

# LET'S HEAR FROM 123

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER: VOLUME 10- THURSDAY JUNE 1, 2023  
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## Did you know...



Flag Day  
June 14,  
2023

Although many schools in the late 1800s celebrated Flag Day programs, the most recognized claim is from New York on June 14, 1889 as Professor George Bolch, principal of a free kindergarten in New York City, held its patriotic celebration of the U.S. flag.

Congress approved the national observance of Flag Day to be held on June 14 in August 1949. It was then signed into law by President Harry S Truman.

[www.va.gov/opa/publicatuons/celebrate/flagday.pdf](http://www.va.gov/opa/publicatuons/celebrate/flagday.pdf)

## Who we are

We are a TEAM of volunteers intending to bring as much information monthly to the 63123 community as is provided to us. Each issue will highlight activities from area schools, recognize the events and developments making positive changes to our community. To be effective, we need your input. So, LET'S HEAR FROM 123!

visit: [www.afftonvolunteers.org](http://www.afftonvolunteers.org)



## Father's Day History

Sonora Smart Dodd wanted to honor her father, William Jackson Smart, who raised six children as a single parent after serving in the Civil War. So, in Spokane, Washington at the YMCA on June 19, 1910 she founded Father's Day.

Yet, it was not until 1972 when the law was signed by President Richard Nixon to make a permanent recognition of Father's Day every June.

[wesleychoice.org/12-interesting-facts-about-fathers-day/](http://wesleychoice.org/12-interesting-facts-about-fathers-day/)

## 63123 in Motion

On May 13, ACVO held its second annual Craft and Flea Market on the front parking lot of Affton High School.



## Upcoming Events

- Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site, Flamenco guitarist Ron Radford, June 4, 7pm
- Sappington House, the Sapping Tones, June 9, 5-8pm
- 9 Mile Garden food trucks & STL City soccer, June 3, 17, 24
- Shrewsbury Nights, food trucks, vendors, music at Wehner Pavilion, June 22, 6-8pm
- ACIA meeting June 22, at Tower Tee, 11am

# COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

## ACIA (Affton Community Improvement Association)

This month at the May ACIA meeting the guest speaker was Nathan Wilson, Superintendent of the Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site.

Wilson gave a presentation about the history of Ulysses S. Grant and how the museum covers in much detail all the important events in his life. They start with his first visit to White Haven in 1843 to his death in 1885.



Wilson also spoke about the many concerts to be held during June through August on the grounds. Check their website [www.nps.gov/ilsg](http://www.nps.gov/ilsg) for a schedule.

The museum is located at 7400 Grant Road, 63123.

U.S. President Ulysses S. Grant

Next month's guest speaker is Tower Tee's Mike Shania.

Everyone is welcomed to attend the monthly ACIA meetings. The next meeting is Thursday, June 22, at 11 am at Tower Tee on Heege.

To receive a copy of the minutes from previous meetings contact Peggy Keilholz at [ologyfam@att.net](mailto:ologyfam@att.net)



On June 19, 1865, Union troops arrived in Galveston, Texas and delivered the news that all slaves

were free and that the war was over. This was new information to many in Texas who had kept their slaves for over two years after President Abraham Lincoln had issued his Emancipation Proclamation in 1863.

To commemorate their freedom, families gathered together, prayed and held their celebrations at their churches or in rural areas, for using public facilities was still not allowed.

It was not until 2021 when President Joe Biden signed a law to make Juneteenth a federal holiday.

[sophe.org/news/juneteenth-why-is-it-important/](https://sophe.org/news/juneteenth-why-is-it-important/)



## Affton Community Volunteers Organization

Greetings,

Happy June to all! We hope everyone is enjoying spring and all the fun activities offered in our community.

Along with the fun in the sun, we have three important holidays. First, Flag Day is Wednesday June 14 - hooray for our red, white and blue! Father's Day is Sunday June 18 and then Juneteenth is on

Monday June 19. Salute the flag, thank the fathers and acknowledge Juneteenth!

Enjoy June, and stay safe!

Remember to visit the ACVO website - [www.afftonvolunteers.org](http://www.afftonvolunteers.org) - for updates on activities and events hosted by ACVO volunteers in the 63123 Community.

## Children need know where to go when there is a fire

Tip of the month...Please ask your children where they are going when the smoke alarm goes off or there is a fire in your home. The answer we want to hear is first, they are getting out. Second, pick a meeting place. We recommend a neighbor's porch, so they can knock on the door and get help. A meeting place prevents parents from reentering a burning home to look for a child that already made it out.



**Affton Fire Protection District Station 1**  
9282 Gravois Rd.  
314.631.1803  
[afftonfire.com](http://afftonfire.com)

Stay safe,  
**Chief Nick Fahs**

**Chief of Fire and EMS Services**

**SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER**

## FIRE SAFETY TIPS

**FOR KIDS AND TEENS**

In many homes, summer vacation means that children are home more often! If this is the case at your house, here are a few fire safety tips for peace of mind!

 <b>INSPECT ALL SMOKE ALARMS!</b>	 <b>CREATE &amp; PRACTICE A FIRE PLAN!</b>
 <b>MAKE SURE THEY KNOW HOW TO USE APPLIANCES!</b>	 <b>HAVE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS AVAILABLE!</b>



# COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS



## ACFP

1. Cereal - All Brands **Spring Requests**
2. Entrees - Canned Meats, Chicken, Ham, Spam, Stews, Chili, etc.
3. Soup - All Variety of Soups
4. Meal Supplements- Rice a Roni, Mashed Potatoes, Hamburger Helper, Velveeta and Knorr Sides
5. Dry and Canned Beans
6. Rice
7. Pasta Sauce
8. Dry Pasta
9. Laundry Detergent
10. Toilet Paper
11. Shampoo and Personal Care Items



## Affton Southwest Precinct updates

Hello, from the personnel of the Affton Southwest Precinct. May is a busy month for our Department because we honor our fallen officers at our annual Memorial Breakfast, which was held this year on May 5, 2023. It's our way to honor and remember their ultimate sacrifice by inviting families of our fallen heroes and our Department personnel.

It was a great turnout as we had members from each fallen officer's family, and several Department employees, which added up to about 500 guests.

The National Fraternal Order of Police also designates a week in May for "National Police Week", which is held in Washington D.C. Several Departments, families, and friends of fallen officer visit Washington D.C. during this week to honor their fallen loved one at several different events. We always represent the St. Louis County Police Department at these events because we never want to forget our fallen officers.

We continue to be down in Part 1 crimes in our Precinct, which are the crimes against persons and violent crimes. Stolen vehicles are also down this past month, and we are happy to say Hyundai and Kia vehicles are down a lot. We continue to offer the free locking mechanism for these vehicle makes, so please stop by the station if you haven't already.

Larcenies and shoplifting crimes are still up in our precinct. The thefts are happening in retail stores like Ulta Beauty, Target, and Walgreens. The Affton Southwest Precinct Detectives arrested one primary suspect who stole thousands of dollars from Ulta Beauty stores across our region.

We strongly encourage any interested residents to partner with us and attend our Neighborhood Watch Meetings. Please contact the Neighborhood Policing Office when your neighborhood or subdivision is hosting a meeting so an officer can attend and answer your questions.

Remember, for emergencies and reporting crimes, call 911. If you have a crime tip please visit this link for our new Community Crime Lead Portal: <http://stlouiscountypolice.com/resources-services/community-crime-lead-portal/>.

Thank you so much for your interest in our community. Stay safe and please contact us if you need anything!  
Lt. Shawn McGuire & Affton Southwest Precinct personnel

## HELP SUPPORT AFFTON STUDENTS IN NEED

Please consider donating to the Affton Family Fund and/or donating your business services and time

(i.e., free oil change, free haircut, etc.).

Our District Social Worker, Ashley O'Daniel, uses this fund to assist our families.

Just this school year alone, the Affton Family Fund has assisted over 50 students.



**DONATE ANYTIME**  
[bit.ly/AfftonFund](http://bit.ly/AfftonFund)

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

✉ [aodaniel@afftonschools.net](mailto:aodaniel@afftonschools.net)

☎ 314-633-5928



# COMMUNITY ENTERTAINMENT

## Tower Tee

**Hours:**  
 Monday 10am-10pm,  
 Tuesday- Saturday 8am-10pm  
 Sunday-8am-8pm

6727 Heege Road  
 314.833.3322  
[towertee.com](http://towertee.com)

Fun for adults and kids: par 3 golf course, driving range, top tracer bays, footgolf, putting course/mini golf, and bocce ball. Batting cages are open!

Check their website for music on the patio!



## GRANT'S FARM

The Bush Family Home Since 1903

Summer 2023:  
 Fresh From  
 Grant's Farm

Upcoming Events

7385 Grant Road - St. Louis, MO 314-843-1700 - [grantsfarm.com](http://grantsfarm.com)

Summer Nights and free General Admission every day started on Friday May 26. We cannot wait to have you visit!



Wednesday



## 2023 SEASON Preview

March 1st  
 Official Opening  
 Day for the season

- \* Live Music 2-3 nights a week
- \* STL CITY SC Game Day Watch Parties
- \* Music Bingo the 1st Saturday of every Month
- \* Trivia Every Thursday

Open for Business Wednesday- Sunday

[www.9milegarden.com](http://www.9milegarden.com)

## SUMMER NIGHTS at GRANT'S FARM

Summer Nights Fridays & Saturdays 5-10pm

Join us for live music, great food and specialty cocktails every Friday and Saturday evening through Labor Day. Plus, in celebration of our 120th anniversary, Summer Nights admission now includes Grant's Farm in the Sky: A Drone Show Spectacular, featuring 150 drones performing a choreographed visual tribute to St. Louis and Grant's Farm. Admission is \$12 per person, ages 4 and up. Parking is additional.

**Starting May 26:** Grant's Farm will be open for general admission daily visits. This includes the tram ride through the Deer Park, access to animal habitats, feedings, and shows, complimentary beer tasting, and more. Add on a Private Tour or Fun Pass to enhance your experience. Parking starts at \$19; save \$3 by booking in advance.



## The Preserve

The Estates display at The Preserve is now open!

Call Andy Babor, 636-891-3693 for more details.



## Do not miss these fun June events

9 Mile Garden - Food trucks

- June 3 - Watch STL City v Houston at 7:10pm
- June 17 - Watch STL City v Nashville at 7:30pm
- June 24 - Watch STL City v San Jose at 9:30pm

Concerts (BYO Lawn Chairs)

- June 4 - Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site, Flamenco guitarist Ron Radford, 7pm
- June 9 - Historic Sappington House, the Sapping Tones, 5-8pm
- June 15 - Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site, Arcadia Dance Orchestra, 7pm
- June 22 - Shrewsbury Nights, food trucks, vendors, music at Wehner Pavilion, 6-8pm



# SCHOOL UPDATES



## AFFTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

On Tues., May 16, the Affton School District Board of Education approved the hiring of Dr. Sarah Davidovits as Assistant Principal for Gotsch Intermediate School for the 2023-24 school year.

"We are excited to bring Sarah on board. Her passion for supporting our students' social and emotional growth and advocacy for all stakeholders is inspiring," Dr. Christine Powers, principal at Gotsch Intermediate School said.



On Friday, May 12, 2023, we held our 6th Annual #afftonstrong Community Day of Service, with a goal of every student and staff member serving our community for at least one hour that day.



Together, we are making Affton stronger and helping our students develop as responsible citizens ready to make a difference in our schools, our community, and our world.

A special thanks to Affton Parents Club for helping donate supplies and supporting our #afftonstrong Community Day of Service!

A big COUGAR CONGRATULATIONS to the Affton High School track and field athletes who qualified for the State Championship at the end of May.

State qualifiers are Kevin Morales: 4x400; Terran Mitchell: 4x400, Triple Jump, and Long Jump; Chris Pashkov: 4x400; Jeremiah Williams: 4x400; Josiah Lovelace: 4x400; Melody Olesia: High Jump; and Anna Daughtry: 800m.

### Affton High School Class of 2023 Finishes Strong

Congratulations to the Affton High School Class of 2023! These 162 remarkable graduates, whose freshman year was cut short due to the global pandemic, earned over \$8.3 million in merit-based scholarships.

"I've never been more proud of a group of students in my entire career. You have conquered the roughest of seas in your four years and you have a strong foundation, an anchor that will provide everything you need in the future - but one that will NEVER hold you down," principal, Dr. Deann Myers, said.



## Affton Sports -No sports until... August

### Varsity Football

- 8/25: Lutheran South 7pm
- 9/1: St. Genevieve 7pm

### JV Football

- 8/28: Lutheran South (AWAY) 4:15pm

### Varsity Soccer

- 8/21: TBA 5:30pm
- 8/31: Collegiate Sch. of Med/Bio (AWAY) 4:30pm

### JV Soccer

- 8/31: Pattonville (AWAY) 4:30pm

### Varsity Softball

- 8/28: Pacific (AWAY) 4:30pm
- 8/30: Hancock (AWAY) 4:30pm
- 8/31: Jefferson R-7 4:30pm

### JV Softball

- 8/28: Pacific (AWAY) 6pm

### Swimming

- 8/31: Oakville (AWAY) 4:15pm

### Varsity Volleyball

- No games posted yet

### JV Volleyball

- No games posted yet

### Freshmen Volleyball

- No games posted yet

### Tennis

- 8/28: Oakville (AWAY) 4pm



# SCHOOL UPDATES



## Bayless enjoys 2023 commencement indoors, despite weather



Amina Bajramovic

The Bayless High School Class of 2023 held its commencement ceremony at the newly-renovated auditorium due to rain and storms.

The Class of 2023 speakers were: Amina Bajramovic, Farahnaz Nazary and Leo Schrader, all of whom reflected on the bright future in which Bayless has helped them prepare.



Farahnaz Nazary



Leo Schrader



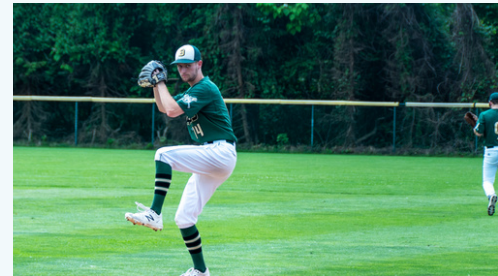
## Ella Follen named BHS Senior of the Year and Post-Dispatch Scholar Athlete

Bayless senior Ella Follen was selected as the BHS Senior of the year and as a Scholar-Athlete by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch in May. Follen's accomplishments as a student-athlete made her very deserving of both honors.

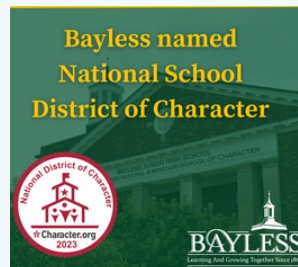
## Bayless baseball beats Affton for first time in years

In the first round of the district playoffs, Bayless baseball beat Affton 3-2, snapping a 22 year losing-streak to the Cougars.

Pitcher Lucas Efken



## Bayless one of only two schools named National District of Character



Bayless was just named a National School District of Character by *Character.org*. The organization gives the designation to schools and districts that teach their students to be good citizens and lead character-filled lives.

Districts must undergo a rigorous review process to earn the right to be called a National District of Character. They are observed at the state level for the State District of Character designation, then again with a more intense process at the national level.

The only other district to receive the designation was a New Jersey district that is just a short distance from New York City.

## Bayless Sports -No sports until... August

### Varsity Football

- 8/20: TBA 9am
- 8/26: Principia 7pm

### JV Football

- No games in August

### Varsity Volleyball

- No games in August

### JV Volleyball

- No games in August

### Varsity Soccer

- No games posted yet

### JV Soccer

- No games posted yet

### Varsity Softball

- 8/25: DuBourg 4pm
- 8/30: Jefferson R-7 4:30pm

### JV Softball

- No games in August



# SCHOOL UPDATES



## Cor Jesu celebrates the retirement of two Charger legends



Larry Russell has been teaching Physics at CJA for 32 years! CJA will not be the same without Mr. Russell.



Kay Fellin has been at CJA for nine years working in the Student Learning Center. She has helped countless students while radiating positivity constantly.



The CJ dance class had a fantastic recital. They worked hard all semester and performed in front of the school. Congratulations girls!



Congratulations to the Class of 2023 on 100 percent College Attendance. GO CHARGERS!



For the first time in CJ history Track and Field are DISTRICT CHAMPS! Incredible Job to all these ladies!

## Cor Jesu Sports -No sports until... August

### Varsity Softball

- 8/31: Eureka (AWAY) 4:30pm
- 9/1: Parkway South 4:15pm

### JV Softball

- 8/31: Eureka 4:30pm
- 9/1: Parkway South (AWAY) 4:15pm

### Varsity Tennis

- 8/29: Ladue 4pm

### JV Tennis

- 8/29: Ladue (AWAY) 4pm

### Varsity Volleyball

- 8/25: Oakville 5:45pm
- 8/28: St. Francis Borgia 6pm
- 8/30: Lafayette 5:30pm
- 8/31: St. Joseph's 5:45pm

### JV Volleyball

- 8/25: Oakville 4:15pm
- 8/26: Lafayette Tourney 8am
- 8/28: St. Francis Borgia 4:30pm
- 8/30: Lafayette 4:30pm
- 8/31: St. Joseph's 4:15pm

### Freshman Volleyball

- 8/25: Oakville 4:15pm
- 8/28: St Francis Borgia 4:30pm
- 8/30: Lafayette 4:30pm
- 8/31: St. Joseph's 4:15pm

### Varsity Field Hockey

- No games posted yet

### JV Field Hockey

- No games posted yet

### Cross Country

- No games posted yet



# SCHOOL UPDATES



**LUTHERAN  
HIGH SCHOOL  
SOUTH**



It was a momentous day for our Lutheran South community as we officially broke ground on the Jubel Center for the Arts! Congresswoman Ann Wagner joined board members, donors, alumni, families, faculty, and students to mark the beginning of the \$18 million project, which will include a 600+ seat theater, music and art rooms, as well as a new lobby and grand entrance to the school.



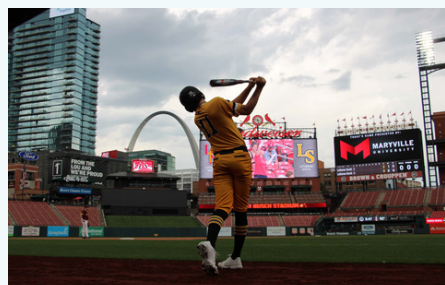
The Class of 2023 earned more than \$3.3 million in scholarships. They were accepted to 297 different universities and are headed to college in 16 states across the country from Florida to Arizona. About 15 percent of the students intend to study business in college, and another 15 percent plan to go into the medical field. The remaining interests range from education to English and law to journalism. Fourteen students signed to continue their athletic careers in college. Please keep these students in your prayers as they embark on their next journey in life.



Sophomore Noah Whitaker advanced to State in golf.



It was a clean sweep! The boys tennis team took first and second in both singles and doubles in the individual District Tournament, and won the team District Championship, as well!



Seven pitchers combined for a two-hitter as the Lancers were victorious over the Lutheran North Crusaders in the Battle at Busch! Junior Mac Floyd hit an inside-the-park home run, and he and catcher Carter Arenz each had two hits and three RBI's in the game.



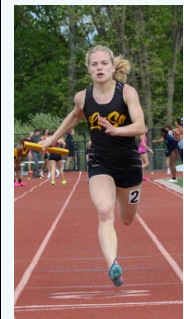
Join Mizsou running back Cody Schrader for football camp on Saturday, June 24 at his alma mater, Lutheran South. Afternoon sessions are available for 5th and 6th graders and for 7th and 8th graders. Registration is \$50 per player and includes a Cody Schrader t-shirt just in time for the Tigers football season.  
*Sign up at [LSlancers.org/events](https://www.lslancers.org/events)*



Senior Nwilibabari Deele signed to continue his football career at Missouri Baptist this fall.



Theater II students presented their Spotlight Showcase featuring performances from some of their favorite musicals. The show was "Popular" as students aimed to "Make 'Em Laugh" and told "Their Story of Tonight."



Both the boys and the girls track teams were Conference Champs and Runner-up District Champs!

## Lutheran South Sports -No sports until... August

### Varsity Volleyball

- 8/21: Parkway Central 5:30pm
- 8/29: Francis Howell Central 5:30pm
- 8/30: St. Pius (AWAY) 6:30pm

### JV Volleyball

- 8/26: Lafayette Tourney (AWAY) 8am
- 8/29: Francis Howell 4:30pm
- 8/30: St. Pius (AWAY) 5:30pm

### Freshmen Volleyball

- 8/26: Lafayette Tourney (AWAY) 8am

### Varsity Field Hockey

- 8/30: Parkway Central (AWAY) 6pm

### JV Field Hockey

- 8/30: Parkway South (AWAY) 4:30pm

### Varsity Soccer

- 8/26: Metro League Tourney
- 8/29: Metro League Tourney
- 9/1: Metro League Tourney

### JV Soccer

- 8/30: Clayton 4:15pm

### Freshman Soccer

- No games posted yet

### Tennis

- 8/29: Metro League Tourney

### JV Tennis

- 8/29: Rockwood (AWAY) 4pm

### Golf

- No scheduled matches in August

### Varsity Football

- 8/25: Affton (AWAY) 7pm
- 9/1: St. James (AWAY) 7pm

### JV Football

- 8/28: Affton 4:15pm

### Varsity Softball

- 8/25 & 26: Union Tourney (AWAY)
- 8/28: Webster Groves 4:30pm
- 8/30: Nerinx (AWAY) 4pm
- 9/1: St Charles High 4:15pm

### JV Softball

- 9/1: St. Charles High 5:45pm



# SCHOOL UPDATES



**SALEM LUTHERAN**  
CHURCH AND SCHOOL

5025 Lakewood Avenue  
St. Louis, MO. 63123  
314-353-9242 - [www.slcas.org](http://www.slcas.org)

Second graders learned about producers and consumers. Each student had to make a product to sell and create a Market Place.



Congratulations to our 8th-grade graduates!

**NOW HIRING**

Contact Marie Wilson-Fluegge  
314-353-9242 or  
[mariewilson@slcas.org](mailto:mariewilson@slcas.org)

**SUMMER CAMP COUNSELORS:**  
WORK WITH AGES 2 - 6TH GRADE, 3-4 DAYS A WEEK  
FLEXIBLE HOURS - 6:15 A.M. - 6 P.M.  
\*18 YEARS AND OLDER

**SCHOOL YEAR:**  
PRESCHOOL ASSISTANTS  
BEFORE AND AFTERCARE  
PART-TIME CUSTODIAN, UP TO 30 HOURS A WEEK  
MARKETING STAFF, 15 HOURS A WEEK



This quarter, 5th-8th graders were invited to complete an Emergency First Responder Certificate Course. The curriculum included instruction and care skills in 13 areas, including treatment for allergic reactions, poisonings, cuts, bruises, burns, heat exhaustion and strokes.



Our new Enrichment Class, Photography Phun Enrichment Program was offered to 4th - 8th graders. Some topics covered were still-life, macrophotography, portraits and cropping.



**Salem Lutheran School**

Early Childhood Center  
Ages 2 - Pre-K  
Elementary School  
Kindergarten - 8th grade

Private Tours to learn more about Early Childhood - 8th grade are available on your schedule

- Christian values
- Athletics and band
- Enrichment for all ages
- Care from 6:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Learning Center to offer additional support
- Discounted tuition for new student grade K-8!



SALEM LUTHERAN  
CHURCH AND SCHOOL



5025 Lakewood Ave  
Allenton, MO 63123  
[slcas.org/school](http://slcas.org/school)

## Holy Cross ACADEMY

**Holy Cross Academy**  
8874 Pardee - St. Louis, MO 63123  
Intermediate Campus  
7748 Mackenzie Road St. Louis, MO 65123  
Early Education Center

## Thank you

Our thanks to all who participated to make volume 10 of LET'S HEAR FROM 123. Enjoy the beginning of summer, and celebrate Flag Day, all fathers and Juneteenth! See you next month!

