

# Quarter Notes

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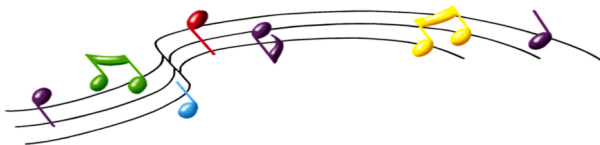
Watch our web site for late additions of our public performances:  
[www.gatewaycitybigband.com](http://www.gatewaycitybigband.com)

### Thursday, July 23, 2020

We'll be at the Gentry Park Band Shell (4201 Fee Fee Rd, Bridgeton, MO) for a concert from 7-9 pm. Bring your own lawn chair or blanket. Food will not be provided. Outside food, beverages and alcoholic beverages are welcome. No glass containers, please. **FREE!**

### Saturday, Oct 3, 2020

St. Timothy's annual concert. We are hoping to make this happen in a fun and safe way. Stay tuned!



## A Tip of the Microphone to Ginny Herr!

If you haven't been fortunate enough to catch vocalist Ginny Herr as she sang with one of several big bands in the area, including **Gateway** on occasion, you've really missed something! Lucky for us, as Ginny prepared for retirement she contacted us to donate her entire vocal chart library. Big band vocal charts, especially good ones, don't grow on trees so we're grateful she thought of us and are looking forward to adding many of them to our performances!



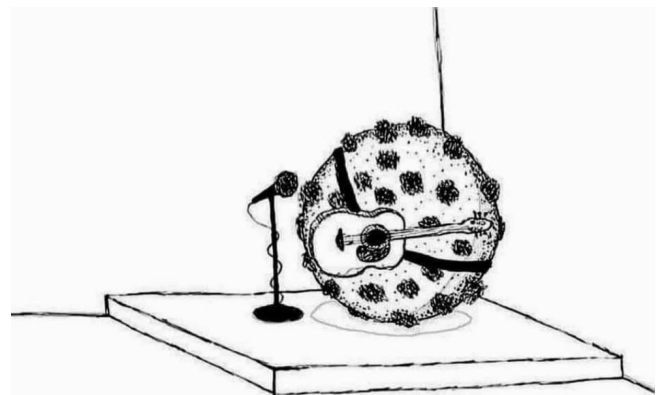
Thank you, Ginny!

## We didn't see that coming!

It's amazing to think that in our last issue we were excited about all the great gigs we had scheduled and now we're lucky to have one summer park job! That's a bitter pill to swallow after working with clients to book the dates and make the arrangements, but we have to be flexible these days. Thankfully most of the dates will just slide into next year and we'll cross our fingers that the shows will go on!

While we're thrilled to perform at Gentry Park on July 23, we're getting creative to make sure everyone in the band is safe. That means decreasing our numbers just a smidge and sitting a little further apart so that we're complying with St. Louis County's guidelines. Besides staying healthy, our top priority is to keep from doing anything that would reflect poorly on **Gateway** or the City of Bridgeton.

There's plenty of room on the grass so come on out and socially distance with us!



*"This one's dedicated to all the people that didn't believe in me when I was getting started."*

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## MISSION STATEMENT

The Gateway City Big Band, Inc., a non-profit corporation, provides advanced jazz education and performance opportunities for participating musicians. Through its performances, it strives to promote public awareness of the "big band" style of music, to encourage and support music education at the secondary school level, and to assist other non-profit groups with fundraising.

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## President's Message

Most of you are aware that the **Gateway City Big Band** allocates its excess and donated funds to support worthy students with grants and scholarships. In recent years we have focused our attention on graduating seniors from the North County Big Band, a project funded by the Sheldon Arts Council. This fine program, run by Harvey Lockhart, has an enviable record of producing graduates who go on to college, are recruited heavily by colleges, and who qualify for numerous scholarships. This year we will fund three scholarships, for a total of 18 over the last several years.



This year's recipients are:

Dayzana Woods - Dayzana is a graduate of Riverview Gardens High School and plans to major in marketing at Chicago State University. She was accepted by seven different schools and plays trombone in the North County Big Band. This summer she is working as a package handler for Federal Express.

Rakaya Hillard - Rakaya is a graduate of Normandy High School and is planning to major in psychology with a minor in music. She plans to attend North Carolina State University this year. She was accepted by eight schools. She is working this summer in retail at the Galleria.

Todd Merriweather - Todd is a graduate of Riverview Gardens High School. He plans to attend the University of Missouri at Kansas City and major in jazz studies. He was accepted by six colleges.

**Gateway** is very pleased to be able to assist these young students at this critical time in their lives. Best wishes and good luck to them all!

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