will be held in Sikeston. The National Golf Association/Hooters Tour will be played at the Bootheel Golf Course all week. The tour pros will participate with local golfers early in the week for a pro-am tournament which gives local golfers a chance to meet and greet and socialize with the pros. Sikeston residents are opening their homes to house many of the young golf pros.
2003	17-Jun	Sikeston Missouri Arts, Inc. sponsored summer Art in the Park for children ages 6-11 at American Legion Park. The activity began today and will be held every Wednesday until school begins. Local art teachers are teaching the summer art classes for the program.

2006	14-Jun	The Sikeston Depot Museum staff and volunteers began a project to gather the history of every church and civic organization in the Sikeston/Miner area. They are contacting all the churches and organizations, requesting their assistance in gathering the information for the history.
2006	24-Jun	The Culp family dedicated the new playground equipment at the Clinton Building made possible by their families' donations. They responded to the need for the children's equipment after hosting several family reunions and noticing the lack of playground space around the Clinton Building.
2007	23-Jun	The Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion Henry Meldrum Post No. 114 will celebrate 80 years of community service. Where most of the organizations focus on veterans and their families, they provide charitable services to the entire community.
2007	23-Jun	The first Sikeston Ice Cream Social and Sounds of Sikeston event was held at Malone Park. The public was invited to bring their lawn chairs to enjoy face painting, ice cream and music that is performed under the newly renovated bandstand.
2009	1-Jun	Sikeston High School boy's track and field won their first ever Class 3 State Championship in Jefferson City.
2009	24-Jun	Neal E. Boyd performed with Kenny Rogers at the benefit held for the Kenny Rogers Children's Center.