

LET'S HEAR FROM 123

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Did you know...

The Fourth of July, also known as Independence Day, has been a paid federal holiday since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the American Revolution.

On July 2nd, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence from Great Britain, and two days later delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence, the document drafted mostly by Thomas Jefferson.

From 1776 to the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with festivities ranging from fireworks, parades and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues.

<https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/july-4th>

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



63123 in Motion

Affton alum (2010) Markus Golden, held his 5th Football Camp on June 17 at Affton High School. Golden, a linebacker for the Pittsburgh Steelers, puts on this free camp which had 450 participants this year.



Upcoming Events

- Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site, Lady J Hutson concert, July 20, 7pm
- Salem Lutheran Men's BBQ July 8, 10am-until they sell out
- 9 Mile Garden Thursday night trivia, every Thursday, 7pm
- ACIA meeting July 27, Affton Fire Station, 11am

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

ACIA (Affton Community Improvement Association)

This month the ACIA met at Tower Tee Golf Range. The meeting was hosted by owner Mike Shamia who told us how Tower Tee was developed and all the fun activities offered to all ages.



After Shamia's presentation he hosted a question and answer session. One of the questions, "how many balls are hit over the fences," led to a lengthy explanation of improvements to keep the golf ball on Tower Tee property.

Tower Tee owner Mike Shamia

As to how many balls are hit over the back fence, about, "20-30 per week, depending on the wind and athleticism of the golfer," Shamia said.

How Tower Tee looks to cut down that number is by installing another 100 feet of netting on the back fence and increasing the netting on the east side of Tower Tee.

The last part of the meeting was devoted to hearing updates from the community representatives who were in attendance at the meeting.



ACIA members meet at Tower Tee.



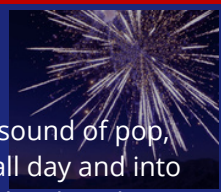
Southwest precinct Police Chief Captain Guy Means

Everyone is welcomed to attend the monthly ACIA meetings. The next meeting is Thursday, July 27 - 11 am. at the Affton Fire Station on Gravois. Guest speakers will be elected officials - Doug Beck, Sarah Unsicker, Michael Burton and Bridget Walsh-Moore.

To receive a copy of the minutes from previous meetings contact Peggy Keilholz at ologyfam@att.net



Affton Community Volunteers Organization



Greetings, happy July to all! we hope everyone is enjoying summer, and all the fun activities and events our community offers.

Along with the fun in the sun we have a very important holiday July 4th also known as Independence Day.

On this day we celebrate the birth of American Independence. The most popular activity on this day

are fireworks. The sound of pop, pop, pop is heard all day and into the night. At night the sky is lite up with an array of colors.

We hope you enjoy July 4th along with all the activities July will offer.

Stay safe!

Remember to visit the ACVO website - www.afftonvolunteers.org - for updates on activities and events hosted by ACVO volunteers in the 63123 Community.

Heat related illness needs to be taken seriously

Tip of the month...It is hot out there! Be aware of heat related symptoms to avoid heat exhaustion or heat stroke.

Stay cool, stay safe,
Nick Fahs
Chief of Fire and EMS Services



Affton Fire Protection District Station 1
9282 Gravois Rd.
314.631.1803
afftonfire.com

HEAT EXHAUSTION OR HEAT STROKE?

HEAT EXHAUSTION SYMPTOMS

1. Faint or dizzy
2. Excessive sweating
3. Cool, pale, clammy skin
4. Nausea, vomiting
5. Rapid, weak pulse
6. Muscle cramps

HOW TO TREAT IT

1. Move to cooler location
2. Drink water
3. Take a cool shower or use cold compresses

HEAT STROKE SYMPTOMS

1. Throbbing headache
2. No sweating
3. Body temp above 103°
Red, hot, dry skin
4. Nausea, vomiting
5. Rapid, strong pulse
6. May lose consciousness

HOW TO TREAT IT

1. Get emergency help
2. Keep cool until treated

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS



ACFP Top Ten Most Needed Items

1. Entrees (ie. canned chicken, Spam, canned ham, beef stew)
2. Dry pasta
3. Pasta sauce/tomato products (diced, Rotel, Sloppy Joe sauce)
4. Canned beans and dry beans
5. Detergent
6. Toilet paper
7. Personal hygiene (ie. shampoo, deodorant, feminine hygiene, toothpaste)
8. Canned fruit
9. Chili
10. Cereal



*Thank
you!*

**ACFP
T.V.
TRIVIA
NIGHT**

Silent Auction
50/50 Raffles & More
Beer & Soda Provided

8 • 19 • 23 **\$25**
per person
table of 8

Seven Holy Founders :
Parish Hall
6741 S. Rock Hill Road 63123

Doors open at: 6:00pm
Game starts at: 7:00pm

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Text or Call: 314-578-9777



Affton Southwest Precinct updates

Greetings from the personnel of the Affton Southwest Precinct! We hope everyone is staying safe while enjoying the beginning of summer.

If you haven't driven past the construction of our new precinct, please do so! Construction crews continue to work quickly and efficiently, and they hope to have the roof on by the end of July. Captain Means and I are starting to reach out to local businesses with an effort to get some electronics, mainly televisions and monitors, donated to help complete the precinct. Please contact us if you are interested in donating any new electronics for our station.

Larcenies, specifically "smash and grabs", from vehicles continue to persist in our precinct. These types of crimes can be planned or spontaneous. Suspect(s) look into vehicles for valuables, and if they see something, they check the handle to see if the vehicle is unlocked or smash the window with a window punch or other object to gain entry. Please remember to lock your vehicle doors, bring valuables inside your home, and report any type of suspicious activity in your neighborhood. Please be a good witness to these crimes and don't confront these individuals. Photos and videos from our region have some of these suspects carrying firearms, so please do not try to be a hero. Call us if you see something.

We now have multiple ways to contact the police department. You obviously could call 911 for emergencies or reporting crime, or you could call our station at 314-615-4200 to talk to a desk officer to report any low level issues. Our Department now has an online "Community Crime Lead Portal" on our website at www.stlouiscountypolice.com. Once you go to our website, scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on the portal. It will take you to a page where you can report any type of information or crime tip. It will automatically go to the Precinct you live in. You can stay anonymous or leave your contact information for officers to follow up with you. Here is the exact link to the portal: <http://stlouiscountypolice.com/resources-services/community-crime-lead-portal/>.

**COMMUNITY
CRIME LEAD
PORTAL**

Report quality-of-life crimes:
SPEEDING VEHICLES
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY
EXTRAL PATROL SECURITY
ILLEGAL DUMPING

FOR IN-PROGRESS AND
EMERGENCY CONCERNS, CALL 911

Stay safe and please contact us if you need anything!

-Lt. Shawn McGuire and the Affton Southwest Precinct personnel

Affton's Holiday Bazaar Saturday, November 11 - 9 to 3 pm Affton High School

Applications for vendors to participate in the Affton Holiday Bazaar will be posted on the ACVO website (www.afftonvolunteers.org) starting July 15.

Ho! Ho! Ho!



COMMUNITY ENTERTAINMENT



GRANT'S FARM

The Busch Family Home Since 1903

Summer 2023:
Fresh From
Grant's Farm

Upcoming Events

7385 Grant Road - St. Louis, MO 314-843-1700 - grantsfarm.com



Free General Admission
Everyday 9am-6pm

Visit Grant's Farm for free Monday through Sunday during general admission hours. You can walk up to the entrance or purchase a parking ticket to use the lot. Free general admission includes the tram ride through the deer park, two beers courtesy of our premier partner Anheuser-Busch, and access to all the animal shows and habitats, concessions, and more.



Private Tours - Every Day 9am-6pm

Enhance your visit to Grant's Farm by adding a Private Tour. This is the best way to get special access to animal photo opps, and one-of-a-kind experiences.

Tours include:

- Clydesdale Close-Up
- Private Behind-the-Scenes
- Animal Encounters
- Deer Park Wagon

Tower Tee

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

Fun for adults and kids: par 3 golf course, driving range, top tracer bays, foot,golf, putting course/mini golf, batting cages and bocce ball.

Check their website for music on the patio!

6727 Heege Road
314.833.3322
towertee.com

The Preserve

The Estates display at The Preserve is now open!

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

THURSDAY NIGHTS @ 7PM

2023

class of

Our community would like to congratulate every graduate from kindergarten through high school, college and those receiving advanced degrees.

We look forward to you finishing your education while helping to grow our community stronger. We wish each graduate continued success on their pathway to the future.

**Sincerely,
Your Community Friends**



SCHOOL UPDATES



In June, Dr. Jason Buck, Director of College & Career Readiness, Mallori Green, Global Business & Entrepreneurship teacher for St. Louis Centers for Advanced Professional Studies (STLCAPS), Mary Giunta, College & Career Counselor at Affton High School, and Dr. Tim Luecke, Director of STLCAPS, attended the Missouri Chamber of Commerce Show Me Careers Educator Experience. Affton/STLCAPS won the Hackathon, a competition to pitch an idea to implement next school year. They now have the opportunity to create a more formal proposal for grant funding. Congratulations!

AFFTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
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MINIMUM HOURLY RATE: \$20.93

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Summer learning is FUN

School may be out for the summer, but over 800 students are attending Summer School -- and having so much fun while learning. We look forward to welcoming our students, team, and families back to the 2023-24 school year on Monday, August 21, 2023!



Affton Sports -No sports until... August



SCHOOL UPDATES



Summer Journey time at Bayless

The month of June is Summer Journey time at Bayless. Summer Journey is a fun summer school program designed to keep kids learning and engaged. There have been normal classes, and fun ones like cooking and golf. As our students head home for July, we look forward to preparing our facilities to welcome students back in August.



Bayless Sports -No sports until... August

SCHOOL UPDATES



Chargers overseas this summer



Eight chargers studied through Europe. From the Caernarfon Castle in Chester, to Dublin and finally to Waterford. They have been making the best memories!



Fun at Charger Summer Camps!



Next, three students are on a Global Education Immersion Experience in Taiwan. They are traveling with two other St. Louis schools and have been having the best experiences possible.



CJA's Corporate Partners Initiative

Rising juniors and seniors have had the opportunity to participate in the Summer Experience programs. Through this they have been able to visit businesses, medical and engineering sites, while meeting professionals in each field.



Cor Jesu Sports -No sports until... August

SCHOOL UPDATES



LUTHERAN
HIGH SCHOOL
SOUTH



Lutheran South's English teacher, theology instructor, campus pastor, curriculum director, and state-qualifying mock trial coach, Pastor Joseph Cox, was named a Christian Teacher of the Year by the Herzog Foundation. This award is presented to 12 educators across the country as part of the Herzog Foundation's Excellence in Christian Education award series. Each awardee receives a free trip to Washington, D.C. for the Teacher of the Year Awards Gala in September at the Museum of the Bible.



LuSo OnStage was recognized at the St. Louis High School Musical Theatre Awards for the cast and crew's outstanding performance of "Back to the 80's!" The awards show, a high school version of the Tony Awards, is a collaboration between The Fabulous Fox, The Muny, and The Fox Performing Arts Charitable Foundation. Out of 34 high schools that participated in the year-long review process, LuSo OnStage won a \$2,500 Production Enhancement Award, which recognizes and invests in programs on the rise.



Sophomore Kallista Nguyen will be attending Missouri Scholars Academy this summer. Founded in 1985, the Missouri Scholars Academy is a three-week residential program for 330 of Missouri's academically gifted students who are ready to begin their junior year of high school. The Academy is held each June on the campus of the University of Missouri and administered by the University of Missouri Honors College.



Jack Jennings and John Haines are headed to Missouri Boys State this summer, and Bella Bracken and Maddie Holland were selected for Girls State. Male and female students from across Missouri apply, and the best and brightest are chosen to attend a week-long session on the campus of Lindenwood University, where they learn the fundamentals of government and democracy through hands-on experience.



The girls 4X100 relay made up of Katelynn Karsten, Hope Dicken, Ella Kasperek, and Beth Saitz, won the Class 3 State Championship. Saitz additionally took sixth in the long jump, and in her first state track competition, freshman Grace Prange placed fifth in the high jump. In boys track, senior Adam Snoke ran away with four

medals taking second in the 800, third in the 1600, seventh in the 3200, and eighth in the 4X400 relay. Zeke Samking, Cole Buscher and Brenton Hickerson rounded out the 4X400 team for a podium finish. Samking also took seventh in the 400-meter run and Brian Eichelberger threw the shot put for a sixth-place finish.



Several LuSo baseball players were named to the All-Conference and Academic All-American Teams. The National High School Baseball Coaches Association honors the nation's finest student-athletes with a 3.6-grade point average or higher. Carter Arenz, Jack Bussen, Connor Flieg, Dillon Slinkard, and Logan Slinkard were all recognized for their success on the diamond and in the classroom.

Lutheran South Sports -No sports until... August

SCHOOL UPDATES



SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

5025 Lakewood Avenue
St. Louis, MO. 63123
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- Christian values
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- Learning Center to offer additional support
- Discounted tuition for new student grade K-8!



SALEM LUTHERAN
CHURCH AND SCHOOL



5025 Lakewood Ave
Affton, MO 63123
slcas.org/school

SALEM LUTHERAN MEN'S CLUB BBQ

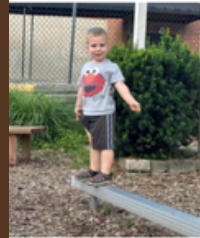
10 a.m.
until
Sold
Out



July 8
August 12
Sept 9

Pork Steaks, Ribs, Chicken, Burgers,
Brats,
and Hot Dogs

CAMP SONSHINE SALEM LUTHERAN SCHOOL



Holy Cross Academy

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

COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT



**DO YOU
HAVE A QUESTION FOR
YOUR ELECTED
REPRESENTATIVE?**

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Thank you

Our thanks to all who participated to make volume 11 of LET'S HEAR FROM 123. Enjoy the heat, and the Fourth of July celebrations! See you next month!

