

Missouri American Water to Host Ribbon Cutting for Refurbished Elevated Storage Tank

Project reinforces water system reliability and redundancy while serving as a symbol of community pride

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., July 20, 2026 /PRNewswire/ -- Missouri American Water will be hosting a ribbon cutting for the refurbished elevated storage tank located on Karnes Road. Details on the event can be found below.

The Karnes Tank was originally constructed in 1970 and holds 750,000 gallons of water. Storage tanks are critical components of a water system as they maintain water pressure, provide storage to meet peak customer demand and help ensure service reliability during emergencies, power outages and maintenance activities. They also support fire protection.

"Adding Missouri Western's branding to the tank is a meaningful way to demonstrate our support for the university and help foster community pride," said **John Hontz, Senior Manager, Northwest Operations**. "A recent tank inspection identified maintenance needs, which presented an opportunity to complete the painting as part of the same project."

Details on the ribbon cutting:

Monday, July 20th at 3:00 p.m.
3914 Karnes Road

"This recognition is a tremendous point of pride for Missouri Western State University and our entire community," said **Patt Lilly, Interim President Missouri Western University (MoWest)**. "It reflects the dedication, talent and spirit of the people who call St. Joseph home, while reinforcing the strong connection between MoWest and the region we proudly serve. Celebrating achievements like this helps strengthen community pride and inspires current and future Griffons to make a lasting impact."

Located adjacent to Interstate 29, the tank is prominently visible and will continue to serve as an essential component of the water system while showcasing the university.

About Missouri American Water

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