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COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER: VOLUME 9- MONDAY, MONDAY 1,2023 HOSTED BY ACVO, EDITORS: GRACE KNOX, PAM KNOX, DEE LORIS

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Did you know...



May 14, 2023

The official Mother's Day holiday began in the 1900s as a result of the efforts of Anna Jarvis, daughter of Ann Reeves Jarvis.

Following her mother's 1905 death, Anna Jarvis created the idea of having one day devoted to mothers as a way of honoring motherhood.

President Woodrow Wilson signed a measure in 1914 declaring the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.

history.com/topics/holidays/mothers-day

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

Memorial Day History



May 29, 2023

In May 1868, General John A. Logan, the commander-in-chief of the Union veterans' group issued a decree that May 30 should become a nationwide day of commemoration for the more than 620,000 soldiers killed in the Civil War. May 30 was chosen by General Logan because it was not the anniversary of any Civil War battle.

The term Memorial Day was used for this day of remembrance beginning in the 1880s, and by 1890 every state in the Union adopted it as an official holiday. Yet, it was not until 1968, with the passing of the Uniform Monday Holiday act that Memorial Day was changed from May 30, to a set day, the last Monday in May to commemorate all fallen Americans.

history.com/news/8-things-you-may-not-know-about-memorial-day

63123 in Motion

Music was in the air in April as area high schools produced their musicals. Featured below are scenes from Cor Jesu's "Fiddler on the Roof" and Affton's "The Addams's Family".













"The Addams Family"

Upcoming Events

- Lutheran South ground breaking ceremony, May 3, 11am •
- AHS Spring Orchestra Concert, May 5, 7pm

- Salem Lutheran's Community Fair and Ice Cream Social, May 6, 1-4pm
- AHS Spring Choir Concert, May 7, 3pm
- ACIA meeting May 25, Affton Fire Station, 11am

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

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This month at the April ACIA meeting the guest speaker was Mandy La Brier, Director of Sustainability, County Executive's Office. Mandy gave a presentation on the equitable and sustainable plans for St. Louis County. The committee is in the RFP (Request for Proposal) stage. Many phases of the discussion to bring plans to St Louis County residents are in the works. There will be townhall and other forms of meetings to create public awareness on this important matter. Watch for announcements.





Mandy La Brier. Director of

Everyone is welcomed to attend the monthly ACIA meetings. The next meeting is Thursday, May 25, at 11 am at the Affton Fire Station on Gravois. The May guest speaker will be Nathan Wilson, Representative - Ulysses S Grant National Historic

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

The Preserve



The Estates display at The Preserve is now open! Call Andy Babor, 636-891-3693 for more details.

Affton Community Volunteers Organization

Greetings,

Happy May and hooray for Spring! Hopefully with extended daylight hours we will have more opportunities to enjoy family and friends, and all the many outside activities our 63123 Community now offers.

In addition, we have two important holidays to celebrate -

- **Mother's Day Sunday, May** 14, Show Her You Care
- Memorial Day Monday- May 29 - Honor Our Veterans

We are proud to help keep the 63123 area informed of activities and events submitted by the many resources we have with this Community Newsletter.

Remember to visit the ACVO website -

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

Have a fun and safe month!

Fires happen; know what you need

It's the little things that make a big difference. Don't think fires won't happen to you, plan and prepare to be ready

Chief Nick Fahs Chief of Fire and EMS Services



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



Think about your needs.

Be sure to keep your glasses, hearing aid, cane or wheel chair close to your bed at night. If there is an emergency, you will be able to grab them quickly as you leave.





COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS







Affton Southwest Precinct updates

Hello from the personnel of the Affton Southwest Precinct, we hope everyone is excited for the nice spring weather that we have just started experiencing. Let's jump right into what's going on in our precinct:

Let's start with the great news. Walls have started being built at our new Precinct, and we have been told as of April 1, 2023, they are 25 percent complete with the project. Captain Means continues to work hard at finalizing details of the precinct with visits and meetings with the architect company leading the project. January 9, 2024 is the potential move-in date and the officers cannot wait.



School Resource Officers and Beat Officers have been working diligently providing extra patrols at our schools due to the most recent school shooting that affected our country in Nashville, TN in late March. Since that shooting, we have received 2 threats at schools via messages written in bathrooms. Due to excellent investigation skills, along with the help of the school administration, an arrest was made of a juvenile on the most recent threat. It's important we take these threats seriously when they are made to keep our kids and schools safe.

In March of 2023, our precinct was down in Part 1 crimes, which are both violent crimes and serious property crimes. Stolen vehicles continue to be an issue. One third of the stolen vehicles were either a Hyundai or Kia, so please stop by our station if you drive one of these vehicles so you can grab a free locking mechanism. Larcenies/shoplifting crimes are up slightly from last month. The most commonly stolen merchandise is alcohol, but other stolen items continue to be clothing, makeup, and personal care items.

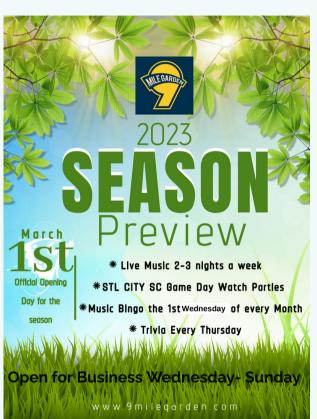
We strongly encourage any interested residents to partner with us and attend our Neighborhood Watch Meetings. Please contact the Neighborhood Policing Office when your neighborhood or subdivision is hosting a meeting so an officer can attend and answer your questions.

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

Lt. Shawn McGuire & Affton Southwest Precinct personnel

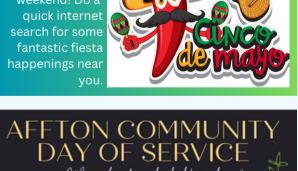
COMMUNITY ENTERTAINMENT

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Hey! Celebrate at your favorite Mexican eatery this weekend! Do a auick internet search for some fantastic fiesta happenings near







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



Maifest: A German Celebration of Spring

May 5-7 and 12-14

This celebration will feature an array of German foods, libations, a Maypole and more. Tickets go on sale soon.





Starting May 26: Grant's Farm will be open



Tower Tee

6727 Heege Road 314.833.3322 towertee.com

Hours:

Monday 10am-8pm, Tuesday- Sunday 9am-8pm

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!



Craft and Flea Market Sale

Saturday, May 13 - 8 to 1 pm

Front Parking Lot - Affton High School

The Affton High School parking lot will host an exciting outdoor event on Saturday, May 13. Many vendors have reserved spots and will fill them with a large variety of new crafts and treasurers galore. Along with merchandise for sale, a free hourly drawing (you must be present) will be held, a fun activity corner for all ages to participate and delicious refreshments sold by the APC, Affton Parents Club.

> You don't want to miss this event. Rain or shine the event will be held

Mark your calendar and plan to attend.

Spaces are still available - To reserve call Pam at 314-283-7813 or email - pknox@afftonschools.net



Sunset Hills

SCHOOL UPDATES ST Carondelet



Karen Karsten, Special School District (SSD) teacher and reading specialist at Rogers Middle School, has been named Affton School District's 2023-24 Teacher of the Year.

"It is always rewarding to be celebrated by our colleagues, and for our contributions to the profession to be recognized," said Dr. Travis Bracht, superintendent.



2023-24 DISTRICT TEACHER OF THE YEAR

"I believe that teachers guide students along a journey of discovery where each individual is valuable and capable."

Karen Karsten
SSD READING SPECIALIST
ROGERS MIDDLE SCHOOL





What's more fun than Math & Science Night at Mesnier Primary School? How about making it soccer-themed and inviting St. Louis CITY SC??!! Thank you to City SC for supporting our students and inspiring the next generation of STEM-loving soccer stars!





Affton Schools 2023 Soar and Superintendent Awards Presented



Three individuals received the 2023 Superintendent's Award for making a difference in supporting the Bosnian community in the St. Louis region. They are:

- Brian Jennings, ELA and Bosnian American Studies Teacher at Affton High School;
- Dr. Benjamin Moore, Founder and Director of Fontbonne University's Bosnia Memory Project; and
- Joseph Puleo, Award-Winning Director of A New Home, a documentary celebrating St. Louis' Bosnian community.

Seven nominees received the prestigious SOAR Award. They include:

- Edin Besic, Project Manager for Affton School District;
- Curtis Dawkins, Volunteer;
- Jusuf Hajric, Community Partner with Bel Ami Transportation;
- Don Henning, English Language Arts (ELA) and Yearbook Teacher at Affton High School;
- Dan McCarthy, Eighth Grade Social Studies Teacher at Rogers Middle School:
- Mary Beth Merlo, Special School District (SSD) Teacher at Affton High School;
- Ashley O'Daniel, District Social Worker for Affton School District.









Affton Sports - May

Varsity Baseball

- 5/1: Whitfield (AWAY) 4:15pm
- 5/2: Fox 4:15pm
- 5/4: Fox (AWAY) 4:15pm
- 5/8: Clayton (AWAY) 4:30pm
- 5/9: Clayton 4:15pm
- 5/10: Festus 4:30pm

JV Baseball

- 5/2: Fox (AWAY) 4:15pm
- 5/3: Ladue (AWAY) 4:15pm
- 5/4: Fox 4:15pm
- 5/8: Clayton 4:15pm
- 5/9: Clayton (AWAY) 4:15pm
- 5/10: Festus (AWAY) 4:30pm

Varsity Soccer

- 5/1: Hazelwood Central 4pm
- 5/3: Ritenour (AWAY) 5:30pm
- 5/4: Valley Park (AWAY) 4pm
- 5/9: Mehlville 6pm
- 5/11: Bayless (AWAY) 4pm

JV Soccer

- 5/9: Mehlville 4pm
- 5/11: Bayless (AWAY) 5:30pm

Track

- 5/1: Affton 4pm
- 5/2: Parkway North (AWAY) 4pm
- 5/5: Hillsboro (AWAY) 3pm

IV Track

• 5/1: Clayton 3pm

Varsity Volleyball

- 5/3: Parkway Central; (AWAY) 5:30pm
- 5/4: Kirkwood 5:30pm
- 5/9: Seckman (AWAY) 5:30pm

IV Volleyball

- 5/3: Parkway Central (AWAY) 4:15pm
- 5/4: Kirkwood 4:30pm
- 5/9: Seckman (AWAY) 4:30pm

Freshmen Volleyball

- 5/3: Parkway Central (AWAY) 4:15pm
- 5/9: Seckman (AWAY) 4:30pm

Golf

• 5/1: Seckman (AWAY) 4pm

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Bayless end-of-year award winners

Bayless is proud to have fantastic staff members in our halls every day. This year, we recognized several outstanding teachers, workers and volunteers.

District Teacher of the Year: High School Math Teacher Sarah

Staff Person of the Year: Custodian Christina Ernst Rising Star (Educator in the first three years of their career who has a very bright future): SSD teacher Sam Hoegemann Broncho Award (Community Member who has done service to Bayless schools): Kristen Hargett

Volunteer of the Year: Music Boosters President Laurie Maus

MR. ALEX **JOHNSON**

Bayless High School names next assistant principal

Bayless High School is excited to announce Alex Johnson as an Assistant Principal and Athletic Director, effective July 1. Mr. Johnson will be assuming the roles and responsibilities currently held by Eric Lawrence, who is being promoted to BHS building principal.

Mr. Johnson has been the Activities Director

for the Clinton School District in Henry County, Missouri, since 2021. Before that, he was the Dean of Students at Sarracino Middle School and Athletic Director for Socorro Consolidated Schools in New Mexico.

During his time at Clinton and Socorro, Mr. Johnson led programs that promoted character education and student engagement, on top of being well-run and efficient. He has a strong track record of supporting extracurricular programs outside of sports, like choir, theatre and band.

Mr. Johnson holds a Bachelor's in physical education from Missouri State University and a Master's in Physical Education — Sports Administration from Eastern New Mexico University.

A St. Louis native, Mr. Johnson is excited to return to his hometown and bring his vision for students and staff to Bayless.

"Words can't really describe how excited I am to serve the community and students of Bayless under the leadership of Eric Lawrence," Mr. Johnson said. "STL is home for me, as I attended Lafayette High School in Wildwood, so this is a genuine dream come true. I, my wife Kelsey, and our three kids, Jacoby, Amador, and Gwen are ALL IN and cannot wait to wear the Broncho Green and Gold with pride. It's a GREAT day to be a Broncho!"

Mr. Johnson's hire was unanimously approved at the April Board of Education meeting. Bayless High School now has a complete administrative team for 23-24 school year: Mr. Lawrence, Dr. Alyssa Stock and Mr. Johnson.

Bayless Sports - May

Varsity Volleyball

- 5/1: Soldan 5:15pm
- 5/2: Lutheran High St Charles5:15pm
- 5/3: DuBourg 4pm
- 5/5: Ritenour 5:15pm
- 5/8: Whitfield (AWAY) 5:30pm
- 5/9: Fort Zumwalt East 5:15pm
- 5/10: Seckman (AWAY) 5:30pm

JV Volleyball

- 5/1: Soldan 4pm
- 5/2: Lutheran High St Charles 4pm
- 5/5: Ritenour 4pm
- 5/8: Whitfield (AWAY) 4:15pm
- 5/9: Fort Zumwalt East 4pm
- 5/10: Seckman (AWAY) 4:30pm

Varsity Baseball

- 5/1: Metro 4:30pm
- 5/2: Maplewood (AWAY) 4:30pm
- 5/4: Soldan 4pm
- 5/5: Roosevelt 4:15pm
- 5/8: Maplewood 4pm

IV Baseball

• Finished for the season

Varsity Soccer

- 5/2: Brentwood (AWAY) 4pm
- 5/3: Ursuline (AWAY) 4pm
- 5/4: Desoto(AWAY) 5pm
- 5/5: Valley Park 4pm
- 5/10: Coll. Sch. of Medicine (AWAY) 4:30pm
- 5/11: Affton 4pm

JV Soccer

- 5/3: Ursuline (AWAY) 5:30pm
- 5/4: Desoto (AWAY) 6:30pm
- 5/9: Principia (AWAY) 4:30pm
- 5/11: Affton 5:30pm

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Annie Huynh (2025)
represented Cor Jesu
Academy at the Today
and Tomorrow
Educational
Foundation
Archbishop's
Reception. She gave a
beautiful presentation

about the impact of the Today and Tomorrow Education Foundation on her academic journey from St. Cecilia School and Academy to CJA.





Registration summer camps is open! For information and to register, visit www.corjesu.org/camps.

Join us in congratulating **Sr. Susan Marie Krupp**, ASCJ '76, on her appointment as the next president of Cor Jesu Academy. Sr. Susan Marie has served at Cor Jesu for a collective 18 years, first as a teacher, then, later as the founder and director of the Student Learning Center. Prior to and between her times at Cor Jesu, she also served in a variety of other educational leadership roles. She will begin her tenure as president on July 1, 2023.

Join us for

6th Grade Backyard Bash + Parent Panel Thursday, May 11, 2023 6:30-8 p.m.







CJA's Masked Singers

The Masked Singer, Charger Edition made its way back to Cor Jesu this year to hype up the spring musical.

May 2-4

CJA is participating in the Third Annual Girls Schools Unite Alumnae Giving Challenge!
Catholic high schools in STL will challenge its alumnae to make a monetary donation to their own school in support of Catholic, all-girl education. The winner will be the school with the highest percentage of alumnae participation, rather than the dollar amount raised. Learn more at www.stlgsu.org.



Varsity Soccer

- 5/2: Ursuline (AWAY) 4pm
- 5/3: Parkway South 4:15pm
- 5/5: Rock Bridge 4:15pm
- 5/8: St. Dominic 4:30pm
- 5/11: Incarnate Word (AWAY) 4pm

IV Soccer

- 5/2: Ursuline (AWAY) 5:30pm
- 5/3: Parkway S. 5:45pm
- 5/5: Rock Bridge 5:45pm
- 5/8: St. Dominic 6pm
- 5/11: Incarnate Word (AWAY) 5:30pm

Cor Jesu Sports - May

Freshman Soccer

- 5/6: St. Joe (AWAY) 10am & 1pm
- 5/11: Lindbergh 4pm

Varsity Lacrosse

- 5/1: Wentzville 4pm
- 5/3: Rockwood Summit (AWAY) 4:30pm
- 5/5: Adlai E Stevenson (AWAY) 6:30pm
- 5/6: York HS (AWAY) 1pm
- 5/8: Francis Howell (AWAY) 5:30pm
- 5/11: Burroughs (AWAY) 5:30pm

JV Lacrosse

- 5/1: Wentzville 5:15pm
- 5/3: Rockwood HS (AWAY) 5:30pm
- 5/8: Francis Howell (AWAY) 4pm
- 5/12-5/13 Rockwood Summit Tourney

Track & Field

• 5/9: Lutheran North (AWAY) 4pm

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Attention 5th -10th graders...We want you to join the Lancer hockey team! If you plan to attend Lutheran South and want to play hockey, register for our Prospect Camp on May 19, 20, and 21 at the Meramec Shark Tank. The cost is \$80 per player and includes a jersey. Register at LSlancer.org/events



Iunior Ella Arbeiter was named to the All-Metro girls swimming and diving third team. Ella took third in the state meet in both the 200 and 500-yard freestyle.

Lutheran South is pleased to announce the groundbreaking for the school's \$18 million Center for the Arts. The festivities will begin at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 3 with a chapel service in the gym followed by the official groundbreaking ceremony.



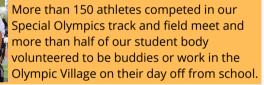
German soccer player Eduard Löwen, who plays midfield for St. Louis City SC, dropped by school to talk about faith, football, and frozen custard! Löwen, along with team chaplain Jim Garvin, a LuSo parent, encouraged our students to be Christian examples on and off



Four LuSo seniors committed to continuing their academic and athletic careers in college at our spring signing day!

Hope Dicken - Beach Volleyball Univ. of North Alabama; Jacob Offermann - Soccer - Quincy Univ.; Anay Saxena - Golf - Elmhurst Univ.; Isabella Vandeloecht - Field Hockey Concordia Univ., Wisconsin







Mock Trial advanced to the quarterfinals at State! In preparation for the competition, the nine-member team visited the Affton Fire Department to gain insight into arson, which was the subject of the case they argued. The team was undefeated until their single elimination in the State Championship.



We inducted 35 new members to the Modern Language Honor Society! All students have taken at least three semesters of a foreign language, earned a B+ or above, and are committed to continue studying these languages.



Girls soccer head coach leff Robben was inducted into the St. Louis Soccer Hall of Fame! Robben played at the University of Missouri - St. Louis earning All-American honors his senior year. He was the goalkeeper for the Busch Seniors and played indoor on the first St Louis Ambush team.



Several LuSo musicians participated in the District Solo Festival, receiving honors. Junior Sam Caudell is headed to state after earning an exemplary rating for his clarinet solo! Eliana Jaffe received an outstanding rating on clarinet and for her vocal solo. Other clarinetists including, Nick Broy and Emma Labbe, also received outstanding ratings. Maddie Holland earned outstanding on tenor sax and Kallista Nguyen received a satisfactory rating on alto sax. Drummers Caroline Turner and Cooper DeSchryver earned satisfactory ratings for their snare drum solos.

Lutheran South Sports - May

Varsity Volleyball

- 5/1: St. Pius (AWAY) 5:30pm
- 5/2: Whitfield 5:30pm
- 5/5: O'Fallon Tourney (AWAY) 5:30pm
- 5/6: O'Fallon Tourney (AWAY) 8:30am
- 5/9: Fox 5:30pm
- 5/10:Oakville 5:30pm

JV Volleyball

- 5/2: Whitfield 4:15pm
- 5/9: Fox 4:15pm
- 5/10: Oakville 4:15pm

Freshmen Volleyball

- Finished for the season
- **IV Tennis**
- Finished for the season

Varsity Soccer

- 5/2: DuBourg 5pm
- 5/4: Principia 4:15pm
- 5/5: Parkway North (AWAY) 5pm
- 5/9:Westminster (AWAY) 4pm
- 5/10: MICDS (AWAY) 4:15pm

IV Soccer

- 5/4: Principia (AWAY) 4:30pm
- 5/8: Burroughs (AWAY) 4:15pm
- 5/9: Westminster (AWAY) 5:45pm
- 5/10: MICDS (AWAY) 4:15pm

- 5/2: Lutheran North 4:15pm
- 5/4: DuBourg 4pm

Varsity Baseball

- 5/2: Burroughs (AWAY) 4:15pm
- 5/5: Summit (AWAY) 4:30pm
- 5/7: Lutheran North @ Busch Stadium 4:30pm
- 5/8: Webster (AWAY) 4:30pm
- 5/10: St. Francis Borgia 4:30pm
- 5/11: Burroughs 4:30pm

IV Baseball

- 5/2: Burroughs 4:15pm
- 5/3: Burroughs (AWAY) 4:15pm
- 5/5: Summit 4:30pm
- 5/8: Webster 4:30pm
- 5/10: St. Francis Borgia (AWAY) 4:30pm

Freshmen Baseball

• 5/3: Vianney (AWAY) 4:30pm

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April was a busy month at Salem Lutheran.









Salem's Early Childhood Center enjoyed Grandparent's Day with a donut breakfast.



Sixth, seventh and eighth graders deliver Kindness Cards to Kindergarteners.



Salem's Student Council collected and assembled donations for Care Kits for those in need.







Salem Lutheran School

Early Childhood Center

more about Early Childh ailable on <u>your</u> schedule







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 nine of LET'S HEAR FROM 123. Enjoy the weather, and honor your mom's and all those who have served our country! See you at the end of next month!

