

Chapter 1 : Historic Joplin Â» crime in Joplin

Forever Yours Formal, Joplin, Missouri. likes Â· 1 talking about this Â· 29 were here. We carry Sizes Bridal Gowns, Bridesmaids and Flower Girl.

I head for the volunteer operations center on the Missouri Southern State University campus, eyeing the grounds for a place to camp out. He had put his last dollar in his gas tank somewhere this side of Kansas City. He told me he had been in Joplin for more than a week now and was thinking he might just stay and become part of the "new Joplin. He had had the foresight to bring a decent chainsaw with him. As I lay awake I wondered who these people were, and what led them to a corner of a parking lot at the edge of a disaster area. Who were these people that I would be working with in the morning? Americorp staff were up early, busying themselves for another day in the field, another hack at the destruction left by a few minutes of an unimaginable force. Many wore work boots, bandanas, ponytails and beards; all were committed, and all were sincere. We were told how to sort the debris and how to be sensitive to the personal effects of the victims. With gloves, granola bars, bottled water and too-few tools we wait for our assignments and bus transportation. A man I got to know later as Roger was sharing his belief that we were all citizens of the planet, no matter from where we had come. Eventually we get assignments and board our buses. To this point I had not seen any of the effects of the tornado, but as the bus carries us towards south Joplin, I begin to see toppled trees and missing roofs. As we drove deeper into Joplin, the level of destruction became more and more complete and shocking to the senses. The largest trees that managed to remain standing were now only thick trunks stripped of their limbs. Some homes were still distinguishable but most were mounds of flattened debris. On my first day we pull pieces of homes and personal property out of scrub trees. We cut our way through tangles of twisted trees. A woman pulls back a large sheet of roof tin and uncovers a coiled black snake. Several take hurried steps back, but she lifts it by the tail and carries it off to release it in the woods. It is longer than she is tall. We down water regularly throughout the long morning, and at noon we are fed sandwiches, beans, and salad out of the bed of a pick-up truck. We talk casually and I sense that we are bonding. Afterward we leave the shade of a tarp and walk out into the hot afternoon, across the street to another wreck, another pile of lives viciously torn. The work is hard, but my workmates never stop: Then suddenly all work ceases. Coordinators approach and announce that chefs from the Big Easy will be preparing food for a party at a nearby park for all the workers. We collect our tools and make our way back to the bus. Familiar faces now look refreshed behind sun reddened flesh and a clean change of clothes. They are all smiles. A group of young Marines, men and women, run out onto the grass in front of the stage and dance to the encouraging applause and shouts of the crowd. I lay in the grass under the shade of a sycamore and soon I am napping. The sun is getting low but the party is still going strong as I find my truck and head back to the lot at operations headquarters. I am up at first light. The Americorp gang has prepared breakfast, and I eat a little before getting organized and ready for the day. The lot begins to fill; the buses pull up and the crowd thickens. I greet familiar faces and after noticing a man with a strong accent, I ask him from where he hails. He tells me he is from Switzerland and is in the second month of a four month U. He tells me he heard about the tornado and adjusted his plans to help out with the clean-up for a while. He says his travels in the States have been great and he has met kind people everywhere. This day we head into the heart of a vast landscape of twisted debris as far as the eye can see in all directions. Somebody points out the hospital in the distance. It is the only structure that has any shape or height, but its steel girders are visible anywhere that the exterior walls have been torn off. In spite of the visual horror, I am beginning to feel that among all the wreckage, the American spirit is here, all around me, in these people I am meeting. I work with a man hauling sections of roof to the roadside and learn that he operates a motorcycle racing outfit. I had overheard earlier that he found a place to buy a bunch of wheelbarrows and was working on getting them to the work sites. He is known as "Cycle Man," and I learn that it was his company van parked at the party the previous night on which people were encouraged to write their well wishes to Joplin in permanent marker. I suspect this man is a mover and shaker in his own element and, perhaps, a wealthy man, now working and sweating in the degree heat. His generosity runs deeper than we

know, I also sense. A woman "With The Orange Bucket" just keeps going and going, filling it with shards of glass and hauling it to the roadside. We joke and laugh, but because the grimness of the situation is always one glance over the shoulder we usually fall back into the work silently. Drenched in sweat, hauling another load, is a guy who tells us he has been off meth for two weeks. Cycle Man encourages him to focus on the long term, his health, and his promise. Although the work is menial and repetitious, it is never forgotten, even for a moment, that every board and brick, every shard, is a piece of the lives now so shattered. Among the rubble is baby clothing, birthday cards, the case of a video that may have been a prized favorite to some child, kitchen utensils that may have recently been used to feed a growing family. I meet a broad, tough looking guy in a hard hat with a big smile and a sure voice. He is from El Paso and he carries tremendous loads with apparent ease. The ubiquitous young Americorp staff were always busy. The young Marines were serious and efficient. Are these characteristics part of the spirit of America? Is this what our Swiss visitor saw, I wonder? He is of average height, thin and muscled from a lifetime of work. His hair is long and pinned back by dark wrap-around shades. He has a thick goatee peppered with gray, and his cheeks have three days growth. We work in the same group and I quickly see that this man is no stranger to a work site. He is quick to assess an approach to the work, and is efficient in his efforts. He understands leverage and physics, probably from this lifetime of work rather than college, and is well conditioned to maintain a high pace. While others banter and speculate, he is silent, but when something has to be said he is the first to speak. He understands getting at truth: I suspect he has seen it from many sides. He believes in his abilities. He may have done a little jail time. He knows exhaustion, and knows it will pass once the need has been met. He has picked up and left, and started over more than once. I believe that he is a major part of the spirit, the backbone of America. In other times he would have been a frontiersman, opening up the west, a fighter in the war of independence, a cowboy in the untamed lands. And now he works in Joplin, Missouri, one shovelful, one wheelbarrow load at a time. He has built America, and he will not let her fall apart. Joe Baker is from Blaine, MN. He is the northern division supervisor Anoka County Parks and Recreation.

Chapter 2 : Joplin Independent: Defining the American spirit

No one saw a jolly old man with a snow-white beard outside the Walgreens pharmacy in Joplin, Missouri that night. But when the Salvation Army emptied its red kettle after an evening of bell ringing on Dec. 13, it was as though Santa himself had stopped by. Amidst the haul, a Salvation Army counting.

Joplin Goes to War: Previously, we told you about the men of Joplin who marched off to war as Company G of the 2nd Missouri Volunteer Infantry. Today we bring you the first of three letters from those men. It was for the purpose of determining if the Second should go to the front or stay here; also to condemn guns. We will receive our new guns tomorrow and our ordinance supplies in a few days. The Major in conversation with Col. Caffee said that out of nine regiments inspected there were two very good, the Second being one of them, and further, that if his word went for anything, the Second should be the first regiment out after the South Carolina men which will go first as Gen. Lee asked the War Department to have that regiment assigned to his command. The new recruits are arriving now in squads of twenty-five, the first to reach here being the detail from Springfield which arrived Friday morning. The next detail to arrive was from Sedalia with 22 men, and the Joplin recruits arrived this morning 32 in number. The men are distributed among the companies. Company G now having seven recruits, but none from Joplin. The recruits are taken charge of by the First Sergeant, shown the rules and regulations of a regular, then turned over to the cooks who have them carry a little water and wood just to get used to it. The health of the regiment and especially of Company G, is fine, they not having a man for the hospital this morning. Sergeant Watson and Kid got leave of absence this morning for six hours, and went blackberrying. About 2 hours later they returned with a tomato can about half full and said they would take an oath that they had to walk 10 miles for them, but later the boys found out that they had got lost and gave a farmer 20 cents to haul them back to camp. Sergeant Tschappler is one of the busiest men in camp and when not on duty he is very busy writing a book. It has been in camp about 9 hours and has bitten only 9 of the boys. On account of the fracas at Lytle last Sunday no one is allowed to go to Lytle without a written permit signed by the colonel. Lytle Depot Sergeant Sansom has been on the sick list for several days but is a great deal better tday. Private Dunwoody and Eckhart are two of the sickest love-sick men we have in camp. Corporal Kelley is now one of the proudest men in camp. He has a beard of the strawberry variety that would make a New York policeman leave his beat in disgust. One of the men in our company concluded that it was too warm to drill Saturday morning so he hied himself to the Y. A Chicago corporal got himself in the guard house by getting gay when Gen. The corporal had a vague idea that when so distinguished an officer approached he should be complimented by a general salutation of the guard.

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Our Joplin, Missouri V's Barbershop location on historic Main Street downtown is an upscale barbershop offering mens haircut styles to barber shop shaves to shoeshines.

But when the Salvation Army emptied its red kettle after an evening of bell ringing on Dec. Jason Poff, head of the local Salvation Army. Starting in , the Salvation Army has found wondrous treasures in its humble kettles. It was a frosty evening. Across the street from the pharmacy, the message board in front of the old brick Bethany Presbyterian Church beckoned passers-by to a coming Christmas potluck. The bell ringer, a single mom in her 20s, reported slow traffic. Evidently, Santa can walk right up to you, and you may not even notice. The checks were issued by the local Commerce Bank, and if the Secret Santa has an elf or two at work there, they are good at keeping a secret. Local media have tried and failed over the years to figure out who the donor might be. Joplin is an old mining town once known for its riches of lead and zinc. Historic Route 66 ran right through town, in easy reach of the old stone garage that Bonnie and Clyde used as a hideout in the s. One day, the police found them. In one, Bonnie held Clyde at mock gunpoint; in another, she had her foot propped on a fender, pistol in hand, and a cigar in her mouth. There are signs of prosperity out by the highway, where gleaming BMW and Volvo dealerships line the road. But downtown, many of the old storefronts are boarded up. A new generation is moving in, hoping to add a little zing: The Salvation Army has families in its care this year, including 1, children. This year has been especially hard: A big iron kettle was set out at a Liverpool landing, and folks would toss in a coin or two to help the poor. Read a brief history of charity songs. Joplin residents seem content to let their Santa keep his privacy. Poff, the Salvation Army captain, added:

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