JOPLIN CELEBRATIONS COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, March 7, 2023, 4:00 pm
Location: Joplin City Hall, 5th Floor

Attended: Barbara Hogelin, Dr. Chad Stebbins, Wally Bloss, Patrick Tuttle, Rikki Smith, Jill Halbach, Brad Belk, Len Clevenger, Bobby Grey, Judd Fischer, and Gary Shaw.

I. **Meeting Called to Order by Mr. Tuttle at 4:03 pm**

II. **Approval of Minutes**

a. February 2023: Motion made by Mr. Belk and seconded by Dr. Stebbins that we approve the February 2023 minutes; unanimous approval.

III. **General Discussion**

a. Please see the "Celebrate Joplin 150th Schedule of Events" handout distributed at the meeting, which contains information for each event. The order of discussion largely followed this handout, and any additional items of note are listed below:

i. **A Street Becomes a Boulevard** – This is the Gabby Street presentation. We're trying to get the speaker booked for appearing on Living Well while he is here.

ii. **It's a Birthday Celebration** – Mr. Tuttle said that an Iris quilt by Danya Walker, a city employee, will also be on display. Also, we are set with Good Morning Four States filming on site that morning and Living Well that afternoon, during the celebration.

iii. **Barbershop** – at MSSU on April 14th and 15th

1. Up to 100 students may participate in the barbershop clinic.
2. Mr. Grey said the barbershop community created a scholarship fund at MSSU. 100% of donations will go to that fund.
3. The Saturday Evening Post Quartet will join this event.
4. MSSU international students will be the ushers for the events on the 14th and 15th. Mr. Tuttle said they would make badges for them to wear. They should arrive at 5:30 pm, and they may leave as soon as the show starts.
5. Mr. Grey asked whether we would have medical or security at this event. Mr. Tuttle said that he would ask MSSU. Dr. Stebbins said they typically have neither at these events.

6. Steve's upright piano will be moved in and tuned for the event.

iv. **Baseball** – Mr. Tuttle said Peregrine was the lowest bid for uniforms, so they were chosen. The uniforms are coming out of the Sesquicentennial money. Extra ball caps were ordered the historical society will sell them. The uniforms will be black pinstripes with logos on the breast like in the old days.

v. **Joplin Goes to the Movies** – Mr. Tuttle stated he has the stamps for the passports. Bookhouse Cinema has been reimbursed for the cost of the films. CFI and Missouri Eagle are sponsors.

IV. **Other News**

a. Mr. Tuttle and Mr. Grey will appear on Living Well for the March events, and they will plug the April events as well.

b. Mr. Tuttle said he received a phone call from Ms. Betty Smith about recording a welcome video.

c. Joplin Goes to the Movies tote bags arrived.

V. **Meeting Adjourned**

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 4, 2023, at 4:00 pm at City Hall, 5th Floor

Approved: _____
Jill Halbach, Secretary

Approved: _____
Patrick Tuttle, Co-Chair

CELEBRATE JOPLIN 150TH
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (MARCH-JULY)

A Street Becomes a Boulevard: A Life in Baseball and Joplin

Presented by Joplin Historical Society & Southwest Missouri Bank

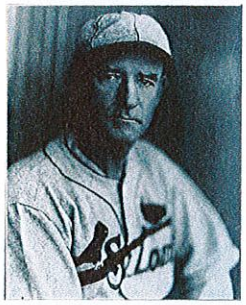
MARCH 21, 7:00 P.M., JOPLIN HISTORY & MINERAL MUSEUM, 504 S. SCHIFFERDECKER AVE, JOPLIN

The life of Gabby Street, presented by Dr. Galen Irwin.

Refreshments at 6:00 p.m., presentation at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at Joplin History & Mineral Museum.

Free admission! Hot dogs, peanuts, popcorn, and *crackerjacks*! Guests can view Dr. Irwin's Gabby Street baseball memorabilia collection that will be on display at the Joplin Museum.

Charles Evard Street acquired the name "Gabby" in his early years and was known by that nickname for the rest of his life. In 1908 Street became immortal for being the first to catch a ball thrown from the Washington Monument.



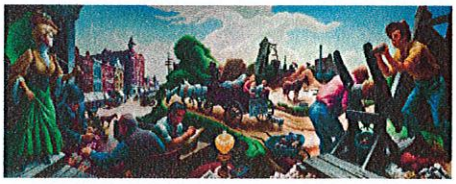
Gabby Street came to Joplin to become player-manager of the Joplin Miners in 1922, leading them to a league and intersectional championship that year. In 1923 he married a Joplin girl, Lucinda Chandler, and they made their home in Joplin for the rest of their lives. Street was a Joplin celebrity. The *Joplin Globe* and *Joplin News Herald* regularly reported on his activities; Joplin honored him with Gabby Street Day, including a parade with 27 units and the dedication of Gabby Street Boulevard. Dr. Galen Irwin's father, Arnold Irwin, was an instructor in political science at Joplin Junior College. Galen attended J.J.C. but completed a bachelor's degree at the University of Kansas. After that, he obtained a Ph.D. in political science at Florida State University. In 1980 Dr. Irwin regained his love for baseball cards and began collecting cards of Gabby Street and various memorabilia related to Gabby. His latest project is to obtain cards of all players who played or managed in both Joplin and the major leagues and players born in Joplin or Southwest Missouri.

Remembering Thomas Hart Benton

MARCH 23, 2:30 P.M., JOPLIN CITY HALL (5TH FLOOR), 602 S. MAIN STREET, JOPLIN

Missouri's greatest 20th-century painter, Thomas Hart Benton, began his career as a professional artist in Joplin, Missouri. Nearly seven decades later and in his eighties, the artist returned to present his mural *Joplin at the Turn of Century – 1896-1906*.

In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the mural's arrival, local historian Brad Belk will outline Benton's teenage days as a sketch artist for the *Joplin American* newspaper and reveal the fascinating story of his everlasting contribution to the City of Joplin.



It's a Birthday Celebration

MARCH 23, 4:00 P.M., JOPLIN CITY HALL (1ST FLOOR), 602 S. MAIN STREET, JOPLIN

Events to mark Joplin's 150th Birthday:

- Mr. Belk's presentation will conclude downstairs on the 1st Floor in front of the Benton mural, highlighting some of the key depictions in the mural.
- Joplin Area Town and Country Quilters will present the Sesquicentennial Quilt to the City of Joplin.
- Birthday cookies and punch will be served to celebrate Joplin's 150th.
- As a special treat, as part of the upcoming Percy Wenrich Tribute on April 14 and 15, a local barbershop quartet will conclude the birthday program with a song of harmony.

For more details and updates, go to: CelebrateJoplin.com or VisitJoplinMO.com

Honoring Joplin's Journey of Faith

Presented by the Joplin Ministerial Alliance



MARCH 23, 6:30 P.M., CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CENTER, 410 S. VIRGINIA, JOPLIN

In celebration of Joplin's spiritual heritage, a community event will be held, "Honoring Joplin's Journey of Faith." This program will feature presentations highlighting Joplin's *Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow*, interwoven with inspiring music selections, including congregation singing, hymns, and choruses.

Rev. Harris G. Joplin, for whom the City of Joplin is named, will be remembered.

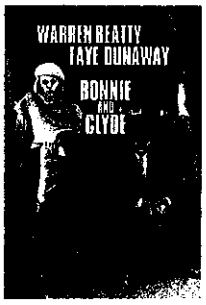
Joplin Goes to the Movies – BONNIE AND CLYDE (1 of 8)

Presented by Missouri Eagle and Visit Joplin

APRIL 13, SHOWTIME 8:30 P.M., LANDRETH PARK, 1001 NW MURPHY BLVD., JOPLIN

This Sesquicentennial event comprises eight events between April and July 2023, showcasing eight movies featuring events or actors connected to Joplin.

Outdoor Event Food trucks 7:00 p.m. - Showtime 8:30 -- Lawn chair & blanket seating -- NO rain date



BONNIE AND CLYDE, 1967 -- Academy Award winners Warren Beatty and Faye Dunaway star in this groundbreaking film as a glamorous couple of Depression-era bank robbers, Bonnie and Clyde. When Bonnie Parker (Dunaway) catches Clyde Barrow (Beatty) stealing her mother's car, it is love at first sight ... and the two begin a nationwide crime spree. As young gangsters in love, who attack the wealthy establishment and live by their own rules, Bonnie and Clyde capture the attention of an entire country--for a short time, they manage to elude law enforcement. Academy Awards: Best Actress in a Supporting Role (Estelle Parsons) Best Cinematography Academy Award nominations: Best Picture Best Director Best Actor in a Leading Role (Warren Beatty) Best Actress in a Leading Role (Faye Dunaway) Best Actor in a Supporting Role (Michael J. Pollard) Best Actor in a Supporting Role (Gene Hackman) Best Writing, Story, and Screenplay--Written Directly for the Screen Best Costume Design.

NR 1:51 Romance, Biography, Crime, Action/Adventure, Thriller, Drama, Suspense

Showcasing April 13, 1933, Joplin shootout -- on the 90th anniversary of the tragic events where two Joplin lawmen lost their lives. Film introduction by: Brad Belk

The Art of Acapella Singing in the Barbershop Style

APRIL 14, SHOWTIME 7:00 P.M., Taylor Performing Arts Center (MSSU) 3950 NEWMAN ROAD, JOPLIN

Following an all-day *Acapellooza - The Art of Acapella Singing in the Barbershop Style* youth vocal clinic, involving some 200 area high school students, a free evening concert will be performed headlined by performances by **two International Champion quartets, *QUORUM* and *DULY NOTED***. The song selection will include music from two genuinely American forms of music -Ragtime and Barbershop.

Featuring new and unique arrangements from Wenrich's song catalog, the concert will also showcase many barbershop quartets from Joplin and the surrounding area in a mass chorus of barbershop-style singers, both men and women, plus the songs the students studied during the clinic, all under the direction of Jeff Veteto of Springfield's Show-Me Statesmen Chorus.

The event will be held in the newly renovated Taylor Performing Arts Center on the Missouri Southern State University campus.

Showtime will be 7:00 p.m.

All seating will be general admission and free to the public.

inBarbershop
A Celebration in Harmony Style
Featuring World Championship Barbershop Quartets
Friday, April 14, 2023, MSSU - Taylor Performing Arts Center
A Joplin Sesquicentennial Event

For more details and updates, go to: CelebrateJoplin.com or VisitJoplinMO.com

Let's Play Ball!!

The Vintage Base Ball Association is presented by American Legion Post 13

APRIL 15, 1:00 P.M. (10:30 A.M. & 3:30 P.M.), JOE BECKER STADIUM, 300 S. HIGH AVENUE, JOPLIN

The Joplin Celebrations Commission is happy to announce, as part of Joplin's Sesquicentennial Celebration, an exciting day of baseball at historic Joe Becker Stadium.

One featured event will be a VBBA exhibition game – *Vintage Base Ball Association*. These lovers of the game are to baseball what Civil War reenactors are to preserving Civil War era history. The game will put the *Westerns Base Ball Club of Topeka* against the *St. Louis Brown Stockings* in a rare meeting of the two clubs.

Before and after the vintage game, high school varsity teams will take the field in regularly scheduled matches. The varsity players from Columbus will take on Galena, and Pittsburg will play Joplin. Each high school team will take on a Mining Camp persona to bring the history and competitive nature of the *Tristate Mining District*.

This will be a great day of baseball in Joplin and a positive 150th experience.

The schedule may vary slightly, but we are working with the following:

10:30 – 12:30 = Galena (Miners) vs. Columbus (Bombers)

1:00 – 2:30 = Westerns Base Ball Club of Topeka vs. St. Louis Brown Stockings

3:30 – 5:15 = Joplin (Miners) vs. Pittsburg (Coal Diggers)

Percy Wenrich "The Joplin Kid" tribute to Ragtime

Presented by The Stanley Family

APRIL 15, SHOWTIME 7:00 P.M., Taylor Performing Arts Center (MSSU) 3950 NEWMAN ROAD, JOPLIN

The evening event will be in Two Acts.

Act One: A tribute to the music of Percy Wenrich will highlight some of his most famous songs. Selected songs for the evening include "Moonlight Bay," "When You Wore a Tulip," "Red Rose Rag," "Where Do We Go From Here," "Put On Your Old Grey Bonnet," "Rainbow," "L'Inconnu," and many more well-known compositions. The music of fellow Missouri Ragtimers Scott Joplin, James Scott, ** Eddie Kuhn, and "Ragtime Bob" Darch will also be honored.

Steve Spracklen and Robin Braun will respectively portray Percy and his wife, Dolly Connolly, in song and vaudevillian schtick in the fashion the famous couple was known for in the early 1900s.

Act Two: Many Percy Wenrich songs were composed in Four Part Harmony. His music was a perfect fit for Barbershop Quartets. Two International Champion quartets, *Quorum* and *Duly Noted,* will perform a selection of songs, concluding with a "Celebration Chorus" comprised of local and regional barbershoppers, plus an additional large community chorus ... audience participation patriotic finale.

The event will be held in the newly renovated Taylor Performing Arts Center on the Missouri Southern State University campus.

Showtime will be 7:00 p.m.

Limited reserve seating is available for $15, and general admission seating is free.

Thank you to Joplin's Stanley Family for sponsoring this event. The family is a descendant of Eddie Kuhn, another significant Missouri songwriter/musician of the Ragtime era.

For more details and updates, go to: CelebrateJoplin.com or VisitJoplinMO.com

Joplin Goes to the Movies – SABOTEUR (2 of 8)

Presented by Missouri Eagle and Visit Joplin

APRIL 20, SHOWTIMES 5:00 & 7:30 P.M., BOOKHOUSE CINEMA, 715 E. BROADWAY, JOPLIN

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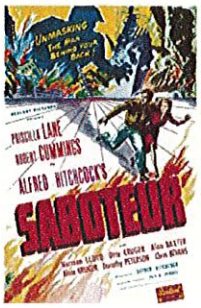

Seating is limited to 45. The restaurant will be open before each show.

SABOTEUR, 1942

Barry Kane (Bob Cummings), a Los Angeles aircraft factory worker, witnesses his plant's firebombing by a Nazi agent. During the explosion, his best friend is killed, and Cummings is wrongly accused of sabotage. To clear his name, he takes off on a relentless cross-country chase that finally leads to a harrowing confrontation on top of the Statue of Liberty.

NR 1:49 Action/Adventure

Featuring Joplin native Bob Cummings. Film introduction by Dr. Chad Stebbins

Joplin Goes to the Movies – CAPTAIN SALVATION (3 of 8)

Presented by Missouri Eagle and Visit Joplin

!!THIS IS A SILENT FILM WITH PIANO ACCOMPANIMENT!!

MAY 11, SHOWTIME 7:00 P.M., HARRY M. CORNELL ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT COMPLEX, 212 W. 7TH STREET, JOPLIN

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CAPTAIN SALVATION, 1927

In this drama of doubt, sin, and redemption, a man forced to choose between his love of God and his love of the sea struggles with his faith only to learn grace from a fallen woman and combine his two passions as Captain Salvation. When seminary student Anson Campbell (**Lars Hanson**) stands up for Bess Morgan (**Pauline Starke**), a woman of low moral standing, he, too, is scorned by the townspeople. Leaving the seminary and putting out to sea as a deckhand, Campbell realizes he is working aboard a prison ship bearing Morgan. But when the ship's captain tries to force himself on Morgan, she kills herself rather than allow the man's advances. With his faith strengthened by Morgan's unwavering sense of morality despite her reputation, Campbell devotes himself to the ministry as a seagoing chaplain.



Silent Film, 1:54 Drama

Featuring Joplin native Pauline Stark. Film introduction by Jill Halbach, with piano accompaniment by Bill Rowland. Sponsored by Post Art Library.

A special thank you to Connect2Culture for co-sponsoring this film in their home theater.



Iris Garden Tour

MAY 13, FROM 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M., SELF-GUIDED TOUR MAPS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT JOPLIN HISTORY & MINERAL MUSEUM, 504 S. SCHIFFERDECKER AVE, JOPLIN

Celebrate Joplin's Sesquicentennial colorfully. This will be a self-guided tour of public and personal Iris gardens.

The Iris is the official City Flower. A map will be available at the Joplin Museum Complex showing locations Irises can be seen throughout the city. Bed and gardens will be visible from the street or sidewalk. Please be respectful of private property and no picking the flowers. The self-paced tour will be held the Saturday of Mother's Day weekend from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and will start from the Joplin History & Mineral Museum.

For more details and updates, go to: CelebrateJoplin.com or VisitJoplinMO.com

Joplin Goes to the Movies – THERE'S NO BUSINESS LIKE SHOW BUSINESS (4 of 8)

MAY 25, SHOWTIME 6:00 P.M., CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CENTER. 410 S. VIRGINIA AVENUE. (USE VIRGINIA AVE. ENTRANCE)



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THERE'S NO BUSINESS LIKE SHOW BUSINESS, 1954

Molly and Terry Donahue, plus their three children, are The Five Donahues. Son Tim meets hat-check girl Vicky, and the family act begins to fall apart.

NR 2:15 Drama, Musical

Film introduction by Gary Bandy with a background story from Joplin's 19-year-old Carol Lou Clark (Parker) was cast as one of only five dancers in the chorus line.

Joplin Goes to the Movies – DUEL (5 of 8)

Presented by Missouri Eagle and Visit Joplin

JUNE 8, SHOWTIMES 5:00 & 7:30 P.M., BOOKHOUSE CINEMA, 715 E. BROADWAY, JOPLIN

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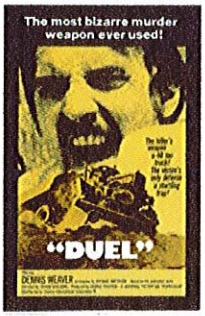
Seating is limited to 45. The restaurant will be open before each show.



DUEL, 1971

In Steven Spielberg's first full-length movie, Duel, a traveling salesman (Dennis Weaver) is harassed by a menacing 40-ton truck on a remote desert highway. Brilliant in its simplicity, the cult favorite takes road rage to a dangerous level as the traveler, and the mysterious truck driver are pitted against one another in a motorized duel to the death. Gripping with psychological tension, this desperate battle for survival is hailed by critics as a film that "belongs on the classics shelf reserved for top suspensers" (Daily Variety).

PG 1:30 Suspense, Thriller

Featuring Joplin native Dennis Weaver. Film introduction by Dr. Chad Stebbins

Joplin Goes to the Movies – ON MOONLIGHT BAY (6 of 8)

Presented by Missouri Eagle and Visit Joplin

JUNE 22, SHOWTIMES 5:00 & 7:30 P.M., BOOKHOUSE CINEMA, 715 E. BROADWAY, JOPLIN



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ON MOONLIGHT BAY, 1951

A happy screenful of sun-kissed melody and kiss-by-moonlight romance! After moving to Indiana, young Marjorie Winfield begins a relationship with William Sherman, who lives across the street. Marjorie is a tom-boy, and her father has traditional views not shared by William. Marjorie is forced to learn to dance, despite her and Williams' shared love for baseball. Starring Doris Day and Gordon MacRae.

PG 1:35 Musical, Variety, Comedy

Featuring the music of Joplin native Percy Wenrich. The world premiere of "On Moonlight Bay" took place at the Paramount Theatre in Joplin on July 27, 1951. Film introduction by Brad Belk.

For more details and updates, go to: CelebrateJoplin.com or VisitJoplinMO.com

Salute our Transportation Heritage Week – THE GREAT RACE

Presented by CFI and Visit Joplin

JUNE 28, 4:30 – 8:00 P.M., DOWNTOWN JOPLIN

Outdoor event with fine dining, shopping downtown, and food trucks. Rain or shine.

The public is invited to a spectacular event when Joplin hosts the Day 5 Finish of the **2023 Great Race**.

The 2023 *Hemmings Motor News* Great Race, *presented by Hagerty*, the world's premiere old car rally, will bring 120 of the finest road-worthy antique and classic automobiles to 6th and Main Street in downtown Joplin. The event is free to the public, and spectators can visit with the participants after parking. Kids of all ages are welcome to climb in the cars for a first-hand look to take in the nostalgic feel.

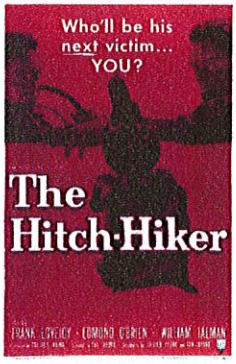
Cars built in 1974 and earlier are eligible, with most entries having been manufactured before World War II. Come out and experience the grand collection of automotive history. Get up close with a 1916 Hudson Hill Climber, get a selfie with a 1928 Ford Model A, or reminisce on what movies the beautiful 1917 American LaFrance Racer or the 1973 Cadillac Ambulance remind you of.

Relive the *Happy Days* or *American Graffiti* memories with the 1955 Ford Thunderbird or 1957 Chevy Bel Air, or the 1966 Mustang and Corvette entries; certainly do not miss the 1963 Ford Falcon or the 1971 AMC Javelin.

In all, the Great Race participants will cover more than 2,300 miles in 9 days, starting in St. Augustine, Florida, on June 24 and completing the race on July 2 in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Joplin Goes to the Movies – THE HITCH-HIKER (7 of 8)

JULY 13, SHOWTIME 6:00 P.M., JOPLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY, 1901 E. 20TH STREET, JOPLIN



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THE HITCH-HIKER, 1953

Two fishermen pick up a psychopathic escaped convict who tells them he intends to murder them when the ride is over.

PG 1:11 Crime, Noir, Thriller

The film is a fictionalized version of the 1951 murder of the Mosser family at the villainous hands of Billy Cook. Film introduction by Josh Shackles.



The Styles that Made the Day – a Formal Fashions Exhibit

Presented by Dorothea B. Hoover Historical Museum & Joplin Historical Society

JULY 21, 4:00-7:00 P.M., SCOTTISH RITE CATHEDRAL, 505 S. BYERS, JOPLIN

Surrounded by the 100-year-old Joplin Scottish Rite Cathedral architecture, view dresses, gowns, and men's formal attire from the turn of the last century.

Including dresses made for Joplin Centennial in 1973.

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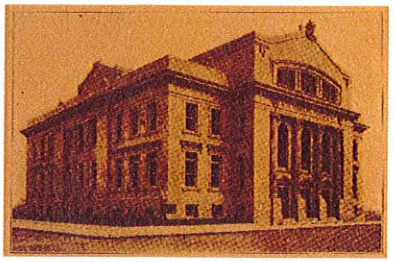
Centennial Celebration of the Valley of Joplin Scottish Rite Cathedral



JULY 22, 9:00 A.M., 505 S. BYERS, JOPLIN

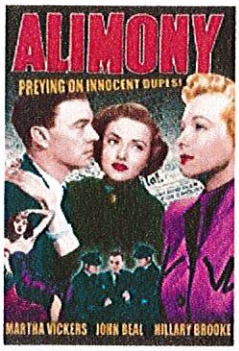
This celebration marks the 100-year history of Joplin Scottish Rite Cathedral. A full day of activities is planned to honor this beautiful Joplin landmark's history, service, and architecture. Discover the early Joplin business leaders who made the building possible and learn about the organization that preserves its heritage.

More details of additional ticketed events at: www.valleyofjoplin.com/event.

Joplin Goes to the Movies – ALIMONY (8 of 8)

Presented by Missouri Eagle and Visit Joplin

JULY 27, SHOWTIMES 5:00 & 7:30 P.M., BOOKHOUSE CINEMA, 715 E. BROADWAY, JOPLIN



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ALIMONY, 1949

A promising young composer is tempted away from his devoted wife by a fortune-seeking woman who cares more for his prospects than for him.

NR 1:10 Crime, Drama

Featuring Joplin native John Beal. Film introduction by Brad Belk.