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#### 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: <u>www.afftonvolunteers.org</u>

### Did you know...

- Thanksgiving Day, is an annual national holiday in the United States and Canada
- Parades have become an integral part of the holiday in cities and towns across the United States.
- Presented by Macy's department store since 1924, New York City's Thanksgiving Day parade is the largest and most famous, attracting some 2 to 3 million spectators along its 2.5-mile route and drawing an television audience of over 44 million.
- Today, nearly 90 percent of Americans eat turkey — whether roasted, baked or deepfried—on Thanksgiving

(History.com & National Turkey Federation)





### 63123 in Motion

Trick or **Treaters** could be found at Affton High School's Trick or **Treat Street** and at Affton Early Childhood's Trunk or Treat.









### **Upcoming Events**

- Barbie Bingo November 2, at Seven Holy Founders, doors open at 4:30pm, first speedball at 6:05pm
- Bayless fall production of "Clue" November 11, 7:30pm & November 12, 2pm
- Affton Holiday Bazaar, November 11, at AHS, 8:30am-3pm
- AHS fall production of "Harvey", November 11 & 12, 7:30pm
- Rock & Roll Bingo December 1, at Affton Elks Lodge 7-10pm November 17 & 18, 7:30 pm
- ACIA meeting December 7, Affton Fire Station, 11am

# COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Sunset Hills

Sappington

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



### A few safety tips for **November**

With the colder weather arriving, please check to make sure you have a functioning carbon monoxide detector and do not forget to change the batteries in your smoke detectors.

Stay safe, **Donald Woolem Battalion Chief Medical Officer** 







### **Affton Southwest Precinct updates**

Hello, from the personnel of the Affton Southwest Precinct! This year is moving right along as we get ready for the holiday season.

This month we wanted to present some information on Cyber Bullying, which affects 37-39 percent of adolescents.





Thank you so much for your support. Stay safe and contact us if you need anything.

-Lt. Shawn McGuire, Affton-Southwest Precinct (smcguire@stlouiscounty mo.gov)

# ACIA (Affton Community Improvement Association)

This month the ACIA meeting was held at the at the Affton Fire Station on Gravois. The meeting started with an informative presentation by guest speaker Tim Luecke, Ed.D. - St. Louis CAPS Director.

The presentation was followed by an active Q/A. The CAPS program is looking to connect with companies and businesses that would like to mentor young people and give them a closer insight into an occupation that they may have a passion for.

If your Company or Business would like to help build interest in young minds for the future contact Tim Luecke, ED D. - Director, at luecke@stlcaps or call 314-810-9126.

At the end of the meeting we held a reception to honor retired Fire Chief Nick Fahs. You will find information about Chief Fahs retirement in the September newsletter. Our next meeting will be a Holiday Party on December 7.

We hope everyone has a wonderful November with family and friends.



Affton Superintendent Travis Bracht, retiring Fire Chief Nick Fahs, Mary Fahs and Affton Police Chief Captain Guy Means.

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### **Affton Community Volunteers Organization**

Greetings, Happy November to All!

We hope everyone had a good October enjoying the fun festivities of the month.

Looking forward to November and celebrating special dates like Veterans Day (Saturday, November 11) and Thanksgiving (Thursday, November 23), at the top of the list for many people.

On Veterans Day, and throughout the year, we hope everyone will make time to thank our Veterans for the freedom they help keep.

Thinking of Thanksgiving, we hope your day is filled with good food, family and friends.

Have a good November and stay safe.





### Christian Food Pantry for November

At this time of year our supplies run very low. We often times have to go out and buy shelf staple items in addition to the meat, milk, eggs we purchase every week.

Our number of clients have swelled with the start of the school year as well. These are the number of people we helped every two weeks with food last month:

-266 families -340 children -958 individuals -246 seniors

As you look at the list below, the items we need do change a little from month to month. We usually try to have about 1 - 3 months supply of all of our shelf staple items (three is our goal). So we have a critical need for the items listed below.

- 1. Entrees, like canned chicken, spam, ham, beef stew, etc- 2 weeks
- 2. Meal supplements like Rice a Roni, Knorr side dishes, Hamburger Helper- 2 weeks
- 3. Personal Care items like soap, deodorant, shampoo, cleaning supplies- 1 week
- 4. Canned Fruit- 1 day
- 5. Mac 'n Cheese- 1 month
- 6. Canned and dry beans- 3 weeks
- 7. Chili- 3 weeks
- 8. Cereal- 3 weeks
- 9. Pasta sauce or canned tomatoes- 2 days
- 10. Baking goods/ mixes- 1 week
- 11. Detergent- 2 weeks



### **U.S. Grant NHS events**

**Veterans Day Presentation: Grant's West Point Class of** 1843 November 11. 2023 at 10am



Ulysses S. Grant graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in June 1843. He and his classmates could have never anticipated their future roles in shaping American history the day they graduated. Of the thirty-nine West Point cadets, four died in the Mexican-American War. Fifteen became Union Generals during the Civil War. Ranger Ashton will talk about Grant's time at West Point and the accomplishments of some of his fellow classmates.

This event is free, but reservations are required. Please call (314) 842-1867 ext. 230.

### **Coat collection update**

Boy Scout Troop 821B, on October 21, had a successful day at Mesnier school as they collected 60 pieces of outerwear for future distribution to those in need.

On October 28, the Boy Scouts had another good day, despite the cold weather and took in over 30 articles of outwear.



### **Tower Tee**

6727 Heege Road 314.833.3322 towertee.com 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, footgolf, putting course/mini golf, batting cages and bocce ball.
- Check website for music on the patio!







### GRANT'S FARM

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GRANT'S FARM

Saturday, November 4, 9am-7:00pm with free fireworks at 6:15pm

**Grab your favorite jacket** and enjoy the crisp autumn air as we welcome Fall Fest at Grant's Farm!

**During daylight hours on** Saturdays and Sundays, Fall Fest takes over the Clydesdale Stables.



Kick off the holiday season by enjoying the Holiday Lights at Grant's Farm. Walk Through dates begin November 24-25 and Drive Through dates begin November 29-30.

Visit grantsfarm.com to purchase tickets for these events!





When: Friday, December 1 Where: Affton Elks Lodge Time: 7:00 - 10:00pm

Join the Affton-Lemay Chamber of Commerce for a night of musical FUN! Rock and Roll Bingo is 12 rounds of bingo, but with music clips.

Register for this event at: <u>afftonchamber.com/calendar.html</u> Or contact Lisa Rackley 314.631.3100

# Barbie Bingo

In honor of breast cancer awareness, we will hold a special bingo in November.

When: Thursday, November 2 Where: Seven Holy Founders Parish Hall Time: Doors Open at 4:30pm and the first speedball game begins at 6:05pm

- Prizes for the best dressed Barbies and the best decorated table.
- Attendance prizes will be given out throughout the evening.
- We will have a special collection to be donated to the Siteman Cancer Center.

### Affton Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, November 11 - 8:30 to 3 pm Affton High School 8309 Mackenzie Road - 63123

Crafter and Vendor Booths

Are Still Available

Call Pam at 314-283-7813 to Reserve a Booth Come join 60+Vendors and Crafters to sell your crafts and commercially made items. During the Bazaar there will be a refreshment booth serving donuts, pizza, hot dogs, pretzels and beverages hosted by the Affton Parents Club - a Grab Bag Booth, along with a few other surprises throughout the day Don't miss a chance to sell your items and make \$\$ For complete details and application view www.afftonvolunteers.org - Click on Community Activities - Scroll Down to Application

Plenty of Extra Fun \*Kids Corner \*Free Face Painting \*Free Drawing Every **Hour for Prizes** 



### Special dinner menu:

Rainbow Fruit Salad Fairy Tale Pasta Salad Fashionista Chicken Salad Sandwiches (2) Pink Lemonade Cost is \$10

For more information, to provide dessert or volunteer to work please contact Marcy at 314-277-1125

# SCHOOL UPDATES

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### Spooky fun for everyone

October brought all treats and no tricks during several events for our students, schools, and community. We loved seeing all the little ones in costumes while they enjoyed games, crafts, and treats at Affton High School's Trick or Treat Street and Affton Early Childhood's Trunk or Treat! Thanks to our sponsors, student clubs, employees, and volunteers who gave their time and talents for these events.













### **Gotsch 5th grader wins Unity Day Contest**

Congratulations to Paul K., Gotsch Intermediate School fifth grader, who won the Special School District (SSD) Unity Day Express Yourself Contest! The idea of the contest was for students to create a piece of media to represent what it means to show kindness, inclusion, and acceptance. Paul created, wrote, directed, and starred in his own skit, along with some of his classmates.

### **Affton Sports Schedule-**November

### **Varsity Girls Basketball**

• 12/4: Mehlville (AWAY) 6pm

### **IV Girls Basketball**

• 12/4: Mehlville (AWAY) 4:30pm

#### Freshmen Girls Basketball

12/7: University City (AWAY) 4:30pm

#### **Varsity Boys Basketball**

• 12/4: Maplewood (AWAY) 5:30pm

#### JV Boys Basketball

• 12/4: Maplewood (AWAY) 4pm

### Freshmen Boys Basketball

• 12/8:Lutheran South 4pm

### **Boys Wrestling**

- 11/29: Parkway Central 5pm **Girls Wrestling**
- 12/1: Parkway South 5pm

### **Swimming**

• 12/5: Lindbergh 4:30pm

### **AHS junior receives** tennis award



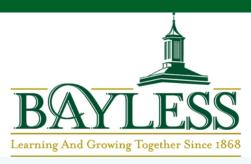
Picture courtesy of sophomore Emily W., AHS Yearbook staff

A big COUGAR **CONGRATULATIONS** to Tammy J., Affton High School junior, who was selected as a USTA St. Louis Tennis 2023 Junior Sportsmanship Award winner! This award is given to a

male and female junior player in each age group who best exemplifies the finest qualities of sportsmanship in competitive play. Tammy will be recognized at an awards ceremony later this Fall.

### Sunset Hills

# SCHOOL UPDATES



### Kelly Stahlhuth to be inducted into Missouri Sports Hall of Fame



Bayless Activities Director Kelly Stahlhuth will be inducted into the St. Louis Class of the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame in November. Kelly has had a prolific tennis career, winning multiple state championships in high school, being named an All-American during college at Indiana, coaching at multiple stops, and at Bayless, starting the high school's tennis program.

Kelly will be inducted on Sunday, Nov. 19, along with former Cardinals pitcher Adam Wainright and Blues player Barrett Jackman.

# **Bayless Sports Schedule- November**

### **Varsity Boys Basketball**

- 11/21: Herculaneum 7pm
- JV Boys Basketball
- 11/21: Herculaneum 5:30pm

#### **Varsity Girls Basketball**

- 12/5: Ursuline (AWAY) 6pm **JV Girls Basketball**
- 12/5: Ursuline (AWAY) 4:30pm



# Bayless officially opens the Bayless Community Trail



On Monday, Oct. 23, Bayless welcomed representatives from Spire, Trailnet, Missouri Healthy Schools to open the Bayless Community Trail.

The trail was built by Spire Energy's charitable wing and built by its employees. Funding was also organized by Trailnet, a St. Louis biking organization. The trail has been used by students of all ages, from kindergarteners to the cross country team in the high school.

# Bayless opens English Language Development Welcome Center

Bayless ELD Director Monika Hasanbasic has been involved in learning languages from an early age. A Bosnian refugee in the 1990s, she spent several years in Germany before coming to St. Louis and learned several languages along the way.

She has spent the last several months working on a welcome center for new ELD families coming to Bayless. The center will help introduce them to the district, and in some cases, the United States.

Click on the QR code below to see a virtual tour of the new English Language Development Welcome Center.



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# Congratulations

2023 District Honor Choir

Abby Geldmacher '24 Abby Russell '24 Meghan McLaughlin '24 Maddie Brotherton '24 Brianna Esswein '24 Bella Flores '27 Audrey Strohmeyer '26 Charlie Ramig '24 Abby Gansler '24

Anna Meister '24 Sienna Barnidge '26 Mary McKendry '25 Lydia Hercules '26 **Grace Downen '27** Bridget Blase '25 Emma Martinez '27 Addie Bader '26

17 CJA Chargers auditioned for the 2023 District Honor Choir and all 17 were selected. Congratulations ladies!





**EXP3 Day!** 

EXP3, which stands for "Exposure, Experience, Exploration," is a part of CJA's Corporate Partners Initiative and is open to all students. Students spent the day experiencing a career of their choice, interacting with professionals in those fields, and participating in hands-on activities.

### **BRAVO!**

Cor Jesu's Fall Play, CLUE (High School Edition) was a great success.



Lacrosse Assistant Coaches





Cor lesu celebrated the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart during their First Friday Liturgy. Pictured are some the seniors who dressed up for the Liturgy.



Cor Jesu Academy will be participating in Giving Tuesday - a global day of giving to promote philanthropy during the holiday season. Giving Tuesday is on Tuesday, November 28, 2023. Cor Jesu will be directing funds raised to The Charger Fund - Cor Jesu's primary source of tuition assistance.

Congratulations to the Cor Jesu's Annual Catholic Appeal essay contest winners.

> Amelia Schwartz ('25) Elizabeth Hanson ('25) Emma Kester ('25)

### **Cor Jesu Sports**

Congratulations!







Shoutout to Charger Golf on their success at the State Tournament.

Paige Dolrenry ('24) - 20th place Addison McGahan ('24) - 29th place Eloise Riley ('26) - 51st place

### **Congratulations to Charger** Tennis on a great season.

Lanie Davis ('24) placed 6th overall in singles at the State Tournament.

Cor Jesu Softball had a great season and got second in Districts!

Cor Jesu Field Hockey made a great run to the Final Four.

**Congratulations to Charger Volleyball and Cross Country** for having great seasons.

### Winter Sports are kicking off in **November**

Varsity Basketball

- 11/28: Luthern South 5pm
- 11/30: Kirkwood (AWAY) 6pm

JV Basketball

- 11/30: Kirkwood (AWAY) 4:30pm Swim & Dive
  - 11/30: Ladue (AWAY) 4:15pm

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Rev. Joe Cox received the Christian Teacher of the Year Award at a ceremony at the Museum of the Bible in Washington, D.C. The Herzog Foundation, which recognized 12 educators across the country with the award, praised LuSo's Curriculum Director, Theology, and English Instructor, for his passion for preparing students to defend their faith outside of high school.

We celebrated the opening of the new Spartan Center, our remodeled Resource Room. The Resource Room which began more than 30 years ago in humble beginnings, is now five times that size with state-of-the-art furnishings, booths for quiet space, and a separate testing center for students to concentrate. Mrs. Davis, who received the Emerson

Excellence in Teaching Award in 2018, has been the beloved director of this program for more than 20 years, offering assistance to a growing number of students. Hundreds of families have benefitted from this crucial support over the decades, and we are grateful for Mrs. Davis' dedication to making sure every student succeeds.



Senior Ryan Merz was named a Commended National Merit Scholar. Ryan, who scored in the top 2 percent of seniors in the state who took the PSAT last year.

Senior Evan Solecki has been named a National Merit Semifinalist. He ranked in the top 1percent of high school seniors in the state who took the PSAT last year.

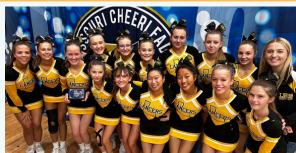




Lutheran South Distinguished Alumnus Jim and Pete Mayer perform a singalong at the Award ceremony in October.

Richard Schuessler, LS '69, was one of eight individuals to receive Lutheran South's Distinguished Alumni Award this weekend. He helped develop a surgical cure for Afib. Another, Scott Leiendecker, revolutionized the electoral process with the invention of the Poll Pad, while Terry Palisch holds several patents and has co-authored more than 50 petroleum engineering papers and Jim Mayer who played bass for Jimmy Buffett's Coral Reefer Band. The other inductees were Ted Schroeder, a nuclear submarine captain, Sharon Quick, an anesthesiologist who lobbies against medically assisted suicide, Jim Trulaske, who invented an advanced in-home treadmill in his basement and founded True Fitness Technology and Coach Linda McQueen who thanked God for opening up doors for her to compete in college and for allowing her to use sports as her mission field.

A highlight for many though, was Jim and his brother, Peter Mayer, also a LuSo Distinguished Alumnus, performing three songs, capping it off with a singalong to "All You Need is Love."



Our competition cheer team has qualified for State. The team will be headed to Southeast Missouri State in Cape Girardeau on December 9 and 10.



Three members of the girls golf team qualified for State! Sophomore Grace Bollmeier, who finished 5th at districts, senior Norah Kramer, and junior Sara Jackson competed at the tournament in Joplin.

### **Lutheran South Sports Schedule -**November

### **Varsity Girls Basketball**

- 11/18: St. Paul Shootout TBA
- 11/25: Cor Jesu (AWAY) 5pm
- 12/1: Rockwood Summit 7pm

#### **IV Girls Basketball**

- 11/27: Metro League Tourney @ MCDS
- 11/29: Metro League Tourney @ MICDS
- 12/1: Rockwood Summit 5:30pm

#### Freshmen Girls Basketball

- 11/27: Nernx Hall Tourney
- 11/29: Nerinx Hall Tourney
- 11/30: Nerinx Hall Tourney

### **Varsity Boys Basketball**

- 11/16: Jamboree @ Mehlville 6pm
- 11/27: Hazelwood Central 4:30pm
- 11/29: Vianney 6:30pm

#### **IV Boys Basketball**

- 11/27: Ft. Zumwalt East Tourney (AWAY)
- 11/30: Ft. Zumwalt East Tourney (AWAY)

#### **Freshmen Boys Basketball**

- 11/28: Metro League Tourney @ Priory
- 11/30: Metro League Tourney (AWAY)

### **Girls Swimming**

11/28:DuBourg/Duchesne at Affton 5pm

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### Thank you

Our thanks to all who participated to make the November issue of LET'S HEAR FROM 123. We truly appreciate all of our readers and our Veterans, enjoy Thanksgiving! See you next month!

