

LET'S HEAR FROM 123

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER: VOLUME 4- FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2022
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Do you know...

Three Fun Facts About 63123

1. What year were the most houses built in 63123?
2. How many houses are in 63123 today?
3. How many homes are without children in the 63123 area?

Answers:

1. 1950
2. 445,419
3. 16,429

(<https://www.city-data.com/zips/63123.html>)

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

On November 12, the Holiday Bazaar was held at Affton High School. There were over 70 booths to help kick off the holiday season.



Photos - Dee Loris

Upcoming Events

- 12/4 Meet Santa at Affton Community Center, 1-3pm
- 12/11 Affton Choir Concert 3-5pm
- 12/11 Lutheran South Christmas Band Concert 4pm off campus
- 12/11 Cor Jesu Christmas Concert 3pm at Chaminade (Skip Viragh Center for the Arts)
- 12/17 Bayless Holiday Concert, 2-4pm



COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

ACIA

(Affton Community Improvement Association)

Greetings to 63123 Residents!

The ACIA did not meet during the month of November due to Thanksgiving. They hope everyone enjoyed the Holiday as much as they did.

Looking forward to December the ACIA group hopes the month is filled with family fun, relaxation and time to reflect on what Christmas means to them. Happy Holidays to All.

ACFP Winter Pantry Requests

- Cereal
- Mac 'n Cheese
- Dry & Canned Beans
- Dry Pasta (no spaghetti please)
- Pasta Sauce - Tomato Paste - Manwich Sauce
- Meal Supplements
(Hamburger Helper & Rice, Pasta, And Potato Sides)
- Baking Goods
(Cake Mixes, Baking Ingredients, Spices)
- Toilet Paper
- Laundry Detergent
- Shampoo



ACVO Greetings

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year!

What makes this the most wonderful time of the year? Holiday parties, joyful happy feelings, cards and letters, lights and decorations, family fun, seasonal music and most of all our freedom to choose how we want to celebrate the season.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas!

Sincerely,
The ACVO Group



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

This is a message from Affton Fire Chief Nick Fahs.

It is a very busy time of year for the firefighters. Dry Christmas trees and space heaters account for too many fire fatalities that can be prevented.

Please take care and be safe.

5 space heater safety tips

Plug directly into a wall
not into an extension cord



Place in clear area
not under a desk or near objects



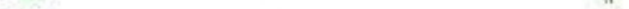
Place on flat surface
not on unstable or uneven surfaces



Keep clear of pathways
do not block exits or entryways



Turn off & unplug when you leave



The right stand
Choose a stand that holds water



Water well
Keep your tree watered



Plan your location
Keep your tree away from direct heat

100% recyclable
Please dispose of your tree responsibly



Christmas Tree Care Tips

COMMUNITY ENTERTAINMENT

44th Annual Santa House

Weekends: Dec. 3/4, 10/11 - 11am-3pm
Weekdays: Dec. 7/9 - 9am-1pm

Oakland House

7801 Genesta - St. Louis, MO 63123
314.814.4983
oaklandhousemuseum.org

Come for the story time and puppet show, visit with Santa in the Victorian parlor and have a Mrs. Claus home-baked cookie.

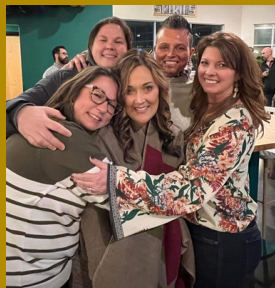
The cost is \$6 per person, and reservations are required for weekday visits. For more information call or visit the website listed above.

9 Mile Garden

9375 Gravois Road - St. Louis, MO 63123 - 314.390.2806 - 9milegarden.com

Although the food truck season is closed, there are still many fun things taking place at 9 Mile Garden.

- The Canteen is open Monday-Saturday 11am-Midnight and Sunday 10am-Midnight.
- Enjoy sporting events on the big screen TV, painting on rocks, cookie decorating and weekly trivia nights.
- Check the website to book a holiday party, reunion or event.
- Visit the website for more info.



Affton HS Class of 2022 celebrates their 20 year reunion at the Canteen.

Santa Claus is coming to Affton!

Sunday, December 4, 1-3pm

Affton Community Center

9801 Mackenzie - St. Louis, MO 63123

Come visit with Santa from 1-3pm. Get there early because Santa has to leave at 3pm to get back to the North pole.

The cost is \$3 per child to be paid at the door. No pre-registration needed. A DIY ornament station will also be available for children to take home a decoration for their tree.

Please bring your own camera/phone for photo taking.



Grant's Farm

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

Holiday Lights at Grant's Farm is back glowing brightly, and there are four ways to celebrate this experience. Book any of these online at grantsfarm.com/holiday-lights/

Holiday Lights Drive-Through

- Now through 12/30, 5-9pm
- Thursday-Sunday
- Reservation suggested

Breakfast with Santa & Mrs. Claus

- Select mornings 12/2- 12/30
- 8:30am or 11am
- Reservation needed

Holiday Lights Walk-Through

- Select nights 12/2- 12/30
- 5-9pm; Reservation suggested

VIP Fire Pits

- Select nights 12/2- 12/30
- 5-9pm; Reservation needed

Tower Tee

6727 Heege Road - St. Louis, MO
314.833.3322 - towertee.com

Hours: Monday-Friday 10am-8pm
Saturday-Sunday 10am-6pm

- It may be too cold for the Par 3 course, but there are still many things to do at Tower Tee.
- Fun for adults and kids: a driving range, top tracer bays, footgolf, putting course/mini golf, batting cages, bocce ball and more!

St. Louis offers so many holiday activities here are two to check out:

- Nutcracker! Christmas Ballet-Fox Theater
- A Christmas Carol-Loretto-Hilton

SCHOOL UPDATES



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SCHOOL DISTRICT

Congratulations to our very own Nicole Yahl, second grade teacher at Mesnier Primary School, who has been named by Emerson Corporate Headquarters as a 2022 Excellence in Teaching Awards honoree! Mrs. Yahl is one of 86 educators across the St. Louis metropolitan region recognized this year for demonstrating excellence in education and exceptional dedication to students.



As part of National Apprenticeship Week in November, Streib Company (owned by Tom Streib, AHS Class of 1995) invited Affton High School seniors interested in the electrical career field to tour their facility and learn more about all they do.



On Veterans Day, Mesnier Primary School celebrated the heroes in our community with their Annual Hero Day Program and Parade. Students invited the veterans, active military, firefighters, police officers, and first responders and their families to be special guests at school for breakfast and a parade through the halls. We thank each and every hero in our community for your service!

Affton Sports Schedule December

Varsity Basketball-Boys

- 12/6: St. Pius 6:30pm
- 12/13: Hancock 5:30pm
- 12/15: Rockwood 7pm
- 12/16: Bayless (AWAY) 7pm
- 12/20: St. Elmo (AWAY) 7pm
- 12/26: Hancock TBA-morning

JV Basketball-Boys

- 12/6: St. Pius 5:30pm
- 12/13: Hancock 4:15pm
- 12/15: Rockwood 5:30pm
- 12/16: Bayless (AWAY) 5:30
- 12/20: St. Elmo (AWAY) 5:30pm

Freshmen Basketball-Boys

- 12/6: Northwest 4pm
- 12/15: Rockwood 4:15pm
- 12/20: St. Elmo (AWAY) 4pm

Varsity Basketball-Girls

- 12/5: Mehlville 7pm
- 12/8: U. City 6pm
- 12/12: Hancock (AWAY) 4:30pm
- 12/13: Jennings (AWAY) 4pm
- 12/14: Bayless 5:30pm

JV Basketball-Girls

- 12/5: Mehlville 5:30pm
- 12/8: U. City 4:30pm
- 12/14: Bayless 4pm

Freshman Basketball-Girls

- 12/5: Mehlville 4pm
- 12/15: Lutheran South 4pm

Swim

- 12/6: Lindbergh (AWAY) 4:30pm
- 12/8: Rockwood 4:15pm
- 12/13: Incarnate Word (AWAY) 4:15pm
- 12/15: Mehlville 4:15

Wrestling-Boys

- 12/3: Esmond Ford Invitational 9am
- 12/7: Hazelwood Central (AWAY) 5pm
- 12/14: McCluer North (AWAY) 5pm

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Digital Face Lift

Bayless launched new websites district wide this November. You can find the main one at www.baylessk12.org. It's a great tool for anyone in the Bayless community.



Senior Jett Bono successfully auditioned into the St. Louis High School All-Suburban Honor Band this November, being the first student Bayless has records of being selected. Jett will perform in the honor concerts on Jan. 8 at Kirkwood High School. Jett had to memorize 25 scales and perform five collegiate-level etudes.



The Bayless High School student council worked the holiday lights at the Tilles Park Winter Wonderland this month.



Every year Emerson Excellence in Teaching Awards are given to teachers who meet a high criteria of excellence in education. Bayless Elementary teachers Kristen deJong and Melissa Duke were both given the award.

The Bayless Scholar Bowl team took third in the Sullivan Tournament, going 8-2 on the day.



Bayless Sports Schedule December

Varsity Basketball-Girls

- 12/6: Ursuline 7pm
- 12/8: Principia 5:30pm
- 12/12: Sch. Medicine/Bio 4:30pm
- 12/14: Affton (AWAY) 5:30pm
- 12/16: Lutheran North (AWAY) 5:30
- 12/19: Hancock 5:30pm
- 12/20: Windsor 7pm

JV Basketball-Girls

- 12/6: Ursuline 5:30pm
- 12/8: Principia 4pm
- 12/14: Affton (AWAY) 4pm
- 12/16: Lutheran North (AWAY) 4:15
- 12/20: Windsor 5:30pm

JV Basketball-Boys

- 12/16: Affton 5:30pm
- 12/19: Hancock 4:30pm
- 12/20: Priors (AWAY) 4pm
- 12/21: Jefferson R-7 (AWAY) 5:30pm

Varsity Basketball-Boys

- 12/12: Col. Sch. Medicine/Bio 6pm
- 12/16: Affton 7pm
- 12/19: Hancock 7pm
- 12/20: Priors (AWAY) 6pm
- 12/21: Jefferson R-7 (AWAY) 7pm

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Tickets are on Sale for Cor Jesu's Christmas Concert. It will take place Sunday, December 11 at 3 p.m. at Chaminade Skip Viragh Center for Arts. To purchase tickets visit Cor Jesu's website

Cor Jesu Academy had the pleasure of hosting the University of Notre Dame's Women's Basketball team on campus November 11! The team, coached by CJA alumna and STL native, **Niele Ivey '96**, practiced in Cor Jesu's gym to prepare for the Citi Shamrock Classic held at Enterprise Center on November 12. The game was the first-ever women's college basketball game to be aired on NBC. In addition, the Cor Jesu community filled the stands at Enterprise Center bringing almost **900 fans** to cheer the Irish on to victory!



BRAVO! Cor Jesu's Fall Play, "Pride and Prejudice" was a great success!

On Saturday, November 12, Cor Jesu students, faculty, staff and parents visited service sites all over the city to Share the Love of the Heart of Christ in our community.



Congrats to the Charger Cross Country team for earning **4th place at STATE!**

Cor Jesu Sports Schedule December

Varsity Basketball

- 12/1: Kirkwood 6pm
- 12/13: Webster Groves 6pm

Swim

- 12/1: Mehlville (AWAY) 4:15pm
- 12/8: Nerinx (AWAY) 4pm
- 12/9: Incarnate Word (AWAY) 4pm

JV Basketball

- 12/1: Kirkwood 4:30pm
- 12/6: John Burroughs (AWAY) 4pm
- 12/8: Lutheran South 5pm
- 12/13: Webster Groves 4:30pm

Freshman Basketball

- 11/28-12/2: Lindbergh Invitational
- 12/6: Eureka (AWAY) 4:15pm
- 12/8: Nerinx (AWAY) 4pm

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Elise Paul was named All-Conference Player of the Year for volleyball! Three Lady Lancers were named to the All-Conference and All-District second teams, and Elise additionally received All-District first-team recognition.



Members of the Lutheran South Mock Trial Team attended a workshop and scrimmage at Harvard Law School. While in the Boston area, they visited the Salem Witch Trial Museum, Hawthorne's House of the Seven Gables, Paul Revere's home and the Boston Tea Party ships and museum, among other Revolutionary War sites. Students got some great feedback from the Harvard team and are ready to take their competition to the next level.



Eight Lutheran South athletes committed to continuing their athletic and academic careers in college.

- Mason Arnold - Baseball - Jeffersonson College
- Conner Flieg - Baseball - Drury University
- Elise Paul - Volleyball - Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville
- Elizabeth Saitz - Track & Field - Missouri S&T
- Haylie Silva - Soccer - Culver-Stockton College
- Dillon Slinkard - Baseball - St. Louis Community College
- Logan Slinkard - Baseball - St. Louis Community College
- Adam Snoke - Cross Country and Track - University of Tennessee



After finishing their unit on the circulatory system, students in medical careers class dissected pig hearts at Saint Louis University's medical school lab. They tested their knowledge with the guidance of a SLU instructor, getting real hands-on experience.



LuSo basketball players joined with Concordia Lutheran Church - Kirkwood to package 1,000 Thanksgiving meals as part of the church's Turkey Blessing giveaway. The meals were distributed at a drive-through event at St. Louis Community College - Meramec



Three LuSo musicians auditioned for and earned places in the District Honor Band. This qualifies them to audition for the Missouri All-State Band and Orchestra.



Lutheran South Sports Schedule December

Swim-Girls

- 12/6: DuBourg (AWAY) 5pm

Varsity Basketball-Boys

- 12/2: Gateway (AWAY @ Vianney) 5pm
- 12/6 Valley Park 6:30pm
- 12/13: Duchesne 7pm
- 12/16: Westminster (AWAY) 7pm

JV Basketball-Boys

- 12/6: Valley Park 5pm
- 12/13: Duchesne 5:30pm
- 12/16: Westminster (AWAY) 5:30pm

Freshmen Basketball-Boys

- 12/5: Fox 4pm
- 12/8: Rockwood (AWAY) 5:30pm
- 12/13: Duchesne 4:15pm
- 12/16: Westminster (AWAY) 4:15

Freshmen Basketball-Girls

- 12/5: Kirkwood (AWAY) 6pm
- 12/9: Visitation 4pm
- 12/12: Fox 4pm
- 12/15: Affton 4pm

Varsity Basketball-Girls

- 12/2: Rockwood (AWAY) 6:30pm
- 12/5-9: Herculaneum Tourney
- 12/16: Southern Boone @ MIZZOU 2pm
- 12/22: Rosati-Kain 5:30pm

JV Basketball-Girls

- 12/2: Rockwood Summit (AWAY) 5pm
- 12/8: Cor Jesu (AWAY) 5pm
- 12/22: Rosati-Kain 4pm
- 12/27: Incarnate Word Tourney

SCHOOL UPDATES



SALEM LUTHERAN
CHURCH AND SCHOOL

5025 Lakewood Avenue
St. Louis, MO. 63123
314-353-9242 - www.slcas.org



(Top)
Salem Lutheran students getting in the Thanksgiving spirit.

(Right)
Honoring those who are serving or who have served our country during the Veterans Day Celebration.

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

Starting Thanksgiving Weekend
Weekdays 3-9 p.m.
Weekends 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

*A variety of sizes of Nova Scotia Balsam Christmas Trees!
*Fraser Firs 7-8 ft tall
*Decorated and plain wreaths
*Pine roping \$2.00 per yard

Cash or check only

Sponsored by
Salem Lutheran Church
Men's Club

8343 Gravois Road
63123



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 four of **LET'S HEAR FROM 123**.
Have peaceful and joyful holiday season!
See you at the end of next month!

