

## WAYNE'S WASHINGTON WANDERINGS

With the coming of September come thoughts of Fall and crisp, cool days and nights. Also with Fall come many activities that visitors to Washington can take advantage of and participate in.

On Saturday, September 13 the Tour of Missouri will come through Washington. It will be a day of excitement as these professional cyclists from around the world pass through the streets of Washington. The Tour will pass through Washington about 1:30 pm and the best viewing will be on Front Street by the Visitor's Center. Prior to the Tour coming through, we will have our own races for children as young as 4 and as old as 13. Each group will be two years (4-5 year old; 6-7 year old, etc.). We will also have a race for the Super Seniors-those 65 years old and older. Just bring out those old balloon tire bikes and have a journey down memory lane. Registration will start at 10:00 am at the Visitor's Center on Front Street. Helmets will be required. Also, Tour t-shirts will be on sale at the Visitor's Center for \$10.00 each.

On Wednesday, September 17 Franklin County Tourism will sponsor an Antiques and Artisans Tour throughout Franklin County. This will be a day to experience what Franklin County has to offer. A Mid-American Coach will load at the Union, MO Wal-Mart and stops will be made in Union, MO, New Haven, Mo where we will visit a glass blower and the Front Street Artisans. We will wind up in Washington for lunch at La Dolce Vita and antique shopping and gallery visiting. The cost is \$35 per person and inquiries can be made to the Washington Area Chamber of Commerce, (636) 239-2715, ext. 102. Come and enjoy this great fall trip.

What better way to spend the fall weekends then visiting the great wineries in the area. Be sure to experience the Dry Vignoles at Montelle Winery, as this was the winner of the Governor's Cup winner at the Missouri State Fair. This dry white wine has a flavor that explodes in your mouth with flavors of pear and tropical fruit.

Also, don't forget the Fall Festival of the Arts and Craft September 27-28. The Annual Chili Cookoff will kick off this event on Friday, September 26.

See you in Washington,  
Wayne