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BRENTWOOD DAYS 2025



Though our Brentwood Days festivities were cut short this year by the weather, we are so grateful to our community for coming out to support and celebrate our beloved city! A big thank you to all our sponsors and to YOU for making this event possible. We hope to see you again soon at our future events in the City of Brentwood!





**The City of Brentwood is pleased to welcome back Octavia Pittman, CMC/MPCC as our new City Clerk**

Octavia holds an associate degree in accounting and a bachelor’s degree in business administration from Columbia College. With more than two decades of experience as a City Clerk, including prior service in Brentwood, Vinita Park, Berkeley, and Ferguson, she brings exceptional knowledge and leadership to her role. She is also Past President of the Missouri City Clerks and Finance Officers Association, State and Eastern Division.

This is a joyful homecoming, as Octavia previously worked in Brentwood from 2012 to 2016. She will play a vital role in ensuring effective communication, professional record-keeping, oversight of elections, and compliance with state and local statutes.

We are excited to welcome Octavia back to Brentwood and look forward to the expertise and dedication she brings to this important position.



**Child Care Aware of Missouri Hires Community Support Specialist**  
Affrika Blackmon brings 10 years of social services experience to the growing nonprofit.



Child Care Aware of Missouri (CCAMO) recently named Affrika Blackmon as one of its Community Support Specialists. With more than 10 years of experience in social services, Blackmon will focus on connecting families, child care providers, and community members with the information and support they need through Missouri’s statewide Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) system.

Blackmon’s newly created position is made possible by a contract with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), Office of Childhood, which provides dedicated focus in serving Missouri families with young children in need of help. In her position, she will represent CCAMO and serve the Missouri Childhood Resource and Referral (MCRR) Center, which provides crucial child care subsidy navigation for parents going to school or taking a job and connects families to essential resources across the state including locating child care.

Prior to joining CCAMO, Blackmon was the Social Service Coordinator for Volunteers of America and a Senior Social Services Specialist at the Department of Mental Health. She holds a Bachelor’s degree in Social and Criminal Justice from Ashford University in San Diego, California.

“We are delighted to have Affrika bring her deep commitment and proven leadership in social services to our organization,” said CCAMO CEO Robin Phillips. “Her expertise will be instrumental as we work to break down barriers to ensure every Missouri family can find and access quality child care.”

Founded in 1999, CCAMO is a statewide nonprofit that focuses on a comprehensive early childhood education experience through impactful programs and partnerships. The organization’s services include workforce development, child care business supports, advocacy and policy work, and its new Child Care Keeps Missouri Working, a regional campaign offering concierge solutions to businesses undergoing employee recruitment and retention challenges due to the overwhelming shortage of quality child care options. For more information, call (314) 535-1458 or visit [www.mochildcareaware.org](http://www.mochildcareaware.org).





**Mosaics Fine Art Festival Awarded \$21,628  
Missouri Arts Council Grant**

Funding supports the 30th annual celebration of artists, creativity, and community in Historic St. Charles.

Mosaics Fine Art Festival has been awarded a \$21,628 grant with public support from the Missouri Arts Council (MAC), a state agency dedicated to strengthening Missouri’s cultural, educational, and economic vitality through the arts.

This grant will help fund the festival’s 30th annual event, scheduled for Sept. 12 through Sept. 14, along several blocks of North Main Street in Historic St. Charles, Mo. The three-day, family-friendly festival is free and open to the public, featuring more than 80 juried artists from 15 states. Visitors will have the opportunity to explore and purchase original artwork while enjoying the vibrant setting of more than 30 restaurants and over 75 shops.

MAC provides funding to nonprofit organizations through grants that support high-quality arts programming throughout Missouri. Each application is evaluated on artistic excellence, community involvement, and management ability. To support a full creative life for all, MAC commits to championing policies and practices of cultural equity that empower a diverse, inclusive, equitable, and accessible state.

“This generous support from the Missouri Arts Council allows us to offer a truly engaging festival experience,” said Denise Wulff, president of Mosaics Fine Art Festival. “This event has connected artists and audiences while enriching the St. Charles community, and we are grateful to MAC for helping us continue that tradition.”

The Mosaics Fine Art Festival is a nonprofit organization that showcases local and regional artists while educating the community’s children and adults in how art can enhance their lives. The festival features a wide array of artwork produced by a mix of emerging, mid-career and established artists in all media. For more information, call (314) 406-2067 or visit Mosaics Fine Art Festival.



**Vehicle Safety Tips**

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**HELP SAVE THE HEARTBEAT OF BRENTWOOD**

The December 2025 issue of The Pulse Newspaper will be the last issue published unless a new owner comes forward. The Pulse has been published monthly since 1977 as the “only good news” newspaper for Brentwood and the surrounding communities.

With the continuing growth of Gene-Del Printing, it’s becoming difficult to also publish & distribute The Pulse newspaper. If a local business or family would be interested in owning their own newspaper, here’s an opportunity to own an established turn-key business. You’ll receive all back issues of The Pulse Newspaper archives. All digital print files, all newspaper racks, etc. If interested, please email: [orders@genedel.com](mailto:orders@genedel.com) for more information.

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## Brentwood Police Department

### Calls for Service Report

**\*Note:** CFS Do Not Always Become Written Police Reports

# 9-22-25 - 9-28-25

| CFS for Person Crime       |    |
|----------------------------|----|
| Murder / Manslaughter      | 0  |
| Sex & Sexual Assaults CFS  | 0  |
| Robbery /Car-Jack          | 0  |
| Assaults /Kidnapping       | 0  |
| Peace Dist -Domestic- Misc | 18 |
| Calls for Mental Health    | 0  |

| CFS for Property Crime  |    |
|-------------------------|----|
| Arson/Bombing/Burning   | 0  |
| Burglary - Residential  | 0  |
| Burglary - Business     | 0  |
| Destruction of Property | 0  |
| Frauds & ID Theft       | 2  |
| Larceny - Shoplifting   | 13 |
| Larceny - From Vehicle  | 0  |
| Stolen Vehicles         | 1  |
| Trespassing             | 6  |

| Weapons Related |   |
|-----------------|---|
| Utilized/Taken  | 0 |
| Recovered       | 0 |

| Auto Accidents |    |
|----------------|----|
|                | 11 |

| Patrols                   |    |
|---------------------------|----|
| Building & Business Check | 34 |
| Schools & Foot            | 26 |
| Parks - Misc              | 25 |
| Parking violation         | 1  |

| Notable CFS                 |    |
|-----------------------------|----|
| Alarm Calls                 | 7  |
| Animal Related              | 5  |
| Assist FD & etc ..          | 22 |
| Check Welfare/Notification  | 14 |
| Contact Another Agency      | 22 |
| Motor Assist                | 6  |
| Police Community Relations  | 1  |
| FLOCK/LPR/RADAR-FTY         | 2  |
| Solicitors                  | 1  |
| Suspicious Person/Vehicle   | 12 |
| Traffic Control/Details     | 15 |
| Traffic Stops               | 23 |
| Vacation Checks/Close Watch | 2  |

| ARREST              |   |
|---------------------|---|
| Prisoner Conveyance | 9 |
| Adults              | 5 |
| Juvenile            | 0 |

| ARREST TYPE          |   |
|----------------------|---|
| FTA/Fugitive         | 4 |
| Original Non-Traffic | 1 |
| Original Traffic     | 0 |

| Miscellaneous CFS |    |
|-------------------|----|
|                   | 29 |

|                            |     |
|----------------------------|-----|
| Minus Arrest/Types/Weapons | -10 |
|----------------------------|-----|

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|-------------------------|-----|
| Total Calls For Service | 307 |
|-------------------------|-----|

## Saint Louis Zoo accepting submissions for Día de los Muertos Beloved Animals Ofrenda

Community members are invited to submit photos of pets and beloved animals who have passed

In observance of Día de los Muertos and Hispanic Heritage Month, the Saint Louis Zoo invites community members to submit photos of pets and beloved animals to be featured in a special Beloved Animals Ofrenda at the Zoo.

An ofrenda is an altar displayed during the traditional Mexican celebration of Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) to honor cherished loved ones who have passed away. The Zoo’s Beloved Animals Ofrenda will celebrate the lives of Zoo animals throughout history, as well as beloved pets from the St. Louis community. The Zoo worked with partners in the Hispanic community to design an ofrenda that incorporates some of the cultural traditions of Día de los Muertos, including marigolds, sugar skull decorations and food.

The Beloved Animals Ofrenda will be on display during a Día de los Muertos celebration during Boo at the Zoo presented by SSM Health Cardinal Glennon on Oct. 30. The event will feature cultural activities and crafts, including sugar skull making (while supplies last) and a live mariachi band performance.

SUBMISSIONS: The Beloved Animals Ofrenda submission form is open now and will remain open until the Zoo reaches submission capacity. Community members are invited to submit photos at [stlzoo.org/animalsofrenda](http://stlzoo.org/animalsofrenda). Please note: Completing the photo submission form does not guarantee your photo will be featured in the Beloved Animals Ofrenda.

WHEN: Photos submitted by the public will be on display during regular Zoo hours Oct. 30 and Oct. 31 in the lower rotunda of The Living World Building. The Beloved Animals Ofrenda display also will be viewable during the Oct. 30 Día de los Muertos celebration from 5 to 8:30 p.m. during Boo at the Zoo.

ADMISSION: Community members must purchase a ticket for Boo at the Zoo to attend the Día de los Muertos celebration. Tickets are available at [stlzoo.org/boo](http://stlzoo.org/boo).

MORE INFO: For more information on this celebration, visit [stlzoo.org/animalsofrenda](http://stlzoo.org/animalsofrenda). Follow the Zoo on Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, Threads and X.

## Mongabay Founder Rhett Ayers Butler To Receive Henry Shaw Medal Award honors significant contributions to research and conservation

Mongabay Founder Rhett Ayers Butler will receive the Henry Shaw Medal on Wednesday, Oct. 22.

The Henry Shaw Medal has been awarded since 1893. It honors individuals who have made a significant contribution to the Missouri Botanical Garden, botanical research, horticulture, conservation, or the museum community.

“Rhett Ayers Butler’s work has been vital in increasing awareness about pressing environmental issues around the world,” said Dr. Lúcia G. Lohmann, President and Director of the Missouri Botanical Garden. “His commitment to global conservation aligns precisely with the Garden’s mission to discover and share knowledge about plants and their environment in order to preserve and enrich life. We are honored to recognize his impact with the Henry Shaw Medal.”

Past winners include the National Geographic Society, Her Royal Highness Princess Basma bint Ali, Dr. Jack Dangermond, and Dr. Thomas E. Lovejoy, among many others.

“It is a tremendous honor to receive the Henry Shaw Medal from such an esteemed institution as the Missouri Botanical Garden,” Butler said. “The Garden’s legacy of advancing science, conservation, and public understanding is an inspiration, and I am deeply grateful to be recognized alongside those who have contributed so much to protecting our planet.”

Rhett Ayers Butler is an American journalist, author, and entrepreneur who founded Mongabay, a nonprofit environmental news platform dedicated to coverage at the intersection of people and nature. What began as a personal project in 1999 grew into one of the world’s most trusted sources of independent reporting on biodiversity, climate, and planetary health.

Under Butler’s leadership, Mongabay expanded into a global network spanning more than 80 countries and publishing in multiple languages. Its reporting has held powerful interests accountable, elevated local and Indigenous voices, and informed policy debates, while driving tangible conservation outcomes — from protecting forests in Gabon to influencing corporate climate strategies.

“This recognition reflects the collective effort of the entire Mongabay community,” Butler said. “Our staff, contributors, and partners around the world, along with the generosity of our donors, make it possible for us to tell stories that inform, inspire, and drive change. I share this honor with all of them.”

Butler’s vision has helped redefine environmental journalism, showing that rigorous, accessible reporting can catalyze meaningful change. The Henry Shaw Medal honors his contributions to advancing public understanding and protecting the natural world through journalism.

“Rhett Ayers Butler is a shining example of what the Henry Shaw Medal recognizes. His commitment to environmental journalism has deepened the public’s understanding of the urgent need for conservation and inspired action around the world. It will be my honor to present him with this award.” said Missouri Botanical Garden Board of Trustees Chairman Michael Stern.

Stern will present Butler with the award Wednesday, Oct. 22 at the annual Henry Shaw Society Dinner.



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| CFS for Person Crime       |    |
|----------------------------|----|
| Murder / Manslaughter      | 0  |
| Sex & Sexual Assaults CFS  | 0  |
| Robbery /Car-Jack          | 0  |
| Assaults /Kidnapping       | 3  |
| Peace Dist -Domestic- Misc | 47 |
| Calls for Mental Health    | 6  |

| CFS for Property Crime  |    |
|-------------------------|----|
| Arson/Bombing/Burning   | 0  |
| Burglary - Residential  | 0  |
| Burglary - Business     | 1  |
| Destruction of Property | 4  |
| Frauds & ID Theft       | 10 |
| Larceny - Shoplifting   | 58 |
| Larceny - From Vehicle  | 2  |
| Stolen Vehicles         | 2  |
| Trespassing             | 17 |

| Weapons Related |   |
|-----------------|---|
| Utilized/Taken  | 0 |
| Recovered       | 0 |

| Auto Accidents |    |
|----------------|----|
|                | 49 |

| Patrols                   |     |
|---------------------------|-----|
| Building & Business Check | 182 |
| Schools & Foot            | 172 |
| Parks - Misc              | 196 |
| Parking violation         | 8   |

| Notable CFS                 |     |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| Alarm Calls                 | 39  |
| Animal Related              | 17  |
| Assist FD & etc ..          | 108 |
| Check Welfare/Notification  | 40  |
| Contact Another Agency      | 87  |
| Motor Assist                | 16  |
| Police Community Relations  | 9   |
| FLOCK/LPR/RADAR-FTY         | 3   |
| Solicitors                  | 3   |
| Suspicious Person/Vehicle   | 50  |
| Traffic Control/Details     | 87  |
| Traffic Stops               | 155 |
| Vacation Checks/Close Watch | 14  |
| Fireworks                   | 0   |

| ARREST              |    |
|---------------------|----|
| Prisoner Conveyance | 27 |
| Adults              | 31 |
| Juvenile            | 1  |

| ARREST TYPE          |    |
|----------------------|----|
| FTA/Fugitive         | 23 |
| Original Non-Traffic | 16 |
| Original Traffic     | 2  |

| Miscellaneous CFS |     |
|-------------------|-----|
|                   | 117 |

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|----------------------------|-----|
| Minus Arrest/Types/Weapons | -73 |
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| Total Calls For Service | 1529 |
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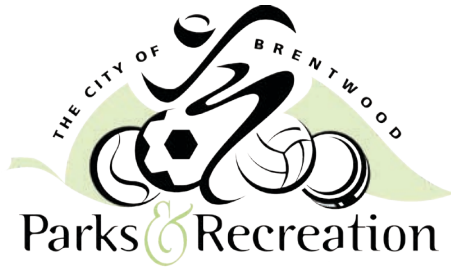
### Should You Get a Veteran ID Card?



The VA is offering a free Military ID Card as a way to give all honorably discharged veterans proof of service regardless of era or time in service as ordered by Congress.

A valid ID card is proof of service that may be required to receive special benefits from private firms as a “Thank you for your service”. Perks like free meals, parking spots and discounts at many retailers. Accept a bit of gratitude when it’s offered as it’s nice getting respect for your service to your country. It’s easy to apply, log on to [VETS.GOV](http://VETS.GOV) and create an account. Then scan and upload your DD-214 form and your photograph. It’s that easy and you’ve earned it.





BYOB Paint Night



Unleash your creativity during a 2.5-hour guided painting session led by local artist Chloe Michaelis. All supplies are included—just bring yourself and your artistic spirit! Each participant will also enjoy a sweet treat to make the evening even more delightful. Feel free to bring your own soft drinks, beer, or wine. Please make sure that you do not bring any glass products to this event. Come ready to paint, sip, and socialize in a fun and relaxed atmosphere!

Date: Wednesday, October 15  
Time: 5:00 – 7:30PM  
Location: Brentwood Community Center  
Age: 21+  
Price: R \$40/ NR \$45

Adult and Me Cookie Decorating - Halloween



St. Louis Cookie, Robin McCarthy of Little Cookie Shoppe will take you through a cookie decorating class featuring 6 Halloween cookies. Each adult/child will learn tricks and tips for creating the perfect cookie. Halloween costumes are encouraged but not required. Tricks may be played, and prizes may be won. This is an adult/child class. Only the child needs to register.

Date: Wednesday, October 22  
Time: 5:30 – 7:30PM  
Location: Brentwood Community Center  
Ages: 5+ with an adult  
Price: R \$55/NR \$68

Kids Plus One Charcuterie Board



Learn to make the perfect charcuterie board for you and your child's palate with a little Halloween spirit. This adult child class will walk you through how to place and select the best options for delicious board. Sample delicious offerings from Trader Joes to make a treat for you both! Class taught by Across the Board 314. This is an adult/child class. Only the child needs to register.

Date: Wednesday, October 29  
Time: 6:00 – 7:30PM  
Location: Brentwood Community Center  
Ages: 5 + with an adult  
Price: R \$30/NR \$40 - additional \$15 per child

Party in the Patch



Bring the family out for a night of fun at Shaw Park! There will be activities for all ages including a candy hunt, hayrides, inflatables, and crafts. The Parks and Recreation departments of Brentwood and Clayton will be awaiting your arrival for this fun-filled fall evening! Hotdog dinner is included with a child's registration. Adults may purchase dinner for \$6.00 at the event.

ONLINE REGISTRATION ENDS AT NOON ON OCT 17 YOU MAY STILL REGISTER IN PERSON AT THE EVENT.

Date: Friday, October 17  
Time: 6:00 – 8:00PM  
Location: Shaw Park, Clayton  
Price: \$12 per child before Oct 17  
\$17 onsite registration  
\$6 additional hotdog dinner

Cocktails 101: Classics with a Twist



Join us for an exciting 90-minute cocktail class that will turn you into a confident at-home mixologist! In this hands-on session, you'll learn the art of crafting delicious, well-balanced cocktails with guidance from our expert instructor, Chris LeBeau. The class includes a refreshing welcome cocktail to start the evening, followed by three interactive rounds where you'll master essential techniques and create your own custom drinks. Gain valuable tips, tricks, and insights into the world of mixology. All spirits used for the cocktails will be provided by Square One Brewery & Distillery. Space is limited, so reserve your spot today!

Date: Tuesday, October 28  
Time: 6:30 – 8:00PM  
Location: Brentwood Community Center  
Ages: 21+  
Price: R \$40/NR \$45

Ninja Turtle Night



Cowabunga dude! Join us for a totally tubular evening filled with fun for the whole family. This family – friendly event features crafts inspired by your heroes in a half shell, dancing to get the turtle toes moving and turtle treats that are sure to delight! Whether you're a Leonardo, Michelangelo Donatello or Raphael fan, you're in a for a shell of a good time. This is an adult/child class. The fee is per person.

Date: Saturday, November 15  
Time: 10:00AM – 12:00PM  
Location: Brentwood Community Center  
Ages: 2+  
Price: R \$12/NR \$15 per person

Missouri Launches First Statewide Tri-Share Child Care Program

Backed by \$2.5 million from the Children's Trust Fund, partners join forces to expand access to affordable, high-quality care.

Child Care Aware of Missouri (CCA-MO), in partnership with Kids Win Missouri, was recently selected by the Children's Trust Fund of Missouri to implement a new child care cost-sharing initiative called Missouri Child Care Works. The program is designed to increase family access to affordable, high-quality child care through locally coordinated cost-sharing exchanges.

The Children's Trust Fund, Missouri's foundation for child abuse and neglect prevention, is providing \$2.5 million to launch Missouri Child Care Works. The program is modeled after the Tri-Share approach, which distributes the cost of child care among employers, families and either state government or a philanthropic partner. The initiative begins November 1.

This marks Missouri's first statewide implementation of the Tri-Share model. "As a Child Care Resource & Referral agency, we connect families to child care programs while coordinating vital resources with state and local governments," said Robin Phillips, CEO of Child Care Aware of Missouri. "With recent shifts in the child care funding landscape, it is critical to establish sustainable funding streams and leverage innovative technology. This partnership allows Missouri, for the very first time, to combine cost-sharing with technology in a way that strengthens families, supports providers, and benefits businesses and communities statewide."

Founded in 1999, CCAMO is a statewide nonprofit that focuses on a comprehensive early childhood education experience through impactful programs and partnerships. The organization's services include workforce development, child care business supports, advocacy and policy work, and its new Child Care Keeps Missouri Working, a regional campaign offering concierge solutions to businesses undergoing employee recruitment and retention challenges due to the overwhelming shortage of quality child care options. For more information, call (314) 535-1458 or visit [www.mochildcareaware.org](http://www.mochildcareaware.org).



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# BRENTWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Brentwood High School Senior Named National Merit Semifinalist

Brentwood High School senior Alexander Tung has been named a semifinalist in the 71st annual National Merit Scholarship Program. Tung is among more than 16,000 high school seniors nationwide recognized for their exceptional academic achievement and potential for success in college.

More than 1.3 million seniors in about 20,000 U.S. high schools entered the 2026 competition by taking the 2024 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. The nationwide pool of semifinalists represents fewer than 1% of U.S. high school seniors and includes the highest-scoring students in each state.

As a semifinalist, Tung now has the opportunity to advance to the finalist level of the program. About 95% of semifinalists are expected to become finalists, and roughly half of those finalists will go on to win a National Merit Scholarship. These scholarships include 2,500 National Merit \$2,500 Scholarships, about 830 corporate-sponsored awards, and approximately 3,600 college-sponsored scholarships. In all, 6,930 scholarships worth nearly \$26 million will be awarded next spring.

Finalists are selected based on their academic record, leadership and extracurricular involvement, an essay, and test scores that confirm earlier performance. Winners will be announced in four nationwide releases between April and July 2026.

“Alex exemplifies the best of Brentwood—dedication, perseverance and a passion for learning,” said Brentwood High School Principal Dr. Edward Johnson. “Being named a National Merit Semifinalist is a rare and prestigious honor, and it reflects not only his hard work but also the support of his teachers and family. Alex has made the entire Brentwood community proud, and we look forward to seeing all that he will continue to achieve.”

Since its founding in 1955, the National Merit Scholarship Corporation has recognized nearly 389,000 students with the prestigious title of National Merit Scholar.

## Brentwood Middle School Sixth Graders Take on the Great Outdoors

Last month, Brentwood Middle School sixth graders experienced three unforgettable days of exploration and growth at the Touch of Nature Outdoor Education Center in Carbondale, Illinois.



From outdoor challenges to hands-on learning, students pushed their limits, developed new skills and grew together as a team. It was the perfect combination of education and adventure, creating memories that will last a lifetime.

“Sixth Grade Camp provides a unique space for our students to step outside their comfort zones and learn in ways not possible in a traditional classroom,” said Dr. Doug Wehner, BMS principal. “We’re thrilled to offer these opportunities that create lasting memories and help our students grow both individually and as a class.”

## Board of Education Advisory Committees Seeking New Members



The Brentwood School District believes strong community support is essential to maximize learning, growth and achievement for all students. To help guide our work, the Board of Education has established four advisory committees designed to engage the community in our shared journey toward future success.

The four board advisory committees are:

- Community Engagement
- Finance and Operations
- Student Experience
- Teaching and Learning

Board advisory committees meet quarterly and share regular updates with the Board of Education. Meetings are generally scheduled in the late afternoon or early evening—typically between 3:15 and 5:15 p.m.—to encourage participation from students, staff, families and community members.

If you are interested in serving on a board advisory committee, please visit [brentwood-moschools.org/committees](http://brentwood-moschools.org/committees) and complete the online application by Monday, Oct. 20. Those already serving on a committee will continue their membership this year, helping provide consistency and continuity. If you are unable to continue, please reach out to your committee chair.

If you have any questions or need assistance with the application, please contact Kate Hastings, administrative assistant to the superintendent and Board of Education, at 314-962-4507 or [khastings@brentwood-moschools.org](mailto:khastings@brentwood-moschools.org).

## Teacher Diagnosed with Rare Cancer Gets Listed for Liver Transplant

A third grade teacher and mom is getting a new surge of hope more than a year after being diagnosed with stage four cancer.



Lindsey Piazza’s slogan in her classroom is ‘We can do hard things’ but over the last year, that’s also become her daily mantra as she battles a one-in-

a-million cancer that forms in the lining of her blood vessels.

“It’s interesting to say that I’m a stage four cancer patient because I don’t look like a stage four cancer patient,” Piazza said.

We first met Lindsey Piazza in 2024 after she was diagnosed with the extremely rare form of cancer called epithelioid hemangioendothelioma. At that time she was told her only option was a liver transplant.

However, shortly after that, Piazza found

out her cancer had metastasized and spread so she was no longer eligible for the transplant.

“That was one of the three times throughout this process I’ve been very upset. I felt like there was nothing to be done. I was kind of hopeless,” Piazza said.

The main tumor on her liver wasn’t growing, so that was a good sign. Every three months Piazza had been going in for scans.

However, in May there was bad news and the tumor had grown significantly.

“I don’t know how to describe the feeling. You can do all the mind work and think of how you can react but there’s nothing you can do in the moment,” Piazza said.

Piazza started an oral chemotherapy medicine immediately after that. She’s had some side effects, mostly being tired, but on the outside she looks like a healthy 35-year-old mom.

“When I go for my scans and appointments they’re located on the same floor as the infusions for all types of cancers. That’s been an imposter syndrome feeling for me because you see people who look sick and aren’t doing well. Then there’s me who is going through something similar but not experiencing that so it’s hard not to feel guilty for feeling okay,” Piazza said.

On the day Piazza started her treatment, the halls of McGrath Elementary School in Brentwood were lined with signs of support and love for the teacher.

“It’s also a surreal experience to be so loved and uplifted and supported. Our school here at McGrath is truly a family,” Piazza said. “I’ll remember it forever. Our whole school showed up for me the day I started. It was walking through a sea of support and love and it was amazing.”

Over the last few months though, things changed significantly. Piazza was responding well to the chemo and her tumor wasn’t showing any growth.

Piazza’s oncologist shared her scans and story with doctors at clinics across the country to see what else could be done for her. That’s when she got a call that would change her life.

“I was on a walk and she said hi I’m your transplant coordinator. I was just shocked because I wasn’t aware all this behind the scenes work was happening,” Piazza said.

Last week Piazza was approved for a transplant and is now on a nationwide liver transplant list.

“Anytime I get anxious or overwhelmed I just try to think it could always be worse. It’s the next best thing. The transplant is the next best thing to do,” Piazza said.

Piazza and her 9-year-old son Jackson packed their go bags this weekend and said they have to be ready at the drop of a hat to answer the call.

“If you receive a call for a viable transplant you have to be ready to leave your house in 20 minutes,” Piazza said.

Even after a transplant it’s a long road to recovery for Piazza.

“I will technically never be cured because there is not a cure for EHE but this is the most curative option. Removing my liver would give me the longest life and the most enjoyable life,” Piazza said.

For Piazza it’s the support of others that have really helped her along the way.

“I could not have gotten through this in the way that I have without family, friends, community.”

This story is courtesy of Shoshana Stahl from First Alert 4.

## Community Spirit Shines at Brentwood Days Festival



The strength and spirit of the Brentwood community were on full display during last month’s Brentwood Days festival.

The festivities kicked off with the Brentwood Community 5K and Fun Run, coordinated by the Brentwood Middle School PTO. The event brought together 285 participants and raised nearly \$10,000 to support middle school experiences like Sixth Grade Camp.

The excitement continued as students, staff and families filled the streets for the Brentwood Days Parade. Even when the skies opened up and rain came pouring down, the community’s spirit never wavered. All of our schools were proudly represented, with the Brentwood High School jazz band and cheerleaders adding extra excitement to this year’s procession.

“Events like Brentwood Days highlight how strong schools are built on the foundation of community support and engagement,” said Dr. Amy Zielinski, superintendent of schools. “It was truly inspiring to see our community come together and celebrate everything that makes Brentwood such a special place to learn and grow.”

## Brentwood High School Info Night is Thursday, Nov. 6



Brentwood High School Info Night is a chance for families of current, incoming and prospective high school students to explore the personalized academic and extracurricular

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lar opportunities available right here in the Brentwood community.

Meet our experienced teachers and staff, tour our flexible, future-ready learning spaces, connect with our student ambassadors and discover how we are preparing all students for success in whatever postsecondary pathways they choose.

“It’s inspiring to see the excitement and curiosity that students and families bring as they explore our educational offering and engage with our students and staff,” said Dr. Edward Johnson, BHS principal. “This event truly highlights the personalized experiences we offer and our commitment to supporting learning, growth and achievement for all students.”

From academics and extracurricular activities to college and career readiness, Brentwood High School offers personalized learning experiences that are hard to match. We invite you to join us on Thursday, Nov. 6, at 6:30 p.m. in the BHS Commons to discover all that Brentwood High School has to offer.

Volley for a Cure  
Pink-Out game



What an amazing night at the Volley for a Cure Pink-Out game! The Brentwood community came out in full force to support our athletes and this great cause!

Brentwood High School Alumni Association Hosts Annual All-School Reunion



The Brentwood High School Alumni Association recently hosted its annual All-School Reunion, welcoming Eagles from the last nine decades! Alumni reconnected with old friends, explored the familiar halls and celebrated their shared history—all while creating new memories to last a lifetime.

Since its founding in 2003, the Alumni Association has invested more than \$440,000 in scholarships for graduating seniors, helping the next generation of Eagles soar even higher!

Visit [brentwoodhsalumni.org](http://brentwoodhsalumni.org) to learn more about the Alumni Association.

Mark Twain Elementary



Walkenbach’s second grade got to explore LREC today and connect their learning in science to real life adventures!

Brentwood Ranks Among the Best in Missouri



According to the 2026 Niche K-12 Rankings, Brentwood ranks No. 7 in the state for academic achievement and No. 15 for the best places to teach—earning an A overall rating across all schools!

“While rankings are one measure of success, the true measure is the difference we make in the lives of our students every day,” said Dr. Amy Zielinski, superintendent of schools. “That’s what drives us—and that’s what continues to make Brentwood one of the best.”





# Brentwood Days is Always a Favorite Friday Nite at the Trainwreck



Goats Tidy up Brentwood Parks!





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Olympic medalist Jason Brown Visits Brentwood



Brentwood Parks and Recreation, along with the St. Louis Skating Club, was thrilled to welcome Olympic medalist Jason Brown to the Brentwood Ice Rink in partnership with the St. Louis Sports Commission and U.S. Figure Skating. Jason's visit brought an unforgettable experience to our local skaters and fans, offering not only hands-on lessons on the ice but also words of encouragement and inspiration to the next generation of skaters. Thank you to everyone who stopped by!



Saint Mary Magdalen teachers came out this morning to cheer on the kindergarten boys at their soccer game. We love seeing our school family supporting one another!

This eco-friendly landscaping method helps maintain the park naturally while giving visitors a fun and unique chance to see goats in action. Stop by to watch them at work and enjoy this lively addition to the park!

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# Brentwood Board of Aldermen Minutes

**CITY OF BRENTWOOD, MISSOURI  
PARTIAL BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2025**

Board President Nancy Parker Tice called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at Brentwood City Hall, 2348 S. Brentwood Blvd, Brentwood, MO 63144. She immediately led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:**

Alderman David Plufka – Present  
Alderwoman Nancy Parker Tice – Present  
Alderwoman Michele Goad – Present  
Alderwoman Sunny Sims – Absent  
Alderman Steve Lochmoeller – Present  
Alderman Jeff Gould – Present  
Alderwoman Sharon Harter – Present  
Alderman Sullivan Erger – Present  
Mayor David Dimmitt – Absent

A quorum was declared. Also present were: City Administrator Bola Akande, Communications Manager Michelle Boyer, Finance Director Michelle DePew, Planning Director Whitney Kelly, City Attorney Lisa Stump, Public Works Director Dan Gummer-sheimer (virtual), Fire Chief Ronnie Contrell, Building Official John Benisch, and City Clerk Octavia Pitman.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS,  
APPOINTMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS,  
AND RECOGNITIONS**

Recognition – Fire Department Badge Pinning Ceremony  
Daniel Brewer was introduced as the new firefighter paramedic. Following the Oath of Office, he was officially pinned by family.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Public Hearing on Ordinance Revising Chapters 500, 505, 510, and 515 of the City Code of Ordinances of the City of Brentwood by adopting, with revisions, certain 2024 ICC Codes including the 2024 International Building Code, International Residential Code, International Existing Building Code, International Plumbing Code, International Mechanical Code, International Swimming Pool and Spa Code, the International Fuel Gas Code, the International Energy Conservation Code, International Property Maintenance Code, the International Fire Code and the National Electric Code 2023, by reference, which Codes have been filed with the City’s Clerk’s office for a period of 90 days prior to adoption of the ordinance. (Revision Details)

Board President Parker Tice opened the public hearing at 6:07p.m.

Director Kelly along with Building Official Benisch explained the Building Division is seeking to update the City’s Building Codes from the 2018 to the 2024 International Code Council (ICC) for the Building Codes, Safety Codes, Fire Codes, etc. The Codes are updated every 3 years, with most City’s updating every 6 years. If a City is beyond more than two cycles of the most current ICC Codes this would negatively impact the City’s insurance rating, as well as residents’ insurance rates. Codes are updated to address building and life safety issues, as well as energy conservation. The 2024 Codes specifically addresses safety regarding EV Charging that the Fire Department would like to have addressed.

The Board extended compliments to planning staff for their efforts to present the amendments. There were no public comments.

**MAYOR AND ALDERMEN REPORTS**

Mayor Dimmitt – Board President Parker Tice offered reminder of the Brentwood Days Carnival Friday and Saturday. The parade begins at 12 on Saturday and ends the night with a drone show. There is also music, rides, food trucks and more both nights. There was also reminder of the fire department open house on Saturday, 10-4; 11-1p.m.

Alderwoman Parker Tice – announced the



Mayor  
David Dimmitt

Ward 1



Alderwoman  
Nancy Parker Tice



Alderman  
David Plufka

Ward 2



Alderwoman  
Sunny Sims



Aldermwoman  
Michele Goad



Municipal Judge  
Patrick Dignam

Ward 3



Alderman  
Jeff Gould



Alderman  
Steve Lochmoeller

Ward 4



Alderwoman  
Sharon Harter



Alderman  
Sullivan Erger

budget process is underway. The next Ways & Means meeting will be 10/2.

Alderwoman Goad – stated the goats for Sustainable September are a huge hit in the community. She also thanked Officer Dominguez for help with senior and possible scam.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Bill No. 6571 – An Ordinance Authorizing The City To Enter Into A Purchase And Sale Agreement For The Sale Of A Five-Foot Wide Strip Of Land Known As 2831 Hilldale Avenue As Excess Property – 2nd Reading

Attorney Stump provided the title only reading of Bill No. 6571. A motion was made by Alderman Plufka and seconded by Alderman Lochmoeller to perfect Bill No 6571 into ordinance form. ROLL CALL: Alderman Plufka – aye; Alderwoman Tice – aye; Alderwoman Goad – aye; Alderman Lochmoeller – aye; Alderwoman Sims – absent; Alderman Gould – aye; Alderwoman Harter – aye; Alderman Erger – aye; MOTION CARRIED BY VOTE OF 7-0. (Now Becomes Ordinance #5198)

Bill No. 6572 – Establish the Property Tax Rates for 2025 – Ordinance Establishing The Rate Of Property Tax To Be Levied For The Year 2025 For General Municipal Purposes and Police And Fire Retirement Fund – 2nd Reading

Attorney Stump provided the title only reading of Bill No. 6572. A motion was made by Alderman Plufka and seconded by Alderman Erger to perfect Bill No 6572 into ordinance form. ROLL CALL: Alderman Plufka – aye; Alderwoman Tice – aye; Alderwoman Goad – aye; Alderman Lochmoeller – aye; Alderwoman Sims – absent; Alderman Gould – aye; Alderwoman Harter – aye; Alderman Erger – aye; MOTION CARRIED BY VOTE OF 7-0. (Now Becomes Ordinance #5199)

**NEW BUSINESS**

Resolution No. 1563 – A Resolution Approving A Development Agreement Between The City Of Brentwood And Quattro Brentwood Deux, LLC; Authorizing Certain Actions In Connection Therewith; And Containing A Severability Clause

Attorney Stump provided the title only reading. Joel Oliver (HALO), Mark Spykerman (Gilmore Bell) and City Administrator Akande explained Quattro Brentwood Deux, LLC has requested that the City issue its taxable industrial revenue bonds for the purpose of facilitating a sales tax exemption in the amount of \$135,000 on construction materials used in the construction of an approximately 12,000 square foot building, associated parking and playground and related improvements for future use as a KinderCare Learning Center. The incentive has minimal impact on the city and no impact on the school district. The property is zoned “MC” Manchester Corridor Commercial District. This item has been brought to the city’s attention by HALO who is acting in the master developer capacity and is facilitating this transaction and will be the first project in the redevelopment area.

A motion was made by Alderman Lochmoeller and seconded by Alderman Plufka to approve Resolution No 1563. ROLL CALL: Alderman Plufka – aye; Alderwoman Tice – aye; Alderwoman Goad – aye; Alderman Lochmoeller – aye; Alderwoman Sims – absent; Alderman Gould – aye; Alderwoman Harter – aye; Alderman Erger – aye; MOTION CARRIED BY VOTE OF 7-0.

Bill No. 6574 – An Ordinance Amending Provisions In Title V Of The Municipal Code All Relating To The Adoption Of Technical Codes And Miscellaneous Provisions Pertaining To Buildings And Construction – 1st Reading

Attorney Stump provided the title only reading of Bill No. 6574. As subject of the earlier public hearing, Director Kelly and Building Official Benisch further explained the bill and revisions are in working format to be developed over the 90 days. It was noted that during April the high grass and weeds provision will not be enforced. It was explained that not all codes are being adopted. Those that do not provide a life safety hazard and result in added costs to residents are excluded. After questions from the Board, it was noted that the Home Builders Association has not yet responded to communications.

ADJOURN

**CITY OF BRENTWOOD, MISSOURI  
PARTIAL BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 24, 2025**

Mayor David Dimmitt called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. in the Chambers at Brentwood City Hall, 2348 S. Brentwood Blvd, Brentwood, MO 63144. She immediately led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:**

Alderman David Plufka – Present  
Alderwoman Nancy Parker Tice – Present  
Alderwoman Michele Goad – Present  
Alderwoman Sunny Sims – Present  
Alderman Steve Lochmoeller – Present  
Alderman Jeff Gould – Present  
Alderwoman Sharon Harter – Present  
Alderman Sullivan Erger – Absent  
Mayor David Dimmitt – Present

A quorum was declared. Also present were: City Administrator Bola Akande, Finance Director Michelle DePew, Parks Director Eric Gruenfelder, and City Clerk Octavia Pitman.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Liquor License Approval – Tonas Margarita Bar & Mexican Restaurant (1221 Strassner Ave.

It was explained that Tonas Margarita Bar & Mexican Restaurant was approved for site development plan and special use permit at the August 18th Board of Aldermen meeting. They have applied for liquor sales and have met the necessary requirements. A motion

was made by Alderman Plufka and seconded Alderman Gould to approve the liquor license for Tonas. Unanimous vote in favor taken; MOTION CARRIED.

**Discussion Regarding Refund of  
Brentwood Days Wristband Fees**

Director Gruenfelder reported rain that occurred during the annual Brentwood Days festival resulted in early closure of the event on Saturday. He noted the request to refund fees to citizens for the ride bracelets. The cost for one-day bracelets were \$20 and \$15 for the Saturday portion of two-day ride bracelets; totaling \$10,360. Refunds will be disbursed in the form of credit for parks programs, however, upon request cash (check) refunds may be given. A motion was made by Alderwoman Tice and seconded by Alderman Plufka to approve refunds to citizens for Brentwood Days Wristband Fees. Alderman Plufka – aye; Alderwoman Tice – aye; Alderwoman Goad – aye; Alderman Lochmoeller – aye; Alderwoman Sims – aye; Alderman Gould – aye; Alderwoman Harter – aye; Alderman Erger – absent; MOTION CARRIED.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Bill No. 6572.1 – An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance No. 5199 And Establishing The Rate Of Property Tax To Be Levied For The Year 2025 For General Municipal Purposes; And Police And Fire Retirement Fund Purposes – 1st & 2nd Reading

Clerk Pittman provided the title only reading of Bill No. 6572.1. Director DePew explained Ordinance No. 5199 was duly adopted by the Board of Aldermen and approved by the Mayor on September 15, 2025, however, after adoption, the city received notice from the St. Louis County Assessor of the Post Board of Equalization changes to certain tax rates, assessed valuation and revenue numbers (General - Commercial Tax Rate, corresponding Assessed Valuations and Tax Revenue; and Pension - Residential, and Commercial Tax Rate and corresponding Assessed Valuations and Tax Revenue). Once the Board of Aldermen have approved and authorized Bill No. 6572.1, the new Ordinance will be sent to St. Louis County before the October 1 deadline. Motion was made by Alderman Gould and seconded by Alderman Lochmoeller for the 2nd reading of Bill #6572.1. Unanimous vote in favor taken; MOTION CARRIED.

Clerk Pittman provided the title only reading of Bill No. 6572.1. A motion was made by Alderman Gould and seconded by Alderman Plufka to perfect Bill No 6572 into ordinance form.

ROLL CALL: Alderman Plufka – aye; Alderwoman Tice – aye; Alderwoman Goad – aye; Alderman Lochmoeller – aye; Alderwoman Sims – aye; Alderman Gould – aye; Alderwoman Harter – aye; Alderman Erger – absent; MOTION CARRIED BY VOTE OF 7-0. (Now Becomes Ordinance #5199.1)

ADJOURN



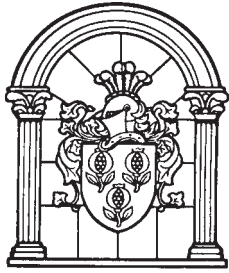
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## British Airways Announces New Non-stop Flight Between St. Louis and London

British Airways will be touching down in St. Louis, Missouri for customers looking to book their next trip across the pond. British Airways has announced it will begin seasonal non-stop service between St. Louis Lambert International Airport (STL) and London Heathrow Airport (LHR), connecting St. Louis travelers directly to one of the world’s most important global hubs beginning April 19, 2026.

British Airways will operate four flights per week, creating new opportunities for both leisure and business travel. St. Louis-based customers are now just a convenient non-stop flight away from the U.K.’s capital city and all the iconic attractions London has to offer. From sightseeing the ‘Big Ben’, Westminster Abbey, Tower Bridge and Buckingham Palace, to exploring tourist hot spots such as Borough Market, Shoreditch, Battersea and Notting Hill, there’s something for every kind of traveler.

The new, direct service will provide customers with greater access and premium service to the U.K. and beyond. With this new route, customers have access to one of the world’s most extensive global networks through British Airways’ hub at London Heathrow Airport.

“The is a great day for the future of St. Louis,” said Ambassador Kevin F. O’Malley, Chair of the St. Louis County Port Authority which took the lead role in securing the contract. “Obtaining non-stop service between St. Louis and London has been a goal of the Port Authority and one which we are happy to announce today. With this new route, British Airways, a world-class international carrier, is recognizing the progress our City and County are making and the growing importance of the St. Louis region in the global economy.”

“British Airways’ decision to serve St. Louis is proof that our city belongs on the global stage,” said Mayor Cara Spencer. “This flight makes St. Louis more accessible to the world while giving our residents another seamless connection to Europe and beyond. It’s a win for our economy, for our reputation and for everyone who believes in the promise of St. Louis.”

The new British Airways service between St. Louis and London Heathrow is expected to have a significant and lasting impact on the regional economy. Industry research and peer city benchmarks show that non-stop service to Europe can generate between \$50 million and \$100 million annually for a metro economy. For St. Louis, that means stronger global business ties, new tourism revenue and an enhanced ability to compete on the world stage.

“With this direct flight, we are connecting the St. Louis region to one of the world’s most popular destinations and growing our global reach,” said St. Louis County Executive Sam Page. “From the Gateway Arch to the Tower of London, this new flight will increase tourism and help meet the needs of the companies that do business here and in Europe.”

The announcement comes at a pivotal moment for St. Louis, as the region prepares to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Route 66 in 2026 and to serve as a gateway to FIFA World Cup games in Kansas City and other U.S. host cities. Direct access to London will strengthen St. Louis’s ability to attract visitors, conventions and major international events, while also supporting the region’s business and trade sectors.

Explore St. Louis will collaborate with Brand USA, the nation’s public-private destination marketing organization, to leverage this new service and elevate the city’s reputation abroad. Together, these efforts will showcase St. Louis as a uniquely American city full of culture, creativity and opportunity.

## MAGIC CON

Presented by Magic Mini Golf & Wizard’s Wagon In The Delmar Loop

Celebrate the magic of fall in the Delmar Loop at MAGIC CON, presented by Magic Mini Golf and Wizard’s Wagon on Saturday, October 18.

Come to Magic Mini Golf wearing a costume or T-shirt featuring your favorite comic book hero or villian. Get half off rounds of mini-golf and enjoy feats of illusion from resident magician Magic Amanda from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Prizes will be awarded every hour throughout the day.

Magic Mini Golf’s new October menu and special cocktails will be available during the event. Karaoke will take over the stage from 9 p.m. until midnight. After 9 p.m. Magic Mini Golf is 21+.

At Wizard’s Wagon, anyone showing a receipt for golf from Magic Mini Golf will get 10 percent off purchases at the comic book and board game store on October 18. The store is located at 6178 Delmar in the Loop. It is open from noon until 8 p.m. on Saturday, October 18 during Magic Con.

Learn more about Magic Con at [www.magic-minigolf.com](http://www.magic-minigolf.com). Follow on social media @magic-minigolf.

### ABOUT MAGIC AMANDA

Magic Amanda is a celebrated magician whose artistry has been featured in prominent magic magazines, including Genii, Magische Welt, and Magic Seen. Based in St. Louis, Amanda talents have taken her across the U.S. to perform in New York, California, and on stage in Las Vegas. She appeared on Penn & Teller’s Fool Me. Social media videos of kids reacting to her magic go viral @magicamanda87.

### ABOUT MAGIC MINI GOLF

Magic Mini Golf is a one-of-a-kind indoor mini golf, shuffleboard, and Ferris wheel attraction in the heart of St. Louis’ Delmar Loop. In addition to its 27-ft award-winning animated neon sign, Magic Mini Golf features 18 holes of whimsical miniature golf, two full-size shuffleboard courts, a 5-car Ferris wheel from the Muny Opera, and pinball and arcade games. The space is decorated with colorful, vintage magic posters and magic and golf-themed memorabilia in glowing display cases. Magic Mini Golf is also St. Louis’ grooviest wedding venue where everyone on staff is ordained to perform marriage ceremonies.

Food, a full bar, and a stage for live performances and presentations add to the fun in the flexible space. Beyond individual visitors, The attraction is a popular venue for group gatherings, including birthday parties, reunions, team building retreats and even weddings and vow renewals as everyone on the staff is ordained to perform ceremonies.

Magic Mini Golf is located in The Delmar Loop arts and entertainment district in St. Louis at 6160 Delmar across the street from the Moonrise Hotel and The Pageant. concert venue. It is open seven days a week and food is served late into the night. Visit [www.magicminigolf.com](http://www.magicminigolf.com) for pricing, hours, the full menu and additional information.

## The Price Is Right Live™ Monday, May 11, 2026 at 7:30

The Price Is Right Live™ hosted by St. Louis native Todd Newton, makes a triumphant return to St. Louis on Monday, May 11, 2026 at The Factory at The District. Show time is 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) Tickets are \$79.50, \$59.50, \$49.50, \$29.50. Tickets go on sale this Friday, October 10 at 8 a.m. and can be purchased online at Ticketmaster and TheFactorySTL.com.

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## NATIONAL MAKE A DOG’S DAY DAY DOGS CAN RIDE WITH THEIR HUMANS AT THE ST. LOUIS WHEEL WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22 10 AM TO 10 PM

Once a year the 200-foot-tall St. Louis Wheel at Union Station welcomes dogs to ride with their best friends. This year the dog lovers at the attraction have chosen “National Make a Dog’s Day” Day to celebrate. The fully enclosed and temperature-controlled gondolas are perfect for pets who want a sky-high view of the St. Louis skyline.

Dogs ride FREE with their ticketed humans. Tickets are available on site at the Wheel or in advance at [www.thestlouiswheel.com](http://www.thestlouiswheel.com); @stlouiswheelpark.

The St. Louis Wheel is located at St. Louis Union Station, 201 S. 18th St.,

St. Louis, MO 63103.



Peanut Butter Spider Cookies



These cute little spider cookies are made of a peanut butter oatmeal cookie, topped with a mini Reese’s peanut butter cup and drizzled with a bit of chocolate for the legs!

Ingredients

- 12 peanut butter cookies (store-bought or homemade)
- 12 mini Reese’s peanut butter cups
- 1/4 cup semi-sweet chocolate, melted
- optional: 24 mini candy eyeballs

Instructions

Melt the chocolate in a double boiler or in the microwave, stirring every 30 seconds until smooth and melty. Transfer the chocolate to a piping bag or Ziploc bag with a tiny bit of the end snipped off.

Place a tiny bit of melted chocolate in the middle of a peanut butter cookie then press a mini peanut butter cup on top. Using the piping bag, create 8 “legs” with the chocolate, 4 on each side. Repeat with remaining cookies.

Use a bit of the melted chocolate on the front of the Reese’s peanut butter cup and place 2 mini candy eye balls on top, pressing them on.

Cookies will keep at room temperature, for 5-6 days or in the freezer for up to 2 months. <https://www.chelseasmessyapron.com/3-ingredient-halloween-treats/>

Mummy Dogs



Ingredients

- 1 8 oz Pillsbury Crescent Dough Sheet
- 10 hot dogs
- 20 candy eyes

Directions

Preheat oven to 375°F.

Unroll your crescent dough and using a pizza cutter or large knife, cut the dough into ¼ inch wide strips lengthwise.

Wrap the strips of dough around the hot dogs like bandages on a mummy. They should overlap but still showcase the hot dog inside!

Place on a greased baking sheet and bake for about 12 minutes or until the pastry is cooked through and golden brown.

Skewer onto wooden skewers and add candy eyes using ketchup or mustard to hold them in place.



City of Brentwood Receives Project of the Year Award for the Deer Creek Flood Mitigation Project



The City of Brentwood was recently recognized by the American Society of Civil Engineers(ASCE) St. Louis Section with the Project of the Year Award for the Deer Creek Flood Mitigation Project.

At the awards ceremony, Mayor David Dimmitt gave a presentation highlighting the project’s impact and the City’s ongoing commitment to protecting residents, businesses, and infrastructure from flooding.

We extend a special thank you to our project partners, Navigate Building Solutions Building Solutions and Jacobs Solutions Inc., for their expertise and collaboration in making this achievement possible.



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Start autumn with a FREE, family-friendly PROST at the Saint Louis Zoo! Sip beer, savor German-themed cuisine and hear live music. For the kinder, there is root beer and kids’ activities. And when you’ve had plenty of “oompah” fun, check out all Zoo’s open exhibits and attractions.

And we’ve added an extra date for even more Zootoberfest fun! Zootoberfest At Night includes all your favorite Oktoberfest-ivities after dark. German-themed food, brews and tunes will take over the Zoo during this FREE extended-hours event.

All Zootoberfest food and beverages are available for purchase while supplies last. For guests 21 and older:

- Explore 50+ local and craft brews at beer trailers throughout the Zoo.
- Sip on six varieties of Zootoberfest “stein-a-ritas” offered at select food locations.
- Enjoy discounted refills on beer and margaritas when you purchase an exclusive Zootoberfest beer stein.

Enjoy Zootoberfest during the dates and hours below:

- 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and \*Sunday, Oct. 4-5
- 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and \*Sunday, Oct. 11-12
- 5-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10. (NEW: Zootoberfest At Night!)

Enjoy live music from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. both weekends:

- Bolzen Beer Band (Oct. 4)
- Heidelberg German Band (Oct. 5)
- Die Spitzebaum (5-8 p.m. Oct. 10)
- The Wurst Bavarian Band (Oct. 11)
- So Grand Polka Band (Oct. 12)

\*Beer trailer sales start at 11 a.m. on Sundays

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MORE INFO: For more information, visit [stlzoo.org/zootoberfest](http://stlzoo.org/zootoberfest). Follow the Zoo on Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, Threads and X.



Get to Know the Purpose Behind  
the Different Estate Planning Documents

By: West Community Credit Union

At its core, estate planning is about making decisions today that protect your loved ones tomorrow. It’s the process of creating legal documents that outline what should happen to your assets, your health care, and even your children if something unexpected happens. So let’s get to know the differences between the different documents available:

Last Will and Testament

This document defines how your estate will be distributed (who inherits what), appoints the person who will handle your final affairs as your Executor (or “Personal Representative”), and nominates guardians for any minor children.

(Financial) Power of Attorney

This document allows your named agent(s) the authority to make financial, property, and investment decisions in the event you become incapacitated.

Advanced Health Directive

This document allows you to specify your preferences about medical care and end-of-life care and also allows you to designate an agent to make health care decisions for you in accordance with your instructions. An Advance Health Directive combines a Living Will and a Medical Power of Attorney and may be known by other names like Medical Directive, Healthcare Declaration, Advance Health Care Directive, or Medical Proxy.

HIPAA Authorization

This document gives authorization for your physician or medical entity to disclose your health information to your designated representative.

Revocable Trust

This document provides for the control, management, and distribution of your assets during your lifetime and after death. You will generally serve as Trustee of your Trust, ensuring you retain control and access to all of your assets. The Trust document provides all of the rules and instructions for ongoing management, including who will serve as Successor Trustee after you and when and how your assets are to be distributed.

Pour-Over Will

A Pour-Over Will is a special type of Last Will and Testament that is designed to work in conjunction with a Re-vocable Trust. A Pour-Over Will is designed to ensure any assets that are not moved into your trust during lifetime will be “poured over” into your Trust after death to ensure the Trust is the centerpiece of your plan.

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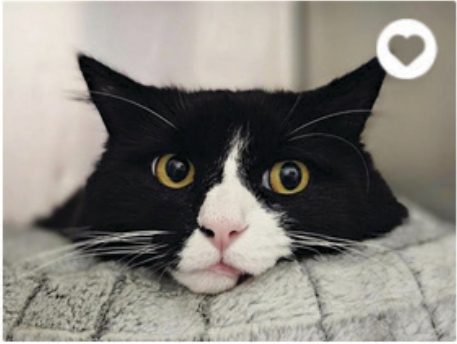
This document is a summary of the provisions in your trust to provide to financial institutions (banking, brokerage/ investment, etc.), title companies, etc. when moving assets in or out of your Trust or when naming your Trust as a beneficiary on an account.

Getting Started

You don’t need to have a large estate or complicated finances to benefit from a plan. In fact, the earlier you start, the easier it is to update your documents as you enter different life stages of getting married, having kids, or buying a home.

If you’re not sure where to begin, West Community Credit Union now offers estate planning tools designed to help members create a plan that fits their needs. From simple wills to comprehensive trust packages, our resources are built to make the process approachable and affordable.

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## Mosaics Fine Art Festival Selects 2025 Best of Show Winner

Mosaics Fine Art Festival awarded the 2025 “Best of Show” honor to Chris Abigt of Ottumwa, Iowa, during its 30th anniversary celebration. Abigt was chosen from more than 80 juried artists representing over 15 states.



Abigt received a \$1,000 cash prize as first-place winner for her oil/ acrylic artwork. Eight artists were presented with an “Award of Recognition”, each receiving a \$500 prize. The awardees include Gabriel Berg, fibers, from Viroqua, Wisconsin; Tyler David, wood, from Potosi, Wisconsin; Bobby Harr, glass, from Phoenix, Arizona; Samuel Hitchman, clay, from Felicity, Ohio; Katherine Likos, jewelry, from Webster Groves, Missouri; Andrew Rola, oil/acrylic, from St. Louis, Missouri; Melinda Runge, oil/ acrylic from St. Louis Missouri; and Sarah Skjold-Hamlin, drawing, from Collinsville, Illinois.

Two emerging student artists, Luke Hinton from Lafayette High School and Leah Niebuhr from Orchard Farm High School were also honored with the Joyce Rosen Founder’s Scholarship Award of Recognition, receiving \$300 each toward their future artistic pursuits.

“Chris Abigt was chosen as the overall winner for her artwork, which stood out as both distinctive and beautifully executed,” said Denise Wulff, president of Mosaics Fine Art Festival. “Her artistry and creativity captivated the judges and made her a clear choice for Best of Show.

Pictured from left to right are festival judge Hal Moran, Mosaics Fine Art Festival Denise Wulff, and artist Chris Abigt.

The Mosaics Fine Art Festival is a non-profit organization that showcases local and regional artists while educating the community’s children and adults in how art can enhance their lives. The festival features a wide array of artwork produced by a mix of emerging, mid-career and established artists in all media. For more information, call (314) 406-2067 or visit Mosaics Fine Art Festival.

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# INSIDE BASEBALL

By Rob Rains of StLSportsPage.com

## How Chaim Bloom went from sleeping on the floor in a friend’s hotel room to running the Cardinals

By Rob Rains

In December 2003, Chaim Bloom spent several nights sleeping on the floor in a friend’s hotel room during baseball’s winter meetings in New Orleans. It was far from glamorous, but Bloom was still a student at Yale and he was not in the city on a sightseeing vacation.



Bloom was there to try to meet as many people as he could, to hang out and mingle in the hotel lobby, while pursuing his goal of trying to land a

job working in baseball.

“I was already doing some work for Baseball Prospectus at the time, so I had a few people that I kind of knew from my virtual work with them,” Bloom said. “I knew I could chat with them in the lobby while I was waiting to see if there were people who worked for teams that I could mingle with.

“The sole purpose was to go there to network and see if I could make some headway on getting in the game.”

Bloom did not come away from those meetings with a job. He returned to school and started constantly sending emails, writing letters and making cold calls, seeking advice.

“I just wanted to pick people’s brains because the odds of getting a job off of that are near zero,” Bloom said. “The Padres internship came out of that. It was a two-month gig and they made it very clear they couldn’t pay me and couldn’t hire me at the end of it, but it was a chance to get some work with a team.”

Working in baseball was a career that Bloom decided to pursue after falling in love with the game while growing up in suburban Philadelphia. Two decades ago, he was setting out on a journey driven by hope and ambition but with no idea where it would take him and with no final destination in mind.

“When you are trying to get in the game, I think the best way to make progress in this game is not to look too far down the road,” Bloom said. “I think I got lucky in a few ways, but I certainly worked for it. I was lucky that when I did get in the game, I loved it. That’s not a given.

“There’s a lot of sacrifices you make to do this. It’s not as glamorous as people think, really any job in the game. Any given day is full of a lot of things you don’t daydream about when you daydream about any job in this game. The fact I was able to get in and that I really enjoyed the work was a blessing.”

On those days spent working the lobby of the Marriott Hotel, Bloom did not know how his career would unfold – about how an internship with the Tampa Bay Rays would turn into a full-time job; how success there would lead him to a job running the Boston Red Sox, or now, to his new job as the president of baseball operations for the Cardinals.

To get a better understanding of how Bloom has built a career in the game at the still-young age of 42, STLSportsPage.com reached out to people who have worked with Bloom and known him over the last 20 years. They paint a portrait of a man who loves his family, is devout in his faith, and has an appetite for working with people, all ingredients that have fueled Bloom’s career.

“He’s smart; he never stops learning, that’s what makes this young man tick,” said Mitch Lukevics, who became a mentor to Bloom during the early years of his career with Tampa Bay. “He’s a good person. He’s well-liked. He knows his strengths; he knows his weaknesses and that’s what makes him good at what he does. He doesn’t know it all. That’s the kiss of death in this business.

“He respects people. He treats people the way he wants to be treated. All of the things you should have with leadership he has because he’s learned it. He kept learning and he kept learning.”

Bloom’s desire to learn was already part of his DNA even before he knew that he wanted to work in baseball.

“I liked playing it; I just wasn’t any good at it”

Bloom’s father was an eye doctor and his mother was a teacher. He is the oldest of two boys and is named for his mother’s uncle. In Hebrew, Chaim means “life.”

His first baseball experiences came playing the game in Little League.

“I liked playing it; I just wasn’t any good at it,” he said. “You didn’t have to be much of a talent evaluator to realize I didn’t have any.”

What Bloom had, almost from the start, however, was a love for the game.

“I’m not sure I can pinpoint the why,” he said about how that happened. “I just know I was hooked. I just really got into

everything about the game; the intensity of the competition, the game’s history. There’s so many ways you can connect with it. I don’t know if I can put my finger on why. It was just one of those things.”

It was when Bloom was finishing high school, and in his early years at Yale, when the idea of working in baseball became a career goal.

“I was passionate about it,” he said. “It was a time in the evolution of the game when pathways into front offices were really starting to open up for people with backgrounds like mine and I basically just decided I was going to go after it. I was going to scratch and claw and see if I could hustle my way in there.

“I was fortunate to be at a point in my life that even though the odds are against me, if I was going to take this chance, I should do it now and I went after it. I was lucky enough to get a couple of opportunities and made the most of them.”

When he had arrived on the Yale campus, Bloom had not decided on a major.

“At that time you didn’t have to declare a major until the end of your sophomore year,” Bloom said. “I had taken some Latin in high school and I ended up taking a couple more classes and I enjoyed them. They were challenging; they were fun. When it came time to declare a major I just decided to go with it. Right or wrong, I had told myself it really didn’t matter what I majored in for the career I was trying to build.

“I don’t know if that was smart or not in my case but when people ask me for advice I usually do not advise them to go major in Classics. What I do tell people is that I think it’s important to study something that you enjoy, something you are passionate about and something that gives your brain a good workout.

“So much of what we do in this industry is about adaptability. Sure there are certain jobs that are hard skills that are really important but the game is always moving, so learning how to learn is actually really important. In our business a lot of the best executives, the best coaches and sometimes players too are the best learners. They just move forward and get better quicker. This is a game that demands that out of you.”

Bloom was able to get an advanced education in baseball thanks to the years he spent working for the Rays. Two people he met there – Lukevics and baseball lifer Don Zimmer



– became major influences in his life.

Lukevics, who now is a senior advisor for player development and baseball operations for the Rays, took an early liking to Bloom.

“We were the smallest player development staff in baseball and he be-

came my assistant,” Lukevics said. “He wanted to learn. There was no job too small, and he kept learning. He had a wonderful paid education here and he took it and put it to good use.”

Lukevics has spent his life working in baseball, but he admits he learned from Bloom as well.

“I don’t know how many years I had in the game at the time, but this young guy helped me to open my mind, to think a little different at times, don’t stay within,” Lukevics said. “Be a little more creative. Think a little more out of the box. I had all the experience but he helped me as well and I will never forget it.”

Bloom knows he was lucky to meet Lukevics at such a critical stage in his career.

“Mitch was incredibly generous with me just in terms of really trying to teach me,” Bloom said. “When you are thinking about getting in the game you think about being around the stuff on the field, you think about being around baseball decisions. Many of the roles are administrative and in some cases really kind of ground-level tasks like stuffing envelopes full of meal money, getting bus schedules, things like that.

“But looking back I really treasure that I got to do those things, in part because I still feel like I had enough of a grassroots education in player development to relate to a lot of the work that goes on. There are so many things you learn just by being present and being around ... I learned so much about the game that was not apparent to me from the outside.

“Mitch deserves a lot of credit, the approach that he took with me. I just tried to soak up everything I could from him and from so many people around me.”

One of the others working for the Rays at the time was Zimmer, who Bloom would find out years later also became

a mentor to John Mozeliak when he was with the Rockies at an early point in his own career.

“I got to know Zim and soak up the experience and wisdom he brought to everybody around him,” Bloom said. “I feel lucky to have gotten to know him and learn from him. What an incredible baseball life.”

Zimmer died in 2014, before Bloom went to work for the Red Sox, but when he was there Bloom occasionally would stop by Zimmer’s plaque in the team’s Hall of Fame at Fenway Park.

“I would walk by it once in awhile and give him a little wink because I really appreciated the things I was able to learn from him and watch him go about what he did,” Bloom said. “Talk about someone who showed what it meant to honor the game and be able to pass that on ... He was a living legend. He turned double plays with Jackie Robinson.

“He never carried himself like he was bigger than the game. He never carried himself like someone who was going to take more than he gave and he gave a lot to the game and the people around him. I was just glad I got to be one of those people who got to learn from him.”

Of all of the lessons that Bloom learned in those years, Lukevics believes one stands above the rest, which was important when he went to work for the Red Sox and will be important now in his job with the Cardinals.

“One thing he has, one thing he learned from player development, is patience,” Lukevics said. “If you do not have patience in player development you’re in the wrong department. Going through some streaks and slumps, errors and immaturity because he is a high school player. You stay with him and stay with him and boom he’s in your lineup in the big leagues. Chaim has that type of patience. You have to have it.”

Lukevics watched as Bloom progressed through the Rays organization, and saw him get interviews for jobs running other teams. All of those jobs went to somebody else, until he was hired by the Red Sox in October 2019.

“You didn’t want to see a call from me”

Brian O’Halloran had a passing relationship with Bloom from seeing him at various baseball activities but the two had not worked closely because the Rays and Red Sox were division rivals.

What O’Halloran, the general manager of the Red Sox at the time, soon realized, however, was that Bloom’s new job was not going to be easy.

“He came here at a time when we had some challenges in front of us,” O’Halloran said. “He gets the job, and in the ensuing months we lost our manager for a year, we lost a draft pick, Covid hit – a lot of challenges. And we knew at the time we were going to have to undergo a transition phase and try to compete at the same time in a demanding market. None of these jobs are easy but his certainly was a challenge.”

The move that garnered most of the attention was having to trade Mookie Betts.

“It was a salary dump,” said Boston Globe sports columnist Dan Shaughnessy. “I never blamed him for trading Mookie Betts and it’s unfortunate if anybody does. That’s totally unfair. His hands were tied behind his back. He was brought in to help them stop losing money on an annual basis. Mission accomplished.”

Despite the difficulties of the job, O’Halloran knew how much Bloom wanted to succeed.

“He’s extremely competitive,” O’Halloran said. “We all are in this game but it really stood out how much he cared about winning. He was a relentlessly hard worker who put incredible time and devotion into the team. He’s motivated by winning but also doing it with a group of people, a team, bonding together in a larger sense.”

After the Red Sox enjoyed a bounce-back 92-win season before losing to Houston in the AL Championship Series in 2021, Shaughnessy reached out to Bloom.

“I remember I wrote a column and I called him up and said, ‘OK Chaim, take your victory lap now,’” Shaughnessy said. “He was very funny about it and humble. It really was the only good year the Red Sox have had since 2019.”

Despite having a reputation of being harsh and critical of the local sports teams and their executives, coaches and players in the tough media market of Boston, Shaughnessy grew to like Bloom. When back-to-back 78-win seasons in 2022 and 2023 led to Bloom’s dismissal, Shaughnessy tried to come to his defense.

“If you had his job you didn’t want to see a call from me,” Shaughnessy said. “That couldn’t have been fun ... He was extremely fair and available. I don’t think he got crushed like some other guys had over the years. He was spared. People were blaming the owners; I certainly was.

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“He was never a dartboard like a lot of guys who come here. He got in and out with his reputation pretty OK. People didn’t know much about him when he came and didn’t know much about him when he left.”

One person who did know a lot more about Bloom after working side-by-side with him for those four years was O’Halloran, who is now the executive vice president of baseball operations for the Red Sox.

“He is just an outstanding human being,” O’Halloran said. “Immediately he was an easy guy to get to know and to establish a relationship with and work with. Chaim is someone who builds relationships with all types of people.

“We just went through a lot collectively together. As much as he puts into his work, which is something that really stands out in an industry where everybody works hard, is he’s also a great family man.”

What Bloom didn’t know at the time he was fired by the Red Sox was that he wasn’t finished working in baseball in Boston – he just was going to be doing it on a different level. “They are just people. They have hearts”

Adam Diliberto met Bloom in the fall of 2024, when his son Jay and Bloom’s youngest son Judah became teammates in the Newton, Mass., Little League. Diliberto was one of the team’s assistant coaches.

Diliberto also happens to live across the street from Shaughnessy’s daughter, and his grandson also was on the same team.

“I grew up reading his columns, he was a big figure in the city,” Diliberto said. “I had known Dan for a number of years, and then I ended up meeting Chaim. What struck me is they are just people. They have hearts. They were just trying to be a dad or a grandpa.”

Diliberto initially did not know how to approach Bloom. “At first I was hesitant to bring up his job too much,” he said. “I just tried to keep it mostly about the kids and what they were doing on the field. Once I got to know him I started asking more questions like how a ballclub works, his career trajectory, in the same way I would ask any person I come into contact with. ‘How did you get into what you do? How did your career end up the way it did?’

“He was a very personable guy, very nice, very polite. He was always appreciative of what we were trying to do as far as coaching the kids and teaching them the basics of baseball.”

Bloom, perhaps thinking back to his own Little League experiences, realized he could accomplish two things at that time – watch his kids play and still get his baseball fix.

“I suddenly came into a lot of free time and one of the ways I decided to use that void was to volunteer to help out with my kids Little League,” Bloom said. “It was the coolest thing I did during that period when work was a lower priority than it had been for a while. It was such a blast to be able to do that.”

There was one day in particular which stood out to Bloom, when Judah and his older brother, Isaiah, actually played against each other. Diliberto asked Bloom if he wanted to coach third base for both teams.

“It was brutal,” Bloom said. “The boys were fine; emotionally I was a mess. My older one, it was an accident, but he almost hit the younger one (with a pitch) and they started jawing at each other.

“I hope the kids enjoyed it but candidly it also was fun for me. It was a very simple and pure thing. It’s more work than you think. Once when the manager had to travel for work he kind of handed things off to me. You have to do advance planning so you don’t have 10 kids screaming at you every inning about where they are going on the field.

“My personality is if I’m going to do it I am going to try to do a good job with it. I don’t know if 20 years ago I would have envisioned sitting there on a Sunday morning with a playing time grid for Little League but there I was.”

His family – including wife Aliza, who he met at Yale, their two sons and a younger daughter – is something Bloom thinks about constantly.

“Family is at the center of everything that I think of outside of the game and honestly there’s some of the same things which drive me on both sides of it,” Bloom said. “The chance to impact other people is one of the main things that gives me satisfaction from my work.

“Family to me is the ultimate expression of that. I’ve been fortunate now to be in a few different spots and build different relationships in the game but you realize it’s a business and people come and go as you spend a career in the game. Family to me should be a constant, and I treat it that way.”

One person who saw Bloom in a different light on the Little League field than he had seen in the past was Shaughnessy, who also was there as a fan, not as a columnist

“It was kind of funny,” Bloom said. “Dan was there at these games to watch his grandson.”

Said Shaughnessy about that experience, “It gave me the appreciation that he loves baseball and that he’s a really good guy. This would be a guy you would want to root for ... I think the job with the Cardinals will be a much more fair test of his skill set in the position. This will be a fair evaluation of him. I don’t think the Boston thing was a fair reflection of his skill set.”

“If you don’t learn from your experiences you’re just not keeping your eyes and ears open”

As Bloom makes the transition from running the Red Sox to running the Cardinals, he brings with him all the experience and knowledge he gained in those difficult years.

“I do think there are certain things about yourself, things you believe in, you want to make sure you are challenging those as you go and that you are evolving,” Bloom said. “But principles and core values, I don’t think those are very different – what it means to set a road map, and really what it means to make sure you stay disciplined on the road map and that you set the tone for the organization to understand where we are going to and how we are supposed to get there.

“That’s something that’s definitely much more front of mind for me now than it would have been six years ago when I started in Boston.”

There are other ways Bloom will be different in this job as well.

“If you don’t learn from your experiences you’re just not keeping your eyes and ears open,” he said. “There’s obviously some things I would do differently but I am also really proud of a lot of the work in Boston and you can see it starting to come to fruition.

“One of the things that I believe about this game, and I think it’s true about life as well, and is something I really emphasize with all of our people, is the importance of challenging yourself and continuing to grow. We have to keep moving forward and can’t stand still. I think that’s really true in each of us as individuals.

“Even the things that you are proud of and things you do well, you have to constantly learn and grow and look to do things differently and better. Otherwise you are just going to get beat. The game is that competitive ... I had a lot of great experiences in Boston, and I really enjoyed it. It’s an amazing place. I’m proud of a lot of what we were able to do.”

Bloom will try to use the knowledge from all of his experiences to help make the Cardinals an annual playoff contender again. Two people who expect him to do just that are Lukevics and O’Halloran.

“I can tell you one thing he’s not going to do, he’s not going to stay stagnant on learning,” Lukevics said. “He’s going to know exactly what maybe he could have done, and he’s going to learn from that and be better in St. Louis. He’s what you want.”

Added O’Halloran, “He’s someone who is really going to care about the organization and winning and will put every ounce of his effort into achieving that. He loves the game of baseball. I haven’t spent a lot of time in St. Louis but I know it’s a great baseball market with a great history and I think that is something he will really relish as well.

“The fans will get someone who really cares and will put every effort into trying to build a winner. I think the Cardinals made a good choice.”

Taking over a team that has been shut out of the last three postseasons, twice finishing with a losing record, with a dramatic drop-off in their attendance totals, makes Bloom aware of the work that needs to be done.

Doing it with a team that has the storied history of the Cardinals only adds to the challenge.

“It’s really important to leverage that history and really important to use it to your advantage,” Bloom said. “It’s also

really important not to get trapped by it and to understand that all of that history was created by people who were forging their own path. That’s why it stood out, that’s why they were successful, and that’s why we now look at it ... People were willing to set that standard and to push forward.”

Bloom knows he is going to be leading that charge and he welcomes the attention that will come with it. He already has been stopped on the street or approached in a restaurant, even before he began his new, more visible job.

“It’s a baseball town,” he said. “I think I’ve been lucky to work in arguably the two best baseball towns in the country. I know what you experience in those places is pretty unusual and is a very cool thing about it.”

Bloom can close his eyes and picture a sold-out Busch Stadium, on a chilly late October night, as the Cardinals take the field.

“You have an environment and an atmosphere that is really hard to duplicate,” he said. “I have yet to experience what that feels like in St. Louis, but I am sure it is going to be pretty great. It’s something that motivates me.”

Getting the team into that position and having the chance to do it year after year is Bloom’s goal.

“One thing about baseball, and I think is true about life, is that baseball just makes you really keenly aware of the things you do not control,” Bloom said. “You have to accept those to some degree. Luck is a factor. For me, that makes it even more important to try to dominate the things that you do control. The important thing is to be able to tell the difference.

“The more you control those things the more you position yourself to get good luck, and the better you will be able to bounce back from things that don’t go your way.”

It’s another lesson he was reminded of over the past year.

“One of the main reasons I enjoy seeing my kids play is it teaches resilience,” Bloom said. “There is a lot of failure in this game and there will be a lot of things that don’t work out the way you want. What separates people in this game isn’t that they never encounter those things, but how they bounce back when they do.

“None of us does this alone. If we are going to have any success as an organization, it’s going to be as an organization. There’s so many people who have experiences that I don’t, that have expertise that I don’t. I like to think I have some things that they might not, but you want people around you who can bring things to the table that you don’t. That’s a really important part of doing anything together.

“I want to be around people that challenge me, push me and make me better. That’s where the fun is.”

Follow Rob Rains on X @RobRains

Rob Rains is the 2024 Missouri Sportswriter of the Year, awarded by the National Sports Media Association. He’s a member of Baseball Writers Association of America (BBWAA), Missouri Sports Hall of Fame, St. Louis Media Hall of Fame. Former N.L. beat writer for USA Today’s Baseball Weekly, St. Louis Globe-Democrat. A frequent guest on St. Louis radio, Rains is the author or co-author of more than 30 books on people including Ozzie Smith, Jack Buck, and Red Schoendienst.

**DOWN SYNDROME COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

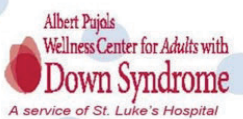


**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18**

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## Komodo Dragon “Charlie” Arrives at Saint Louis Zoo

Exclusive debut planned for Boo at the Zoo Oct. 16–19; daytime viewing begins Oct. 20

Saint Louis Zoo will soon debut 6-year-old male Komodo dragon Charlie, the first resident of the Zoo’s brand new Komodo dragon habitat at the Charles H. Hoessle Herpetarium. Charlie will be the first of his species to live at the Zoo in more than 12 years.

The young Komodo dragon arrived at the Zoo on Sept. 20, 2025, from Bronx Zoo in New York, an Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA)-accredited institution. The Herpetarium underwent special renovations to prepare for his arrival, including the construction of a new solarium specially designed for the 6-foot-long reptile. Charlie is named after Saint Louis Zoo Director Emeritus Charles H. Hoessle, namesake of the Herpetarium.

The new Komodo dragon solarium will debut to the public during evening hours 5-8:30 p.m. Oct. 16-19 as part of the ticketed evening event, Boo at the Zoo presented by SSM Health Cardinal Glennon. Beginning at 9 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 20, Charlie can be seen during regular Zoo hours and during Boo at the Zoo in the evenings.

“Our team has been eagerly preparing for Charlie’s arrival, and we can’t wait for guests to discover all the things that make Komodo dragons one-of-a-kind,” said Justin Elden, Curator of Herpetology and Aquatics, Saint Louis Zoo. “It’s a privilege to have this unique and endangered species in our care.”



### The Komodo Solarium

Charlie is the sixth Komodo dragon to make a home at the Saint Louis Zoo. To prepare for his arrival, three existing reptile habitats at the Herpetarium were merged and redesigned according to evolving animal care standards. The new habitat is uniquely suited to Charlie’s growth and enrichment needs.

To protect the Herpetarium’s historic integrity, the Zoo used original steel framing to construct the new solarium. The glass enclosed room includes UV-transmissible ceiling panels which allow essential UVA and UVB light to pass through year-round — a vital source of warmth for cold-blooded Komodo dragons that cannot regulate their own body temperatures.



The solarium is equipped with five basking spots including heated rocks, UV lamps and other areas for Charlie to soak up the sun. These basking spots are regulated by automatic timers that switch warming elements on and off throughout the day, encouraging Charlie to move about his habitat and promote exercise. The solarium is modeled after a dry forest climate where Komodo dragons would naturally live in the wild.

### Komodo Dragons and Komodo Conservation

Komodo dragons (*Varanus komodoensis*) are the largest species of lizard, weighing up to 300 pounds at full size. In the wild, they are found only on five islands in Indonesia and may grow as long as 10 feet. With powerful salivary proteins and sharp teeth, Komodo dragons are apex predators capable of taking down prey much larger than themselves.

The species typically lives a solitary life and has been known to display cannibalistic behaviors. Remarkably, female Komodo dragons can reproduce asexually through a process called parthenogenesis.

Although Komodos can live 20 to 30 years in human care, many in the wild never survive their first year. Habitat loss, poaching of their primary food source (deer) and the impacts of climate change have all contributed to their endangered status.

Charlie came to Saint Louis Zoo through coordinated efforts under the AZA Komodo Dragon Species Survival Plan (SSP), which works to ensure a healthy and genetically diverse population of Komodo dragons in the U.S. The Komodo Dragon SSP, along with initiatives such as Komodo National Park and strict Indonesian wildlife laws, are critical to safeguarding the future of this remarkable species.



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3rd Annual Builders Fall Home Show Fenton Returns November 1-2

The 3rd Annual Builders Fall Home Show Fenton will be held at STL Athletic Center November 1-2, 2025. The Show is produced by the Home Builders Association of St. Louis and Eastern Missouri.

The Home Show gives area residents the opportunity to see more than 100 companies in a great Southwest St. Louis County location near the intersection of I-44 and I-270 in Fenton, MO. Show visitors can shop the latest home products and services in one convenient trip and meet hundreds of local home pros. And the Show has free admission and free parking!

St. Louisans can find what they need for their homes, inside and out, including kitchens and baths, flooring, window treatments, decks, fencing, windows, siding, doors and so much more. Visiting the Show is also a great opportunity to have a fun family day out.

People want their homes to be their happy place, with spaces that fulfill all their family's needs. Many people have a list of updates that would make their homes work better for them. The Home Show is a great resource for products, services and local experts to help with updates that will create homes that fit the needs of today's families and give them their best home life. Show visitors are encouraged to bring photos and examples of items on their wish list to create ideal spaces in their homes. No question is too small and with hundreds of home pros in attendance, the answers are easy to find! Save time by visiting a variety of companies in one convenient location and get started on your home improvement journey!

Visit the Holiday Marketplace for a variety of locally hand-made items that are great for upcoming celebrations and holiday gifts! Shop all-natural soaps, creams, balms and scrubs, essential oils and bath salts. Find vintage, handcrafted pillows made from fabrics and linens, rag garland and pennants, Christmas trees from old doors, tabletop fabric Christmas trees and more. There will also be handmade jewelry created with all natural stones. Plus, learn about the Moolah Shriners FEZtival of Trees, a fun, family event.

HBA Home Shows are always family-friendly, so bring the kids! Everyone will enjoy entertaining Dog Shows by Sit Means Sit Dog Training. The shows will feature obedience, agility, tricks, and therapy behaviors. People can learn what basic obedience training can do for a dog, plus dogs will show off some flashier agility skills and tricks. Plus, there will be a Kids Holiday Corner where kids can have fun crafting, coloring, and more!

Show hours are 10 am to 5 pm on Saturday, November 1 and 10 am to 4 pm on Sunday, November 2. Admission and parking are FREE. Visit <https://STLHomeShow.com> for details.

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**Library Closure**

Rock Hill Public Library will be closed on Monday, October 13 for Staff Development Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 10:00 AM.

**Fall Film Series**

2025 continues on a cozy, but rather haunting note at Rock Hill Public Library! Join us for our afternoon movie screenings from 1-3 PM this month. Come relax, unwind, and enjoy the show! Popcorn and specialty mocktails included. Adults

October’s theme Not So Scary Movie kicks off on October 14, 2025 with Beetlejuice, Beetlejuice (2024). Directed by Tim Burton from a screenplay by Alfred Gough and Miles Millar. A sequel to Beetlejuice (1988), the film stars Michael Keaton, Winona Ryder and Catherine O’Hara reprising their roles alongside new cast members Justin Theroux, Monica Bellucci, Jenna Ortega and Willem Dafoe.

After a family tragedy, three generations of the Deetz family return home to Winter River. Still haunted by Beetlejuice, Lydia’s (Winona Ryder) life is turned upside down when her teenage daughter, Astrid (Jenna Ortega), accidentally opens the portal to the Afterlife.

**Books for Babies**

Hey caregivers and little ones aged 0-3, it’s time for Books for Babies at the Rock Hill Public Library on Thursdays at 10 AM! It’s a fun and interactive way to introduce your little one to the magic of storytelling.

**STEAM Club**

Let’s unveil the secrets of black ink pigments with chromatography monsters, and dive into the mysteries of hand anatomy with a fun skeletal hand model. Join us for a spooktacular time at the Rock Hill Public Library on October 11 at STEAM Club from 11AM-12PM. School-Aged

**Mystery Book Club**

When two groups decide to meet at the Piazzetta del Leoncini, they have the bad luck to congregate just when the police squads are changing shifts. At the same time, Commissario Guido Brunetti learns about a pattern of violence and intimidation against his colleague and friend Bocchese, chief technician of the police station’s lab.

In the thirty-third installment of Donna Leon’s magnificent series, Commissario Guido Brunetti confronts a present-day Venetian menace and the ghosts of a heroism that never was.

Get ready for a night of suspense and excitement at the Rock Hill Public Library’s Mystery Book Club on October 15 at 5:30 PM! We’ll be diving into “A Refiner’s Fire” by Donna Leon.

**CHAMP**

Looking for volunteer opportunities? Come meet the furry stars of CHAMP Assistance Dogs at the library on Saturday, October 25, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM. Discover how you can make a paws-itively amazing difference by raising puppies for individuals with disabilities.

**Halloween Extravaganza**

Boo!!! Ghosts and Ghouls! Mark your calendars for a frightfully fun evening at Rock Hill Public Library!! Get ready for a fang-tastic time at our annual Halloween Extravaganza on October 30 from 4:30-8:00 PM. Enjoy snacks, crafts and a movie, Hocus Pocus. Grab some food from the Hacienda Food Truck from 5:30 -7:00 PM. Costumes are encouraged! It’s going to be a spooktacular event you won’t want to miss!!

**RHPL StoryWalks®**

Be Strong by Pat Zietlow Miller continues at the WGSD Pollinator Paradise until October 22. Be Strong, carries an accessibly powerful message of “show up, speak up, and never ever give up.” Tanisha shows the reader or listener that lessons learned in school are applicable in the outside world and vice versa. This StoryWalk® is on loan from the Missouri State Library, and is enhanced with Braille text. Then it will be replaced with Harvest Days by Kate DePalma.

This project is supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Missouri State Library, a division of the Office of the Secretary of State.

**Chair Yoga with Alicia**

Relax and rejuvenate with Chair Yoga with Alicia on November 7 at 11 AM! Whether you’re a beginner or experienced yogi, this gentle practice is perfect for all skill levels. Call (314) 962-4723 to register. Space is limited. FYI There is parking in the back. Enter through the side door.

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Buy-A-Brick and support your local library!!! Visit <http://www.rockhillpubliclibrary.org/donate/> to get one today before they run out! You can also support Rock Hill Public Library by making a one-time or recurring donation. And thanks so much to everyone who has already bought a brick. Your continued support means a lot.



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**CHAIR YOGA**  
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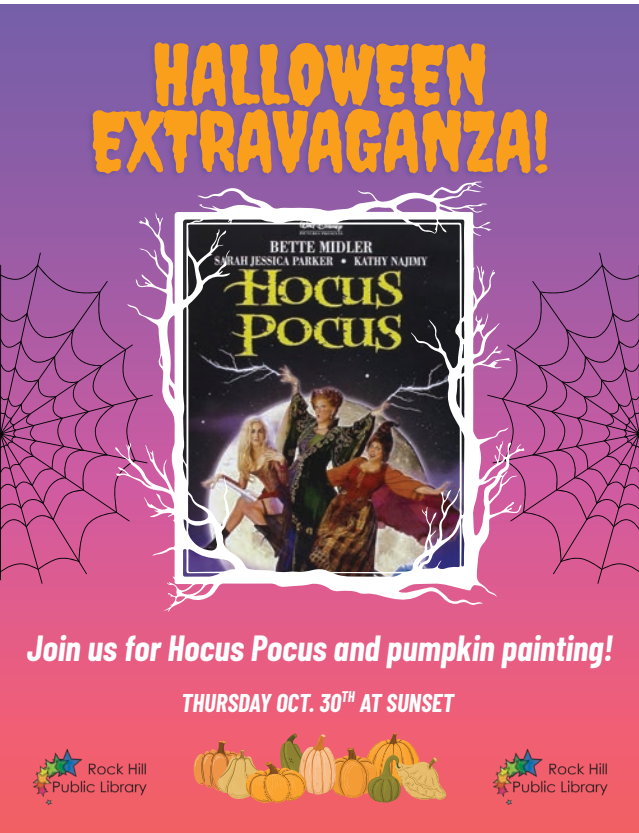
**HALLOWEEN EXTRAVAGANZA!**

Costumes, crafts, and snacks!

Hacienda food truck!

Once it's dark, we'll watch  
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Thursday Oct. 30th  
4:30-8pm



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THURSDAY OCT. 30<sup>TH</sup> AT SUNSET



**Down Syndrome Association  
Pop-Up Shops**

Michael and Willie, pictured here, are part of the DSA's employment program where they help create the items you see on the table.

The DSA is invited into organizations where we set up a pop up shop usually about 2-3 hrs. and sell coffee that has been bagged and labeled by Michael, Willie, along with more of our amazing friends with Down syndrome. Our mission is to serve, support , and celebrate individuals with Ds and their families, through every stage of life.

In the picture, you will see the outstanding products created by our friends, like the painted cups & pocket hugs. We are so proud of this employment program. For more information, visit <https://dsagsl.org/> or call 314-961-2504.



# St. Louis District Dairy Council

## One-pot fall meals bring comfort, flavor and dairy to the table

As cooler weather sets in and busy fall schedules take over, families are turning to one-pot meals for quick, comforting dinners. These dishes offer the perfect balance of flavor, nutrition and convenience — and dairy products play a starring role.

“One-pot meals are ideal for busy families because they save time in the kitchen and cut down on dishes,” said Maggie Nosit, registered dietitian and nutrition educator with St. Louis District Dairy Council. “Adding milk, cheese or yogurt not only boosts flavor and creaminess, but also provides protein, calcium and vitamin D.”

Popular one-pot dishes featuring dairy include white chicken chili made with Greek yogurt, cheesy chicken and rice skillet with vegetables, creamy tomato basil tortellini soup, loaded potato and broccoli soup, and classic beef stroganoff finished with sour cream. These meals highlight how dairy adds richness and flavor while pairing easily with fall produce.

Nutrition experts note that dairy adds more than taste. It provides high-quality protein to support growth and muscle repair, calcium and vitamin D for strong bones, and B vitamins for energy metabolism. Dairy foods also contain potassium, which helps with maintaining healthy blood pressure.

Planning ahead can make one-pot meals even more convenient. Families can double recipes, portion out leftovers and freeze them for later, creating a ready-made meal on nights when time is short. Batch-cooking soups, stews or casseroles ensures that comfort food is always within reach without the extra work.

In addition to the nutrition benefits, gathering around the table for a warm, home-cooked meal has lasting value. Research shows that family meals support healthier eating habits, improve communication, and build stronger personal (or social) connections. One-pot dishes make it easier for families to share this time together, even on busy weeknights.

“Meals that include dairy bring comfort and nutrition to the table,” Nosit said. “They’re a simple way to keep families fueled during the busy fall season.”

Visit [www.stldairyCouncil.org](http://www.stldairyCouncil.org) for more information on the health benefits of dairy. You may also contact Maggie Nosit at 314-835-9668 or [mcimarolli@stldairyCouncil.org](mailto:mcimarolli@stldairyCouncil.org). Follow St. Louis District Dairy Council on Facebook and Instagram at [STLDairyCouncil](https://www.facebook.com/STLDairyCouncil).

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St. Louis District Dairy Council, a nonprofit nutrition education organization funded by local dairy farmers, serves 131 counties in central/southern Illinois and eastern Missouri.

One-pot meals make busy weeknights easier, and this White Chicken Chili is a hearty favorite that comes together quickly. Packed with lean protein, creamy Greek yogurt, and plenty of flavor, it's a comforting dish the whole family will love.



### White Chicken Chili

Servings: 6  
Prep time: 10 minutes  
Cook time: 25 minutes

**Ingredients**

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 pound cooked chicken breast, shredded
- 2 cans (15 oz each) white beans, drained and rinsed
- 2 cans (4 oz each) diced green chiles
- 4 cups low-sodium chicken broth
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 2 teaspoons chili powder
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 teaspoon salt (adjust to taste)
- 3/4 cup plain Greek yogurt
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- Fresh cilantro, chopped

**Instructions**

Heat olive oil in a large pot over medium heat. Add onion and garlic; cook until softened, about 3–4 minutes.

Stir in shredded chicken, white beans, green chiles, chicken broth, and spices. Bring to a simmer. Reduce heat to medium-low and simmer for 15–20 minutes, stirring occasionally, to let flavors meld.

Remove from heat and stir in Greek yogurt until fully incorporated.

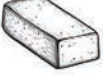
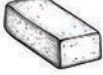
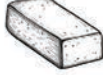
Ladle into bowls and top with shredded cheddar cheese and fresh cilantro.



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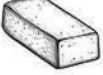
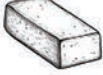
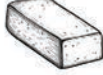
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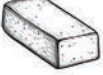
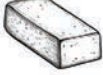
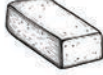
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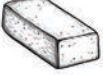
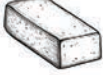
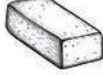
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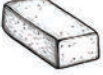
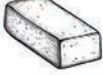
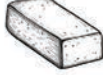
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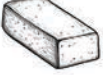
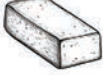
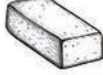
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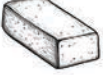
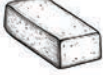
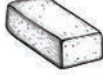
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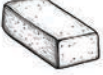
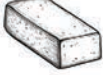
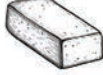
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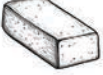
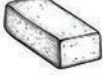
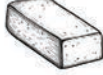
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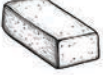
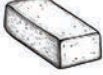
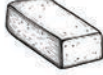
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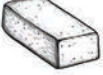
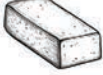
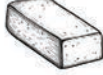
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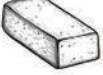
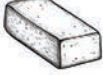
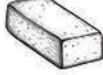
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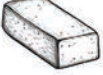
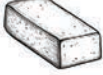
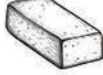
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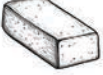
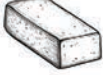
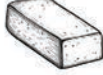
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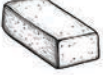
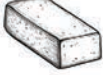
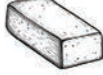
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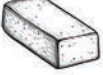
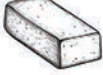
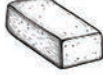
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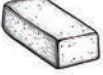
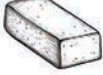
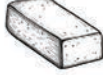
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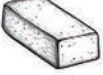
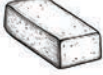
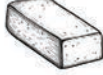
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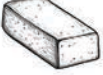
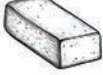
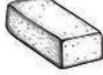
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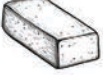
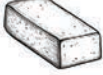
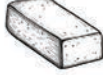
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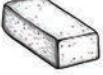
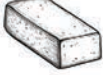
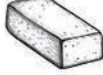
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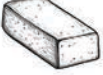
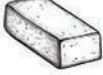
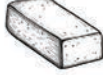
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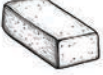
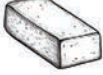
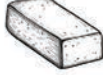
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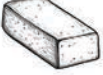
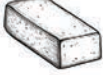
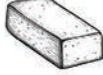
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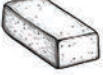
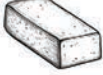
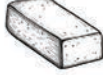
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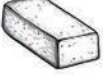
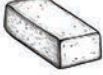
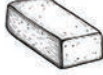
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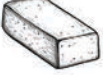
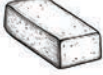
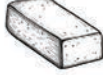
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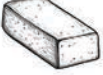
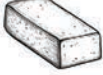
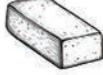
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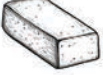
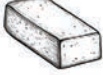
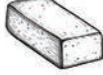
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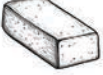
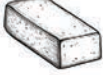
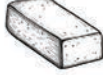
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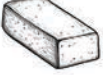
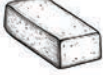
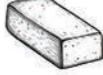
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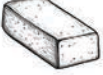
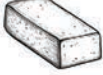
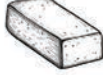
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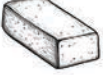
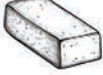
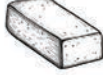
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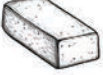
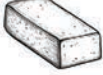
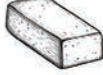
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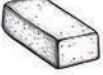
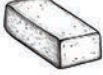
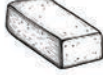
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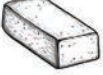
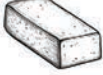
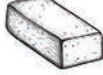
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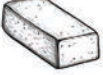
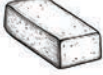
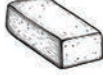
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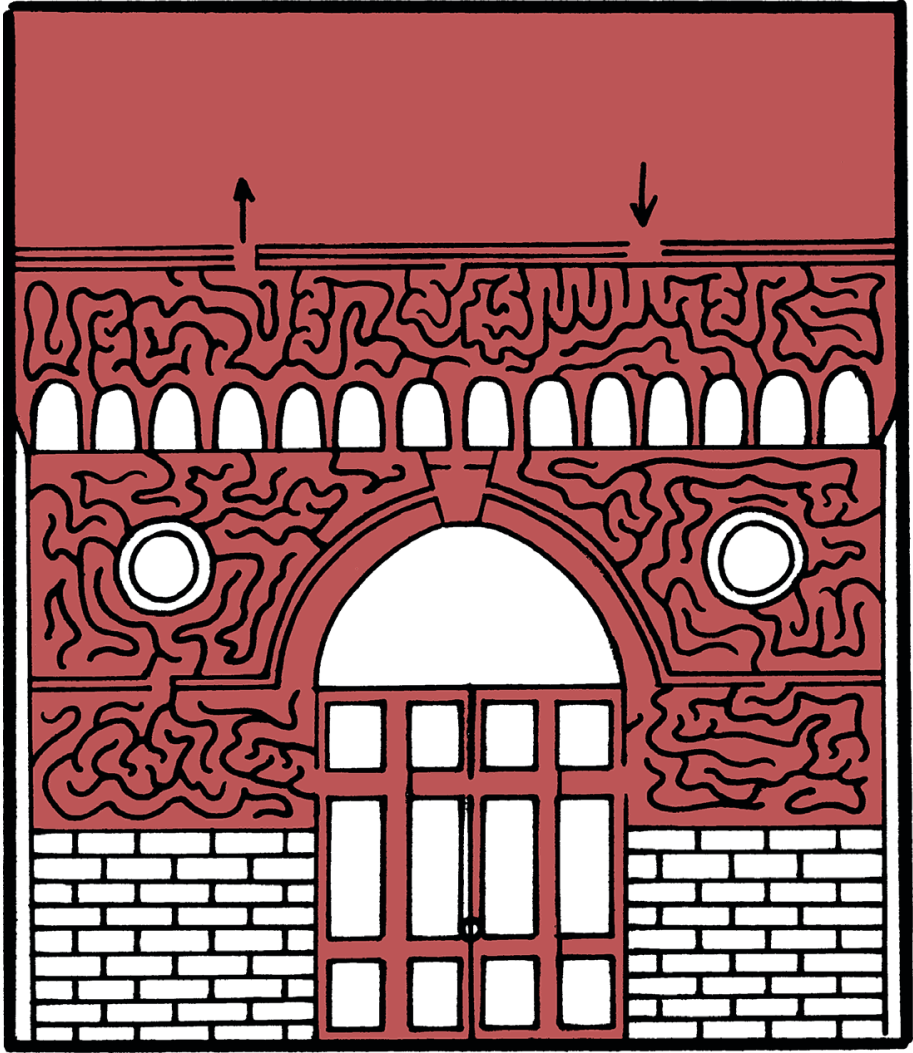
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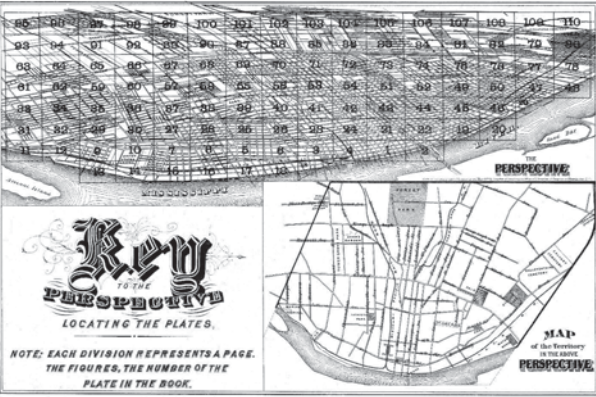


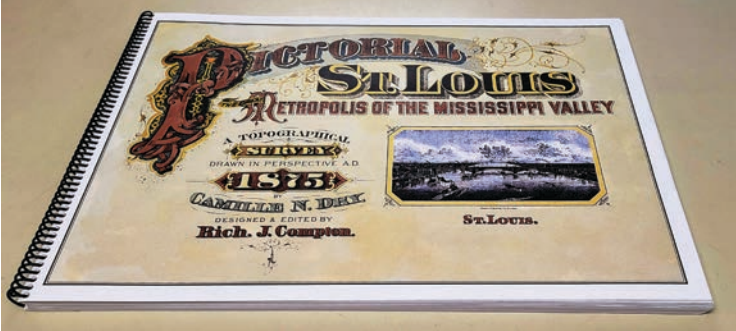
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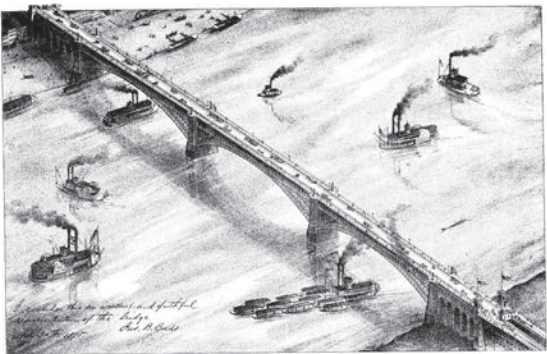
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