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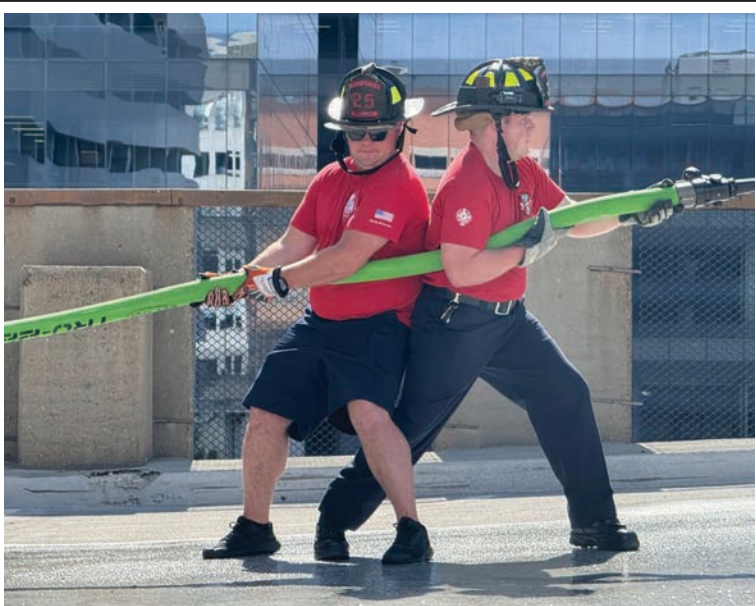
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The Professional Firefighters of Brentwood MO, along with the Central Core Training Division, worked in the sweltering heat on high rise operations. These drills increased proficiency in battling fire's in standpipe equipped high rise structures.

Brentwood Police Department Promotions



Congratulations to:

- Major Joe Sullivan
- Lieutenant Todd Lambert
- Sergeant Amon Figgs

We also wish warm welcome to Brentwood Fire Department's newest Firefighter / Paramedic **Evan Johnson**. He took the oath and received his badge during the ceremony.

Thank you all for your dedication to keeping Brentwood safe!

Camp was full of laughs, crafts and a ton of fun at Saint Mary Magdalen



See more photos inside

Rock Hill Police Bike Rodeo



Thank you to all the kids that came out and experienced the Bike Rodeo with the Rock Hill Police Department. It was such a wonderful event! Thank you to Cardinal Glennon and the employees that came. Cardinal Glennon donated a free bike helmet to each child and the employees fitted each child and demonstrated the correct way to wear the helmet. Officer Matt Dedert then instructed safety rules for riding a bike. Thank you to Domino's Pizza for making delicious pizzas. Thank you to the Rock Hill Fire Department that came to the event to meet the kids and show support to the Police Department. Congratulations to the two winners who won the raffle for 2 brand new bikes.



Deadline
for next
issue is
August 4

LAST ISSUE

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 for more information.

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**TEACHING AREA STUDENTS
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Ranken Jordan raises more than \$210K at annual Tee it Up For the Kids golf tournament



Pictured L-R is Virginia McDowell, Kevin Corn, Mike Wendorf, Devon Cramer and Jake Hoffart.



Pictured L-R is Nikki Toennies and her daughter, patient Rae Toennies, volunteer Veronica Grimes and Heather Groetecke and her son David Groetecke

More than 260 golfers and supporters raised more than \$210,000 for Ranken Jordan Pediatric Bridge Hospital at its annual Tee It Up for the Kids golf tournament June 30, 2025, at Whitmoor Country Club in Weldon Spring, Mo.

Chaired by Phil DeKuester, the event included a round of golf followed by a cocktail hour, award ceremony, and silent auction that included a Tony La Russa Hall of Fame signed baseball and a Scottie Scheffler signed flag and poster.

Also part of the event was a surprise for longtime Ranken Jordan volunteer, Kevin Corn, who started the hospital’s junior golf program in 2011. The program will now be known as the “Kevin Corn Golf Academy” in his honor. The idea was inspired by a generous donation from Virginia McDowell and Michael Wendorf of the McDowell Family Foundation to support the program.

“We look forward to Tee It Up for Kids every year because it’s a fun day but it also shows the incredible generosity of our local community and their continuing support for Ranken Jordan,” said Shawn Dryden, CEO, Ranken Jordan. “This year was especially meaningful because we honored Kevin Corn. He is an example of someone who truly believes in our Care Beyond the Bedside model, which encourages children to get out of their hospital rooms and heal through play. Kevin has been inspiring our patients for 14 years now so we loved honoring him after all he’s done for us.”

Ranken Jordan would like to thank all of the participants and sponsors for Tee It Up For Kids, including presenting sponsor Truck Centers, Inc.

If you are interested in supporting Ranken Jordan, please visit RankenJordanFoundation.org.

**Brentwood Days:
Adult Area with Wine and Beer Garden
Drone Show on Saturday!**

Friday, September 19

Fairgrounds and Wine and Beer Garden
open from 3:00pm-10:00pm
Steve Ewing Band 7:00-10:00PM
Face painting
Magic
Jugglers and More!
Carnival rides
Pony Rides

Brentwood Sports Complex
9100 Russell Avenue

Saturday, September 20

Parade begins at 12:00pm / Fairgrounds
and Wine and Beer Garden after parade
until 9:00pm
Well Hungarians 7:00 -9:00PM

Face painting
Magic
Jugglers and More!
Carnival rides
Wall Climbing
Drone Show begins at 9:00pm

**TORNADO RELIEF T-SHIRTS ON SALE NOW
TO BENEFIT ACTION STL
“Rebuilding STL Brick By Brick”**

4 Hands Brewing Company is proud to announce the launch of a limited-edition “Rebuilding STL Brick By Brick” T-shirt designed to raise funds for tornado relief efforts in St. Louis.

All proceeds from the shirt will be donated to support the work of Action STL, a grassroots organization committed to advocacy, direct aid and long-term recovery for communities impacted by the recent storms.

The shirt, designed in-house by 4 Hands’ creative director Jordan Moler in collaboration with the team at Action STL, will be printed by Loyal PrintShop, who have generously donated their time and labor to the project.

“At 4 Hands, we’re always looking for ways to be more than beer for the communities we serve,” said Kevin Lemp, founder of 4 Hands Brewing Company. “In the wake of the devastating tornadoes, we wanted to take immediate action and partner with people doing the real work on the ground. Action STL has stepped up in a big way and we’re honored to support their efforts.”

Action STL is leading community-led disaster response initiatives focused on housing stabilization, neighborhood recovery and direct aid for those hardest hit by the recent storms. Their work ensures that relief reaches families who are often overlooked in traditional recovery efforts. More information about their mission can be found at actionstl.org/tornado.

“The People’s Response, a partnership of Action St. Louis and For the Culture STL, has been on the ground since the devastating tornado hit the north side of St. Louis. Since May 16, we’ve supported over 5,000 families, served over 20,000 hot meals and have mobilized nearly 10,000 volunteers,” said Karissa Anderson Whitted, communications manager for Action St. Louis. “We are incredibly proud of the many ways people in St. Louis and beyond have supported our community. Together, we are literally rebuilding our city brick by brick. We are extremely grateful to 4 Hands for creating this amazing t-shirt campaign to continue to support our neighbors who need us now more than ever.” To get your t-shirt, go to <https://www.universe.com/events/action-stl-tornado-relief-shirt-pre-order-tickets-PLF25T>

FOOD IS MEDICINE:

**We Continue to Roll Out
New Three-Compartment
Medically Tailored Meals**



The Food Outreach team is continuing to produce new three-compartment medically tailored meals for our clients. Behind every new meal is a whole lot of heart plus time and effort.

Our dedicated staff and volunteers cook and pack each meal with care before it’s flash-frozen to lock in freshness. But that’s just the beginning!

Every new recipe goes through a rigorous quality assurance process. Meals are cooked, taste-tested, and fine-tuned until they’re just right—both nutritionally and flavor-wise. Only then do they make it onto our client menu.

Food Outreach believes meals should be just as delicious as they are nutritious!



**CLEMENTINE’S ICE CREAM RELEASES “GOLDEN AGE OF
HOLLYWOOD” COLLECTION FOR NATIONAL ICE CREAM MONTH**

Clementine’s Naughty & Nice Ice Cream announces the upcoming release of its new limited-edition collection for National Ice Cream Month in July. Launching July 1, the “Golden Age of Hollywood” collection pays tribute to legendary figures including Cary Grant, Dorothy Dandridge, Frank Sinatra, and Rita Hayworth. In addition, two special flavors will be released on National Ice Cream Day on Sunday, July 20 and are only available while supplies last inspired by James Dean and Marilyn Monroe.

To celebrate this glamorous occasion, on Sunday, July 20 starting at Noon, the first *50 people in line at each of Clementine’s nine locations will receive a free National Ice Cream Day t-shirt (*one shirt per transaction). In addition, the very first person in line will get a limited-edition National Ice Cream Day poster!

Clementine’s Ice Cream’s Flavor Temptress, Tamara Keefe, shared the inspiration behind the flavors for National Ice Cream Day and the “Golden Age of Hollywood” collection: “I’ve always been fascinated by the glamour and nostalgia of Old Hollywood, so I started with the stars themselves—who they were and what they loved to indulge in. Reimagining their favorite desserts as ice cream felt like a way to keep their spirit alive, because these icons are truly eternal.”

Golden Age of Hollywood Collection for National Ice Cream Month Includes:

The Archibald Leach - A tribute to Cary Grant’s favorite Fry Picnic candy bar, The Archibald Leach features creamy peanut butter ice cream swirled with salted caramel and a milk chocolate puffed rice crunch.

The Dottie Mae - Inspired by the legendary Dorothy Dandridge, this scoop captures the feel of a cinnamon roll with cream cheese ice cream and crunchy cinnamon-sugar pieces.

The Chairman of the Board - As lively as Ol’ Blue Eyes himself (Frank Sinatra), The Chairman of the Board hits all the right notes with bright lemon ice cream blended with creamy ricotta cheese.

The Love Goddess - Inspired by Rita Hayworth’s timeless appeal, this flavor envelops a rich custard ice cream and sun-ripened strawberry swirls.

The Blonde Bombshell - Inspired by Marilyn Monroe’s go-to sundae after acting class, this flavor is draped in hot fudge and studded with Amarena cherries and candied peanuts.

The One-Speed Dean - A tribute to James Dean’s classic childhood dessert, a banana pudding ice cream with crackling candied cornflake crunch.

Guests are invited to visit any of the nine ice cream shops located at 1637 S. 18th Street in historic Lafayette Square, 730 DeMun in Clayton, 4715 Macklind in the South Hampton neighborhood, 140 W. Argonne Drive in Kirkwood, 13426 Clayton Road in Town & Country, The Meadows Shopping Center in Lake St. Louis, 308 N. Euclid in the Central West End, the parlor at Trace on the Parkway in Edwardsville, IL as well as the current pop-up parlor at Chicken n Pickle in St. Charles.

Visit www.clementinescreamery.com for more information or to order pints online. Follow Clementine’s on Facebook and Instagram for the latest details on National Ice Cream Day.

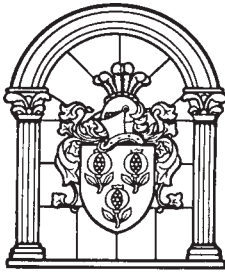
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**Community Safety
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We’ve received multiple reports of underage riders operating non-street-legal motorized vehicles—such as minibikes, dirt bikes, and motorized scooters—on public streets, sidewalks, and in parks. Many are riding without helmets or supervision, putting themselves and others at serious risk.

Operating these types of vehicles in an unsafe manner and without proper safety gear, especially helmets, can lead to life-threatening injuries. They are not allowed in City Parks or on City trails.

The Brentwood Police Department is actively monitoring for unsafe operation, including excessive speeds, reckless behavior, and use in unauthorized areas.

If you witness this activity, please call the Brentwood Police Department’s non-emergency line at 314-644-7100. Descriptions of the rider(s) and direction of travel are helpful.

Parents and guardians, please ensure your children are operating any motorized equipment safely, responsibly, and in compliance with the law.

Let’s work together to keep Brentwood safe for everyone. Thank you for your attention to this important issue!

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Child Care Aware of Missouri Announces
New Board Members

Ramiz Hakim and Michael Wolpert join nonprofit’s board of directors.

Child Care Aware of Missouri (CCAMO) recently named Ramiz Hakim and Michael Wolpert to its board of directors. Board members are eligible to serve up to three consecutive three-year terms.



Ramiz Hakim is a dedicated community leader, entrepreneur, and policy advocate with a passion for building systems and programs that empower families and children. As an Alderman for Wright City, Ramiz has championed initiatives focused on early childhood education, infrastructure reform, and responsible development. Ramiz is also the founder of North Star Insurance Advisors, a leading agency in the final expense insurance sector with a focus on serving marginalized citizens.

Michael Wolpert is a senior finance and operations executive with more than 15 years of experience leading global accounting, shared services, and cash flow optimization initiatives across the real estate, healthcare, and technology sectors. He currently serves as Director of Global Accounts Receivable and Shared Services Center of Excellence (COE) at Cushman & Wakefield.



“Ramiz and Michael each bring uniquely diverse skill sets to our board while sharing a deep commitment to making a difference,” said CCAMO CEO Robin Phillips. “Their proven dedication to strengthening communities and supporting families will help guide our organization as we work to ensure all Missouri families have access to quality child care and education.” Phillips added that, “We look forward to the leadership and innovation they will contribute.”

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.

Neighborhood Eyes

Neighborhood Eyes is a program for Brentwood residents who have surveillance systems for home protection. If you have cameras on your property, you may have valuable video that could aid in the investigation of a crime in your neighborhood. Find out how to sign up and help your police department solve crime on your block by visiting brentwoodmo.org



Brentwood Police Department

Calls for Service Report

*Note: CFS Do Not Always Become Written Police Reports

2025 JUNE

CFS for Person Crime	
Murder / Manslaughter	0
Sex & Sexual Assaults CFS	0
Robbery /Car-Jack	1
Assaults /Kidnapping	1
Peace Dist -Domestic- Misc	50
Calls for Mental Health	6

CFS for Property Crime	
Arson/Bombing/Burning	0
Burglary - Residential	0
Burglary - Business	0
Destruction of Property	13
Frauds & ID Theft	13
Larceny - Shoplifting	50
Larceny - From Vehicle	8
Stolen Vehicles	8
Trespassing	17

Weapons Related	
Utilized/Taken	3
Recovered	1

Auto Accidents	72
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Patrols	
Building & Business Check	140
Schools & Foot	34
Parks - Misc	90
Parking violation	19

Notable CFS	
Alarm Calls	42
Animal Related	11
Assist FD & etc ..	109
Check Welfare/Notification	33
Contact Another Agency	122
Motor Assist	13
Police Community Relations	1
FLOCK/LPR/RADAR-FTY	12
Solicitors	7
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	49
Traffic Control/Details	32
Traffic Stops	166
Vacation Checks/Close Watch	15
Fireworks	0
ARREST	
Prisoner Conveyance	16
Adults	36
Juvenile	5
ARREST TYPE	
FTA/Fugitive	26
Original Non-Traffic	15
Original Traffic	3

Miscellaneous CFS	97
Minus Arrest/Types/Weapons	-89
Total Calls For Service	1247



Brentwood Police Department

Calls for Service Report

*Note: CFS Do Not Always Become Written Police Reports

6-23-25 - 6-29-25

CFS for Person Crime	
Murder / Manslaughter	0
Sex & Sexual Assaults CFS	0
Robbery /Car-Jack	0
Assaults /Kidnapping	0
Peace Dist -Domestic- Misc	10
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	4
Larceny - Shoplifting	10
Larceny - From Vehicle	1
Stolen Vehicles	0
Trespassing	6

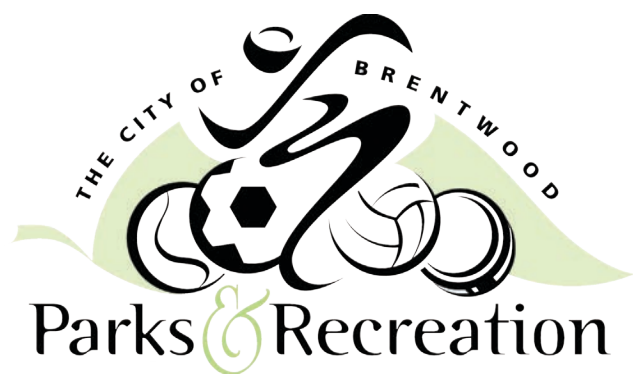
Weapons Related	
Utilized/Taken	0
Recovered	0

Auto Accidents	16
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Patrols	
Building & Business Check	21
Schools & Foot	4
Parks - Misc	14
Parking violation	5

Notable CFS	
Alarm Calls	14
Animal Related	2
Assist FD & etc ..	26
Check Welfare/Notification	9
Contact Another Agency	20
Motor Assist	5
Police Community Relations	1
FLOCK/LPR/RADAR-FTY	4
Solicitors	3
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	16
Traffic Control/Details	8
Traffic Stops	51
Vacation Checks/Close Watch	11
ARREST	
Prisoner Conveyance	8
Adults	13
Juvenile	0
ARREST TYPE	
FTA/Fugitive	9
Original Non-Traffic	4
Original Traffic	1

Miscellaneous CFS	29
Minus Arrest/Types/Weapons	-27
Total Calls For Service	298



How Sweet Honey is Beekeeping & Honey

Join us for an informative session with Scott Holifield of Hawthorne Honey as he discusses the fascinating world of beekeeping and its incredible byproducts. You'll have the chance to ask questions and learn about the natural benefits of honey and its many uses. The session will also include tastings and the opportunity to purchase Hawthorne Honey.

Date: Wednesday, August 20 Time: 6:30 – 8PM

Location: Brentwood Community Center

Age: 18+

Price: R \$25/NR \$30

Activity Number: 553003

Halfway to Christmas Party

Get into the Holiday Spirit with our exciting NEW Halfway to Christmas. Enjoy holiday music, cookie decorating, make popsicles from hot chocolate, games and finish the party by creating an Ugly Shirt to wear until the weather turns cold. The fee is per person and adults and children need to register.

Date: Friday, July 25 Time: 6:15 – 7:30PM

Location: Brentwood Community Center

Ages: 3 and up Price: R \$10/NR \$12 per person

Activity Number: 545110



WEDNESDAY
FEMALE, SPAYED, 15 weeks

Wednesday has flair for the dramatic, a love for independence, and a soft spot she reveals only to her chosen few. If you're looking for a feline with style, spirit, and serious purr-sonality, Wednesday is your midweek muse!

Meet Wednesday today!



LAYLA
FEMALE, SPAYED, 5

Layla is a gentle and sweet medium-energy dog who enjoys pets and cuddles. She has a loving heart and would make a wonderful companion.

Layla is ready to find her forever home where she can be cherished.



BINKY
MALE, NEUTERED, 1 yr 4 mo

Binky is a gentle and friendly cat who has done well living with other cats. He's medium energy and enjoys a calm environment where he can relax. Binky appreciates attention but also values his own space.

BRENTWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Three Eagles Set to Study Abroad in Germany



Three Brentwood High School students will travel to Germany this summer as part of an immersive, fully funded study abroad experience through the Germany For You Scholarship program.

Rising seniors John White and Ian O’Neal, and rising junior Bodie Wilson are among just 10 students in the St. Louis region selected for the prestigious program, which is administered by Youth For Understanding USA in partnership with the German and United States governments.

The Germany For You Scholarship supports high school students pursuing career and technical education programs and promotes cross-cultural understanding through international exchange. Recipients were selected based on academic achievement, leadership, community service and a demonstrated interest in global learning.

White, O’Neal and Wilson were chosen from a competitive pool of more than 50 applicants across the region. As scholarship recipients, they will spend two weeks in Germany, where they will:

- Stay with a host family
- Enroll in vocational classes
- Visit historical and cultural sites
- Participate in workshops on German society and culture
- Engage in community service and volunteer activities

The scholarship covers all major costs, including round-trip airfare, insurance, preparatory materials and in-country support.

“This opportunity reflects what makes Brentwood unique—we know our students well, and we work together to support their individual paths,” said Dr. Edward Johnson, BHS principal. “Whether it’s through global travel or local internships, we’re helping students explore who they are and what they want to become.”

Students Earn Top Honors at Regional Science Fair



Four Brentwood High School students earned top honors for their innovative research and scientific curiosity at the 2024-25 Academy of Science St. Louis Regional K-12 Science Fair this spring.

Rising sophomore Bodhi Torno captured first place and the coveted Blue Ribbon for his project, “Reptile and Amphibian Over-exploitation: Analyzing the Issues of the Pet Trade and its Ecological Effects in the Wild.” In addition to first place, Torno received the prestigious Bayer Top Young Scientist Award, which honors outstanding student research with the potential to shape the future of science and innovation.

Three more BHS students were honored for their entries:

- Rohan Dixit, rising senior — “Impact of Design on Mental Health: A Predictive and Preventative Approach Through Biophilic

Architecture and CART Analysis” — Second Place (Red Ribbon)

- Alexander Tung, rising senior — “Efficacy of Monoclonal Antibody BAN2401 (Lecanemab) on Amyloid Beta Plaque Buildup to Treat Early Alzheimer’s Disease” — Third Place (Green Ribbon)

- Michael Kildea, rising freshman — “Spotting Tornadoes on Different Radars” — Third Place (Green Ribbon)

“These students tackled complex, real-world challenges with thoughtful inquiry and strong scientific methods,” said Dr. Ronni Zagora, assistant superintendent of teaching and learning. “We’re incredibly proud of their accomplishments and the creativity and critical thinking they bring to their work. This recognition reflects the strength of our science programs and the dedication of our educators.”

The Academy of Science St. Louis Regional Science Fair is one of the largest in the country and provides K-12 students with an opportunity to apply the scientific method, share their research and compete among peers across the region.

Rising Sixth Grader Recognized in Regional Writing Contest



Brentwood Middle School rising sixth grader Cora Weber was recently named a winner in the Write Outside Your Door contest, a regional writing competition co-sponsored by the Missouri Botanical Garden and the Gateway Writing Project.

The contest invites students in grades K-12 to submit original stories, essays or poems inspired by their experiences in nature, with a focus on place-based writing, environmental stewardship and personal connection to the outdoors. Entries are evaluated on content, voice and composition.

As a contest winner, Cora is eligible for a scholarship to attend the Gateway Writing Project’s Middle School Summer Writing Camp, a weeklong experience that offers daily writing opportunities, outdoor exploration, team building and a culminating publication celebration.

“We are so proud of Cora and her thoughtful approach to writing,” said McGrath Elementary School Principal Dr. Kelsey Grammer. “This recognition highlights the value of student voice and the meaningful connections students can make when learning extends beyond the classroom.”

The Write Outside Your Door contest supports the integration of writing into science and English language arts instruction while encouraging students and teachers to engage with nature and reflect on their role in caring for the environment.

Three BHS Graduates Earn Missouri Seal of Biliteracy



Three Brentwood High School graduates have earned the Missouri Seal of Biliteracy

for demonstrating high levels of proficiency in speaking, reading and writing in a language other than English during the 2024-25 school year. This year’s recipients include:

- Zachary Nelson (Spanish)
- Nicholas Reeds (Spanish)
- Ellesie Strassner (German)

“Helping students develop the skills to live, work and communicate in a diverse, interconnected world is more important than ever,” said Emily Diaz, BHS college and career advisor. “We’re incredibly proud of Zachary, Nicholas and Ellesie for their commitment and achievement.”

The Missouri Seal of Biliteracy is awarded to graduating high school students who demonstrate proficiency in English, another world language, and sociocultural competence. The distinction is available to students in districts with a state-approved program, and all Missouri students studying a world language are eligible.

Since the program’s launch in 2018, more than 5,000 students statewide have earned the seal, according to the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The accomplishment is added to each student’s official transcript and, depending on their chosen Missouri postsecondary pathway, may qualify them for up to 14 college credit hours.

Curd Named Brentwood’s Post-Dispatch Scholar-Athlete



Brentwood High School graduate Jackson Curd has been named the school’s 2025 Scholar-Athlete by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, joining an elite group of student-athletes recognized for their academic and athletic excellence.

A three-sport athlete, Curd competed in cross country, soccer and baseball throughout his high school career. He was a four-time all-conference selection in baseball and earned all-conference and all-district honors in soccer during the 2024 season.

In the classroom, Curd was a member of the National Honor Society and Student Council, and was a regular on the school’s honor roll. He also served as a class officer for three years and actively participated in community service efforts, including local food drives, river cleanups and school fundraisers.

Known for his love of math and strategic thinking, Curd enjoys playing chess and video games in his free time. Though he is still deciding on a college, his long-term goals include finding a career he enjoys and continuing to play baseball recreationally.

Each year, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch honors one senior from every participating high school in the region as part of its Scholar-Athlete program. Selections are made by school administrators based on academic achievement, athletic performance and leadership.



Brentwood Celebrates Retirees, Longtime Employees

The Brentwood School District extends its heartfelt gratitude and best wishes to this year’s class of retirees. Together, these dedicated employees have served the district for a combined 79 years. Their unwavering commitment to students, families and the community is greatly appreciated. Brentwood’s 2024-25 retirees include:

- Dr. Stephen Ayotte, BHS assistant principal and athletic director
- Kristin Clemons, BECC director
- Jeffery Heinrich, BHS and BMS engineering technology teacher
- Kyle Henderson, Mark Twain and McGrath gifted education teacher
- Timothy Rempel, BHS and BMS art teacher

The district also honored the following employees for their years of service:

25 Years of Service: Anne Bosche, BMS school counselor

20 Years of Service: Dr. Edward Johnson, BHS principal

15 Years of Service: Kathleen Clarkin, BECC preschool teacher; Stacy Lanfersieck, Mark Twain third grade teacher; and Amber Walkenbach, Mark Twain second grade teacher

10 Years of Service: Cynthia Hood, BHS and BMS French teacher; Benjamin Kriegel, Mark Twain fifth grade teacher; Tracy Russo, BHS and BMS school nurse; Marissa St. Clair, BHS and BMS math interventionist; and Emily Williamson, BMS science teacher

All honorees were recognized during the district’s annual End-of-Year Celebration in May.

Kindergarten Registration Now Open for 2025-26

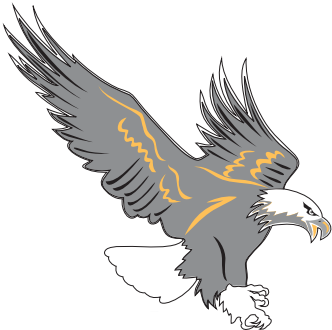


Calling all Class of 2038 families! Kindergarten registration for the 2025-26 school year is now available online. The Brentwood School District offers free full-day kindergarten at both Mark Twain and McGrath elementary schools.

In accordance with Missouri Senate Bill No. 572, children must be 5 years old before Aug. 1 to attend kindergarten. Students may only be registered by a parent or court-appointed legal guardian. If you need help determining your student’s school, please call 314-962-4507.

Early registration is essential for planning and staffing, as it helps the district determine class sizes, allocate resources and ensure a smooth transition for incoming students. Families are encouraged to complete the process as soon as possible to assist with these preparations and ensure their child is ready for kindergarten on the first day of school.

Please visit brentwoodmoschools.org to begin the registration process.



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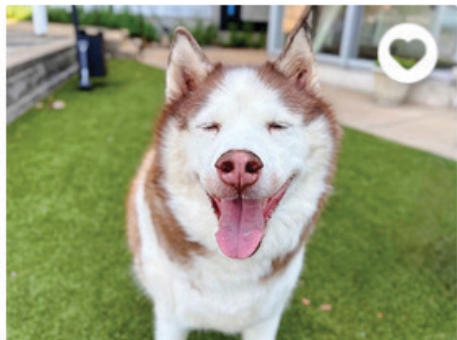
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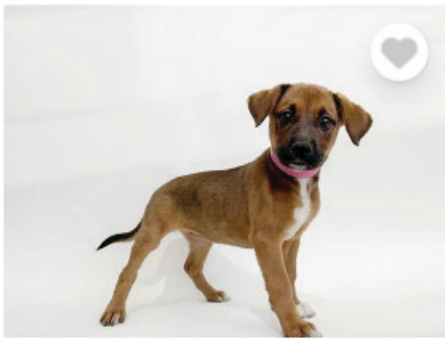
STUDENT EXCURSIONS

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KATO
MALE, NEUTERED, 10

Kato is a sweet and well-mannered dog who seems to be housetrained and crate trained. He knows how to sit, loves treats, and has done well around kids. Kato is ready to bring his gentle charm to a loving home!



LILY
FEMALE, SPAYED, 10 weeks

Lily is a gentle, affectionate puppy with a heart full of love and a tail that never stops wagging. She loves snuggling on soft blankets, chasing squeaky toys, and following her humans around like a little shadow. Come meet her today!



KHAN
MALE, NEUTERED, 3

Khan is a fun loving guy who walks well on a leash, is house trained, and knows various commands like "Sit" and "down". Khan enjoys playing and would make an excellent companion for an active person/family.



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PHSU Launches New BSN Program in St. Louis to Address 15.6% Statewide Nursing Vacancy Rate and Advance Health Equity

Ponce Health Sciences University—Where Nursing Dreams Become Reality



Ponce Health Sciences University—St. Louis is proud to announce the launch of its new Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program, with the inaugural cohort of 24 students beginning in February 2026. This expansion brings an accessible, high-quality nursing pathway to one of the most underserved healthcare education markets in the Midwest.

“There’s a national nursing shortage, and we’re tackling it head-on by delivering innovative, affordable education where it’s needed most,” said Dr. David Lenihan, CEO of Tiber Health, PHSU’s parent company. “This program is designed to produce a highly qualified, practice-ready nursing workforce equipped to deliver the highest standards of patient care.”

According to the Missouri Hospital Association, the state’s staff registered nurse vacancy rate is 15.6%, with a turnover rate of 16.3%1. In the St. Louis region specifically, healthcare systems are dealing with both workforce instability and a lack of training pipelines to meet increasing care demands. Nationally, the U.S. is projected to need over 194,000 new registered nurses each year through 2032 to meet healthcare demand, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics2.

PHSU’s new BSN program in St. Louis aims to directly address these gaps by expanding access to affordable, high-quality nursing education for underrepresented and underserved students in the region.

“At PHSU, we are committed to building accessible, high-impact healthcare programs that reflect the evolving needs of our communities,” said Dr. Gino Natalicchio, President of

Ponce Health Sciences University. “Our established nursing program in our PHSU academic portfolio has a strong track record of success. We’re proud to bring this same mission-driven approach to St. Louis, expanding opportunity, reducing disparities, and preparing the next generation of nurses for meaningful impact.”

The PHSU—St. Louis BSN offers a 3-year, in-person, on-site program designed to equip students with the skills, clinical judgment, and compassion needed to thrive in today’s complex healthcare environments.

PHSU’s BSN program is intentionally designed to be among the most affordable nursing degrees in the St. Louis region, expanding access to high-quality education for aspiring healthcare professionals.

“Our goal is to make healthcare education a reality for those who’ve dreamed of it but lacked the means or support to pursue it,” said Katie Jett, DNP, RN, MSN, FNP-BC, Dean, School of Nursing, Ponce Health Sciences University—St. Louis. “At PHSU, we are committed to opening doors and equipping students from all backgrounds with the opportunity to succeed in nursing.”

Unlike many other institutions, PHSU—St. Louis BSN offers direct admission from high school, allowing students to enter the nursing track immediately and graduate career-ready in just three years. Students will benefit from dedicated faculty academic coaches who provide personalized support, mentorship, and early academic intervention to promote student success throughout the program. PHUS’S BSN program utilizes a holistic admissions approach, evaluating applicants beyond GPA and test scores. PHSU considers qualities such as grit, resilience, and a passion for service—essential traits for future nurses.

The program received initial approval by the Missouri State Board of Nursing, ensuring it meets all professional and educational standards. The curriculum is designed to prepare students for successful completion of the NCLEX-RN licensing exam and a seamless transition into nursing practice, aligned with the American Association of Colleges of Nursing Essentials Core Competencies for Professional Nursing Education.

PHSU—St. Louis has already established strong clinical partnerships with leading health systems, including SSM Health and Mercy, providing students with valuable hands-on experience in real healthcare settings.

“The launch of our BSN program is a direct response to the needs of our local community and healthcare systems,” said Stefani Schuette, Ed.D., Campus Director, Ponce Health Sciences University—St. Louis. “PHSU continues to change healthcare by graduating students who are prepared to lead with compassion and competence in high-demand clinical environments.”

The application is set to open in July 2025, and interested students and families can learn more by contacting the St. Louis Campus admissions team at 314-499-6540 or stl-admissions@psm.edu.

Mosaics Fine Art Festival Holds 30th Annual Event

More than 100 juried artists from throughout the country will participate in the St. Charles fair.



The 30th annual Mosaics Fine Art Festival will be held on Fri., Sept. 12 from 4 to 9 p.m., Sat., Sept. 13 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sun., Sept. 14 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The free family-friendly event will be held along several blocks of North Main St. in Historic St. Charles, Mo. where more than 30 restaurants and over 75 shops are located.

The three-day festival includes over 100 juried artists from more than 15 states exhibiting and selling their artwork. Media categories include clay, drawing, glass, leather, metal, pastel, oil/acrylic, photography, printmaking, sculpture, watercolor, and wood. A total of \$5,000 will be awarded to the top nine artists.

The Children’s Village area will feature hands-on art experiences for children to create their own make-and-take art masterpieces. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sat. and Sun. Mary Hediger’s Memorial Art Shop for Kids is a kids-only gallery where children ages 14 and younger can buy professional artwork. Designed to foster art appreciation at a young age, all pieces are donated by participating festival artists and can be purchased for a nominal fee.

The H. Robert Pank Memorial Music Stage will showcase a variety of performing artists throughout the weekend. The Artists for Adoption Pet Pavilion, located at the north end of the festival, will be open to families interested in adopting pets from Stray Paws Adoptables.

The Joyce Rosen Founder’s Scholarship art display will include select high school students’ works of art. Scholarships will be presented in memory of Joyce Rosen, the original festival founder and a longtime supporter of St. Louis artists and events.

The nonprofit Mosaics Fine Art Festival showcases local and regional artists while educating the community about how art can enhance their lives. The festival features a diverse range of artwork from emerging, mid-career, and established artists across all media. For more information, call (314) 406-2067 or visit <http://www.stcharlesmosaics.org>.

About Ponce Health Sciences University: Ponce Health Sciences University (PHSU), founded in Ponce, PR with a campus in St. Louis and locations in San Juan, PR and Tortola, BVI, boasts over 48 years of excellence in medical and health sciences education. PHSU—St. Louis is accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) and authorized by the Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development (MDHE). PHSU prepares students for successful healthcare careers through its rigorous programs, including a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN), Master of Science in Medical Sciences (MSMS), Doctor of Psychology (PsyD), and Doctor of Medicine (MD). The university remains dedicated to educating healthcare leaders to reduce health disparities in the populations we serve through high-quality education in a global environment.

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Brentwood Board of Aldermen Minutes

PARTIAL BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - Mon-
day, May 19, 2025

Roll Call – Six Members were present,
representing a quorum.

- Alderman Plufka – Present
- Alderwoman Tice – Absent
- Alderwoman Goad – Present
- Alderwoman Sims – Present
- Alderman Lochmoeller – Present
- Alderman Gould – Present
- Alderwoman Harter – Present
- Alderman Erger – Absent

It was stated that the Mayor and President
of the Board are out.

Staff members present included: Jim
Hetlage (City Attorney), Eric Gruenenfelder
(Asst. City Administrator), Ronnie Cottrell
(Fire Chief), Dan Gummersheimer (Director
of Public Works - virtual), Jason Simpson
(Police Major), Whitney Kelly (Planning
and Development Director), Michelle Boyer
(Communications Manager), Michelle De-
Pew (Finance Director), Lois Truman

(Resident/Communications Committee
Member) Bola Akande (City Administrator),
Kelle Silvey (Deputy City Clerk).

Citizen Comments

Lois Truman (8710 Rosalie) – heard about
the new Daiso store coming. She stated the
closest one was in Wentzville. They sell lots
of inexpensive household gadgets. She stated
the Mayor was not aware of the opening date,
but she contacted them and offered that we
could be there to support their opening.

Ray Reed – State Representative in Jeffers-
on City. He lives in Maplewood, and came to
provide an update. He noted he attended
Brentwood High School and is proud to
represent an area he grew up in with the gold
standard for public education. His priority
was to fully fund the foundation formula –
which he is proud that we have done for next
year. He reported that they have finished the
legislative session, and that they lost the fight
on 773 – which puts abortion back on the
ballot in 2026. The Senate adjourned early
and for the 1st time in 75 years, the house
adjourned early. He is proud to represent the
community. They will be back in session in
a few weeks to discuss subsidizing a new
Chiefs Stadium. He talked about the infra-
structure projects with the Governor – House
Bill 19 which is roads and bridges. He is not
comfortable supporting the Chiefs stadium
when bridges and roads need so much work,
along with areas impacted by the storm. He
thanked the committee for allowing him to
share the update.

MAYOR AND ALDERMEN REPORTS

Mayor David Dimmitt – Absent

However, the City Administrator was asked
to give an update on the storm impact. The
City Administrator stated that the Mayor will
declare the need for an emergency response in
areas affected by the storm. The Emergency
Declaration gives the City Administrator the
authority to suspend rules for collection of
debris (trees, yard waste, etc.) and allow
greater flexibility in collection of materials,
waive the fees for collection, and waive
other city fees associated with construction
of damaged structures. It provides for the
coordination of contractors and equipment
to perform special services.

She noted that Governor Kehoe indicated
he asked President Trump to issue a Federal
emergency declaration for the State. If grant-
ed, tat will provide federal assistance funding
for services as well.

In 2023 The Board of Aldermen authorized
a mutual aid agreement with 16 other munic-
ipalities, including St. Louis County Public
Works – so if we are in need of service, all
we have to do is call.

We have received calls form St. Ann who
showed up with a shopper and bobcat and
six employees to help with tree debris. The
City of Baldwin has also reached out to help.

Alderman Plufka stated that an Emergency
Declaration is an administrative Order and



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

that it needs and end date. The City Attorney
stated he can revise the order to have Mayor
sign one with an end date.

The City Administrator invited Chief
Cottrell, Major Simpson, and Director
Gruenenfelder to give a storm update from
their departments:

Major Simpson stated that the police de-
partment responded to 51 calls for service –
possibly more, for alarms, trees, live wires,
check vehicles, traffic, etc. He noted that two
officers went to Clayton as they were inundat-
ed with calls -And code 1000 response which
is really prolonged mutual aid assistance. We
sent officers on Saturday and Sunday as
needed. There were many downed trees.

There was a list going to Davey Tree ser-
vice, who was on the scene and helpful. The
Fire Department did a great job with mutual
aid as well.

Chief Cottrell shared that he will do statis-
tics next week at the Public Safety Meeting.
He gave a brief synopsis and timeline for
service.

2:34 – His Office received warning notice
2:41 – Received the first call to respond.

2:50 – We established an area command
post – which grew to Region C Mutual Aid
Coordination Post for the State. Chief Beirne
flew the drone for 1.5 hours doing damage
assessment. Calls came in for 6 hours. Extra
staff came in and used the ATV, which was
effective. We are still using the drone to do
damage assessments.

There was a storm related traffic accident
in Brentwood with an extraction due to traffic
lights being out in the intersection. Marthas-
ville Fire Department came to help with the
extraction.

One Firefighter was deployed as part of the
Missouri Task Force to the City of St. Louis
for urban search and rescue. Clayton Fire
Department continues to have possession of
our reserve fire engine.

Director Gruenenfelder shared that a num-
ber of trees were down and uprooted. About
half of the trees were private ones and the
other half were public trees. Davey Tree Co.
responded quickly and got all cleared, except
on Harrison where the power line was down.

He noted we have 5-member clean-up
crews that started in Ward 1 where there was
the heaviest debris. They are about half done
there. Ward 4 is complete and most of Ward
3 is complete. They will finish Ward 1 and
Ward 2 tomorrow. They have received over
50 requests for debris removal. Michelle
Boyer (Communications Manager) shared
our contact information with the community.

The Director stated they will run crews
the rest of this week and will help others in
Richmond Heights and Clayton and the City
when needed.

Alderwoman Sunny Sims - Ward 2 – Asked
the Public Works Director about the debris
in Ward 2 from the storm and confirmed that
residents bring the debris to the curb to be
picked up.

Alderman Steve Lochmoeller - Ward 3 –
Thanked staff (Public Works and Parks) for
all the work they have done this week. He
noted trees down that fell on cars and took

out power - and stated that everyone showed
up and he was impressed. Also, Ward 3 has
a meeting next week (May 27th) at 6:30PM
at the Recreation Center.

Alderwoman Sharon Harter - Ward 4 –
Thanked Parks and Recreation and Public
Works teams for their storm response. She
stated that crews were responsive within
5 minutes after the storm. She was very
impressed.

Standing Committees Reports

Approval of Special Use Permit Applica-
tions for Summer Beats Events in the Park
Ambulance Billing Settlement Request

Motion was made by Alderman Gould and
seconded by Alderwoman Sims to approve
the consent agenda. Roll call:

Motion carried by a vote of 6 (yes) to 0
(no).

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 1550 - A Resolution Of
The City Of Brentwood Missouri, Author-
izing The Mayor Or City Administrator
To Enter Into And Execute An Agreement
Between The City Of Brentwood, Missouri,

And MACC Contracting, Inc. For The Per-
formance Of Abatement Services On Behalf
Of The City.

Whitney Kelly presented the information
and noted the costs were in response to the
RFP, (Range from \$150 - \$350) including
staff time and use of equipment. They are
licensed ad have worked with other cities
around the metro area. She noted the recom-
mendations received were positive.

Motion was made by Alderman Lochmo-
eller and seconded by Alderwoman Sims to
approve the Resolution No. 1550. Roll call:

Motion carried by a vote of 6 (yes) to 0
(no).

Adjournment

Alderman Plufka noted there was no fur-
ther business and adjourned the meeting at
7:33PM.

The Regular meeting was livestreamed on
YouTube and recorded. The recording will
be made available on the City’s YouTube
channel.

2025 Holiday Trash Schedule

Holiday	Date	Change
Labor Day	Monday, September 1	Regular services (Monday-Friday)
Veterans' Day Observed	Tuesday, November 11	Regular services (Monday-Friday)
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 27	No trash service. Pickup resumes one day after regular schedule (Fri-Sat)
Christmas Day	Thursday, December 25, 2025	No trash service. Pickup resumes one day after regular schedule (Fri-Sat)

Basic trash, recycling, and yard waste services are provided to Brentwood residents free of charge.

Large item pickup is available for an additional fee. Please see **Household Pickup Information**
located in under Government > Departments > Public Works on www.brentwoodmo.org. To
schedule a large item pickup and investigate fee schedule, call 314.962.4800.

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Safe Trade Location at Brentwood Police Department

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ley Industrial Court, is a designated Safe
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son transactions arranged online. Learn
more at SafeTradeStations.com.

Yummy Honey Chicken Kabobs



These chicken kabobs are marinated in a 4-ingredient sweet and savory honey-soy mixture that doubles as a basting sauce as the kabobs and veggies cook on the grill, adding delicious flavor to every bite of juicy chicken.

Marinade:

- 1/3 cup honey
- 1/3 cup soy sauce
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper

Kabobs:

- 8 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves - cut into 1-inch cubes
- 5 small onions, cut into 2-inch pieces
- 2 medium red bell peppers, cut into 2-inch pieces
- 2 cloves garlic
- 12 bamboo skewers, or as needed, soaked in water for 30 minutes

Directions

To make the marinade: Whisk honey, soy sauce, oil, and black pepper together in a large glass bowl.

Remove 1/4 cup of the marinade to a small jar; seal and set aside to use while cooking.

Add chicken, onions, bell peppers, and garlic to the marinade in the large bowl. Cover and marinate in the refrigerator for 2 hours or overnight.

When ready to cook, preheat an outdoor grill for high heat and lightly oil the grate.

Drain marinade from chicken and vegetables; discard marinade. Thread chicken and vegetables alternately onto skewers.

Place kabobs on the preheated grill. Cook, turning frequently and brushing with reserved marinade, until nicely browned on all sides and chicken is no longer pink in the center, about 12 to 15 minutes.

NEW BRENTWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION HEATS UP



Despite the heat, more than fifty people showed up on Tuesday night, June 24th, for the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Brentwood Public Library at 2201 S. Brentwood Boulevard. The crowd included Library board members, Brentwood city officials, a state Representative, representatives of the companies involved in the design and construction process...and patrons of the Brentwood Public Library.

Ed Wright, Jr, president of the Library's board of trustees, began the ceremonies by quoting Chinese philosopher Lao Tzu who said, "The longest journey begins with a single step." "This has been a long journey and it's been filled with a series of single steps," Wright said. "Of course, a major step on this journey was the passage of Prop L a year ago by an overwhelming margin. Tonight is the next big single step—groundbreaking."

Wright recognized the tireless efforts and work by Library Director, Gina Gibbons, and her staff along with the volunteer members of the library board. Also in the crowd were many former library board members who had been part of the project's beginnings years ago.

The support of public officials was recognized with the presence of Brentwood Mayor David Dimmitt, current members of the Board of Aldermen, City Administrator Bola Akande, and former alderman and library liaison, Brandon Wegge. Brentwood resident, BHS graduate, and current state Representative Ray Reed was also present. Dan Fitzgerald and Regina Gahr represented the Brentwood Historical Society, which will have ongoing exhibits and events at the new library.

Wright thanked the outstanding professional contributions of the design firm Arcturis Architects and Owner's Representative Navigate Building Solutions. "They helped us lay people become familiar with the whole process." Finally, Greg Zavaglia, VP of Operations for ICS Construction Services, spoke about the project. "We've worked in Brentwood before and we're very happy to be back. It's quite thrilling to be working on such a creative and community-oriented endeavor." Greg commented.

Construction work began the next day, and it is projected to take 12-14 months before completion. At that time, there will be another gathering to open our new facility. Hopefully, the weather will be better but we're sure the enthusiasm will be just as hot.



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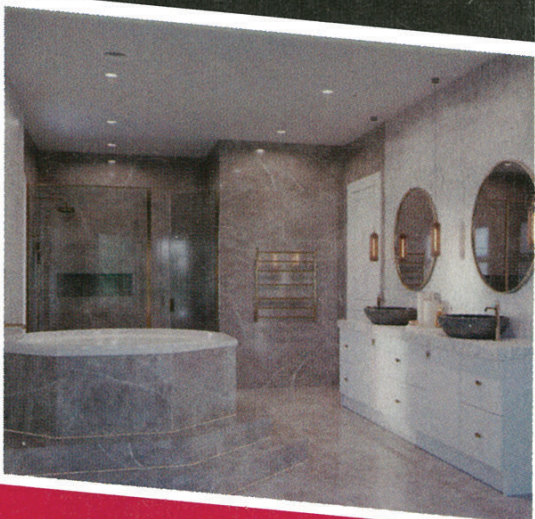
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We’re proud to announce that Brentwood has officially received the Missouri Blue Shield designation from the Missouri Department of Public Safety — a recognition of our strong commitment to public safety and support for law enforcement.

From fair officer compensation to a dedicated school resource officer and retail detective, Brentwood continues to invest in initiatives that make our community safer for all.

Thank you to the Brentwood Police Department, our elected officials, and residents for making this possible!

Central Core Fire Training Center: Brentwood and Regional Partners Collaborate to Enhance Public Safety

The City of Brentwood is proud to join the cities of Clayton, Maplewood, and Richmond Heights celebrated the groundbreaking of the Central Core Fire Training Center, a state-of-the-art facility that will elevate firefighter and emergency responder training across the region. The ceremony took place Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 10:00 AM at 4224 Carr Lane Court, Shrewsbury, MO.

This milestone represents the latest achievement in a partnership that began in 2017 with the hiring of a shared Fire Training Chief. Through this joint effort, the four cities have aligned their fire departments on training standards and protocols, working together to increase efficiency, safety, and emergency preparedness.

“This project is a testament to what’s possible when communities come together to invest in public safety,” said Brentwood Fire Chief Ronnie Cottrell. “By partnering with our neighboring cities, we’re building a facility that will provide critical training and prepare our firefighters for the complex challenges they face in the field.”

The facility will feature modern training structures and equipment that simulate a wide range of emergency scenarios, from residential fires to disaster response. By pooling resources, the participating cities are creating a facility far more comprehensive and cost-effective than any one city could build on its own.

Key benefits of the Central Core Fire Training Center include:

- Realistic, advanced training for firefighters and emergency responders
- Unified training protocols across municipal fire departments
- Improved response coordination between agencies
- Shared resources that reduce costs and increase impact
- Long-term investment in community safety and resilience

This regional approach to fire training is especially significant considering recent severe weather events, such as the May tornado, which demonstrated the importance of coordinated emergency response. With the Central Core Fire Training Center, first responders will be better prepared than ever to meet the needs of residents in times of crisis.



SOARING TO STUTTGART

In just one month, eight of Circus Harmony’s finest flying children will be soaring to Stuttgart to reunite with their partners at Circus Circuli! This marks the fourth collaboration between the two youth circuses from the sister cities of St. Louis, MO and Stuttgart, Germany.

This Peace Through Pyramids partnership started in 2020 which was the 60th anniversary of St. Louis and Stuttgart being sister cities. Thanks to the St. Louis based St. Louis-Stuttgart Sister City group and the city of Stuttgart, students from the circus schools of Circus Harmony in St. Louis and Circus Circuli in Stuttgart met online, trained together, and created a video featuring circus arts in both cities for the celebration! This first video, Sister City Circus, can be found on Circus Harmony’s YouTube page.

In the summer of 2023, the two groups met in person for the first time and created a live show that toured Stuttgart and around Lake Bodensee in Germany. In the summer of 2024, members of Circus Circuli came to St. Louis to create a new show with their St. Louis counterparts! This year, it’s Circus Harmony’s turn to head overseas. The Sister City Circus show includes juggling, contortion, hula hooping, partner acrobatics and more.

Donations will help cover transportation and food costs during the trip. Contributions can be made online or by mailing a check. If your business or employer would be interested in sponsoring the Peace Through Pyramids program, please contact us!

<https://www.mightycause.com/story/Ptp2025>

Your support opens up a world of possibility to these young people, showing them that when they work together and focus on what connects them, instead of what divides them, they can create something amazing! A reminder we all need from time to time!

West Community Credit Union Staff Volunteer at The Little Bit Foundation



Some of our staff volunteered at The Little Bit Foundation today sorting, sizing, and boxing uniform donations for schools with the great need.

Little Bit currently partners with 54 school communities across the St. Louis area, serving 17,000 students. If you’re interested in supporting their mission (especially in the wake of the recent tornado), please consider donating to our school supply drive.

We are accepting items at all of our branches or order directly from the Amazon Wishlist [westcommunitycu.org/about/community.htm#drive](https://www.westcommunitycu.org/about/community.htm#drive)

Attachment F

PUBLIC RELEASE

07/01/2025

The Brentwood School District announced its revised free and reduced price policy for school children unable to pay the full price of meals served in schools under the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program.

Local education officials have adopted the following family-size income criteria for determining eligibility:

Household Size	Maximum Household Income Eligible for Free Meals			Maximum Household Income Eligible for Reduced Price Meals		
	Annually	Monthly	Weekly	Annually	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$20,345	\$1,696	\$392	\$28,953	\$2,413	\$557
2	27,495	2,292	529	39,128	3,261	753
3	34,645	2,888	667	49,303	4,109	949
4	41,795	3,483	804	59,478	4,957	1,144
5	48,945	4,079	942	69,653	5,805	1,340
6	56,095	4,675	1,079	79,828	6,653	1,536
7	63,245	5,271	1,217	90,003	7,501	1,731
8	70,395	5,867	1,354	100,178	8,349	1,927
Each add'l member	+7,150	+596	+138	+10,175	+848	+196

Children from families whose current income is at or below those shown are eligible for free or reduced price meals. Applications are available at the school office. To apply, fill out a Free and Reduced Price School Meals Family Application and return it to the school. The information provided on the application is confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility. Applications may be submitted any time during the school year. A complete application is required as a condition of eligibility. A complete application includes: (1) household income from all sources or Food Stamp/TANF case number, (2) names of all household members, and (3) the signature and last four digits of social security number or indication of no social security number of adult household member signing the application. School officials may verify current income or other information provided on the application at any time during the school year.

Foster children may be eligible regardless of the income of the household with whom they reside. Households with children who are eligible under the foster, Head Start, homeless, migrant, or runaway programs should contact the school for assistance in receiving meal benefits. Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) participants may be eligible for free or reduced price meals.

Children who are members of households currently certified as receiving Food Stamps, TANF or FDPIR are eligible for free meals. To complete an application, the household must provide the names of the children, a statement that the household receives the qualifying benefits, the Food Stamps/TANF/FDPIR case number, and the signature of the adult household member making application. When known by the school that members of a household are receiving assistance from Food Stamps, TANF or FDPIR, households will be notified of their children’s eligibility for free school meals. If any children in the household were not listed on the eligibility notice or not listed on the application, the household should contact the school to have benefits extended to all children in the household.

If a family member becomes unemployed or if family size changes, the family should contact the school to file a new application. Such changes may make the children of the family eligible for these benefits.

Under the provisions of the policy, the **Building Principal’s Admin Asst.** will review the applications and determine eligibility. If a parent is dissatisfied with the ruling of the determining official, they may wish to discuss the decision with the hearing official on an informal basis or he/she may make a request either orally or in writing to **Dr. Ronni Zagora (314-962-4507, rzagora@brentwoodmoschools.org**. Hearing procedures are outlined in the policy. A complete copy of the policy is on file in each school and in the central office where any interested party may review it.

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2. Fax: (202) 690-7442; or
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“Romeo & Zooliet” at the St. Louis Zoo

“Romeo & Zooliet” is a wildly fun, original production that is a family friendly stage adaptation of “Romeo & Juliet” produced exclusively and in partnership with the Saint Louis Zoo and St. Louis Shakespeare Festival. This new show explores what would happen if Saint Louis Zoo animals put on their own Shakespearean performance after keepers go home for the night. The show stage and seating area is designed as an enchanting version of Shakespeare’s Globe Theatre within the Zoo’s Historic Hill area.

Shows are nightly (except Mondays) July 8 to August 17. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available in five different admission tiers ranging from \$12.95/person (\$10.95/member) at the lowest tier for blanket lawn seating to \$149.95/person for the VIP “Royal Banquet” experience, which includes dinner and more. Each ticket tier includes varying benefits. Buy tickets and learn more at stlzoo.org/Shakespeare.

The 85-minute original play is written by Jennifer Joan Thompson and directed by Tom Ridgely of the St. Louis Shakespeare Festival, adapted from the graphic novel “The Stratford Zoo Midnight Review Presents Romeo and Juliet.”

St. Louis Shakespeare Festival

The St. Louis Shakespeare Festival strives to foster community and joy across the St. Louis region through the Shakespearean tradition of art for all. Since 2001, the Festival has grown from producing a single production of Shakespeare in Forest Park to a year-round season of impactful programming in exciting and accessible venues throughout the bi-state area. Artistic and education programs reach over 50,000 patrons and students each season. Their award-winning work has been featured in the New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, and Bloomberg News.

Saint Louis Zoo

Home to 12,000 animals, representing nearly 450 species, the Saint Louis Zoo is recognized worldwide for its innovative approaches to animal care and management, wildlife conservation, research and education. One of the few free zoos in the nation, the Saint Louis Zoo is the most-visited attraction in the region. Accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), the Saint Louis Zoo is part of an elite group of institutions that meet the highest standards in animal care as well as provide fun, safe and educational family experiences.

Reminder from Brentwood Police Department: Leash Your Dog

We remind our residents there is a leash law in place for the safety of our residents and our pets, and we will be enforcing the law if we are alerted to additional violations. Please be respectful of your neighbors and of other pets – make certain you leash your dog on walks or while otherwise unsecured.



Opera Theatre of Saint Louis
Announces 2026 Festival Season

Opera Theatre of Saint Louis (OTSL) is proud to announce its 2026 Festival Season, running May 23 — June 28, 2026. Following the success of its 50th Anniversary Season, the company now turns toward the future with a season that bridges beloved repertoire and modern works — signaling the start of Opera Theatre’s next 50 years. The 2026 Festival Season will feature four mainstage productions — including two long-awaited company premieres and the return of two beloved titles — and the transition of world-renowned soprano Patricia Racette into her new role as Artistic Director.

The 2026 Festival Season opens on May 23 with Gilbert & Sullivan’s comic operetta **The Pirates of Penzance**, returning to the Opera Theatre stage for the first time in over a decade. The Tony Award-winning musical **The Light in the Piazza**, with a book by Craig Lucas and music and lyrics by Adam Guettel, makes its first appearance on OTSL’s stage a week later. As Racette’s first directorial endeavor as Artistic Director, she will put her stamp on André Previn’s operatic adaptation of **A Streetcar Named Desire**, based on Tennessee Williams’ famed play. Opera Theatre closes its season with a new staging of Charles Gounod’s **Romeo and Juliet**, featuring the stunning costumes of designer Robert Perdziola from the company’s 2005 production of the same title. In addition to the four mainstage productions, Opera Theatre will once again present its annual young artist showcase, Center Stage, which shines a light on the members of its celebrated Richard Gaddes Festival Artist and Gerdine Young Artist Programs, and the free concert **Our Songs**, which features a different guest curator every year for a musical celebration of connection and community.



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ATSU’s Kirksville College of
Osteopathic Medicine leads nation
in graduates who go on to
practice in rural areas

A.T. Still University-Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine (ATSU-KCOM) graduates go on to practice in rural areas more than any other medical school in the nation, according to the recent U.S. News & World Report 2025 Best Medical Schools list.

Additionally, ATSU-KCOM ranks No. 6 nationwide in both graduates practicing in medically underserved areas and primary care fields. Combined, it demonstrates ATSU-KCOM’s excellence in pursuit of its mission to educate highly competent physicians who deliver care to underserved communities.

“We are honored ATSU-KCOM ranked No. 1 in producing physicians for rural America, because access to whole person healthcare matters to our nation’s remote and often underserved populations,” said Gaylah Sublette, MBA, interim president of ATSU’s Missouri campus. “This particular ranking is an accurate reflection of our University’s mission.”

U.S. News & World Report worked with the Robert Graham Center, a division of the American Academy of Family Physicians, as the data provider, and ranked medical schools by the percentage of each school’s 2016-18 graduates practicing in different areas.

The report found 31.9% of those ATSU-KCOM graduates practicing in rural areas, 67.7% practicing in medically underserved areas, and 41.8% practicing in primary care fields.

“This meets our mission and values to have graduates who serve in communities that need them most,” said ATSU-KCOM Dean Margaret Wilson, DO, ’82. “This long-standing commitment to producing primary care physicians for all underserved areas of need truly makes an impact on healthcare for the country. We are proud of our graduates and the lasting effect our school has made.”

On May 17, 2025, ATSU-KCOM, the founding school of osteopathic medicine, celebrated commencement for the class of 2025 at Truman State University’s Baldwin Hall in Kirksville, Missouri, as 154 students graduated and received their doctor of osteopathic medicine degrees.



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INSIDE BASEBALL

By Rob Rains of StLSportsPage.com

The Story of how Rainiel Rodriguez Went From Being an “Unknown” to Becoming one of Cardinals Top Prospects

JUPITER, Fla. – The Cardinals didn’t know much about a 17-year-old stockily-built catcher when he came to a tryout at their academy in the Dominican Republic in the spring of 2024.



Moises Rodriguez, the Cardinals’ assistant general manager in charge of international scouting, was there the day that Rainiel Rodriguez showed up.

“We had a good relationship with the agent, and he reached out to me, our local scout and our supervisor, saying he had a player,” said Rodriguez, who is not related to Rainiel.

What does he remember about that day?

“Other than he almost knocked the outfield fence down with how hard he hit the ball?” replied Rodriguez. “He just kept hitting hard-hit line drives – off the fence, one hoppers to the fence, over the fence, pull side, opposite field – it was pretty amazing how hard he was hitting the ball all over the field. That really opened our eyes.”

There was a reason that the Cardinals’ scouts weren’t as familiar with the young catcher as they were with other players in the Dominican.

“Typically guys his age get scouted for two or three years before they sign,” Moises Rodriguez said. “He had gotten to the Dominican Republic closer to his signing date than a lot of the kids we were evaluating.”

Even Rodriguez uses the word “unknown” to describe himself at the time.

“I was unknown,” he said. “How they say it in the DR, ‘I got late to the business.’”

Late or not, what Moises Rodriguez and the other Cardinals evaluators saw that day and in subsequent workouts was an impressive hit tool, especially for a catcher.

“It was obvious how hard he hit the ball, so we kept bringing him back, mainly to see if he could stick at catcher,” Moises Rodriguez said. “He was a little rough around the edges, and was a little heavier than he is now, but he just kept hitting.”

“In general when you are scouting, physical projection, along with athleticism, plays into the decision making. Our main question was if he was going to have enough flexibility to stay behind the plate. If we determined he had enough for that, with the bat that he already possessed, we thought he could turn into a prospect. ... Adding that bat to a catcher profile would be way more attractive and have way more value down the road.”

The consensus of the scouts was that Rodriguez could stick behind the plate and he signed as an international free agent on April 1, 2024.

Less than five months later, after ripping through the Dominican Summer League last summer, Rodriguez’s name started showing up on prospect lists. Nothing has happened to change that since, as he already has been promoted to the Class A Palm Beach Cardinals, where he is one of the youngest players in the Florida State League.

“We were lucky enough to strike a deal,” Moises Rodriguez said. “We worked hard on it ... We were fortunate that he was able to hit the ground running and had the present ability to be able to perform right away. Sometimes

you have tools and it won’t translate into game performance. Luckily for us his did right away.”

So why was Rodriguez an unknown to scouts last year? That’s a big part of his story.

“They said I had no chance”

Rodriguez was born in the Dominican in 2007 and began playing baseball there as a young boy but moved with his parents and older brother to Philadelphia when he was 10 years old.

“They wanted a better future,” Rodriguez said. “They had a good friend who let us stay there for a couple of months, then we found a place to stay. They worked in restaurants and my mom worked at a food truck at night. She did everything she could to provide for me and my brother.”

Rodriguez was a fifth-grader at the time, and he said the family’s intention was to stay living in the U.S. Rodriguez began high school there, and played on the school’s freshman baseball team.

When he was 16, during his sophomore year, however, the family made a decision to move back to the Dominican Republic.

“Everything was good there, but we had some family issues so we went back to the DR,” Rodriguez said. “When we got back, I just wanted to keep playing baseball until the people I was working with thought I was ready for a tryout.”

Not everybody believed that Rodriguez would be able to overcome being “late to the business.”

“They said that I had no chance,” Rodriguez said. “That helped me work harder, harder, harder, so I could prove people wrong.”

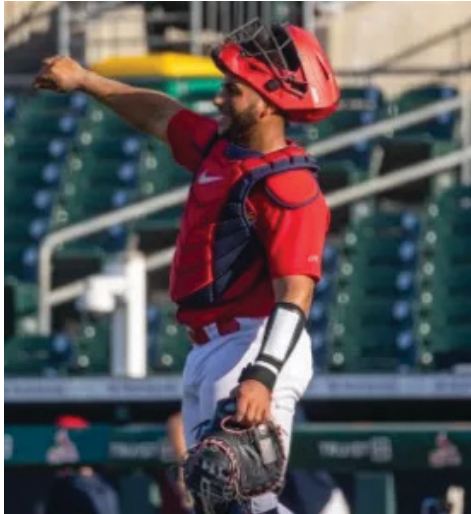
Rodriguez estimates that he had “about 60” tryouts. Two other teams, he said, wanted to sign him – Arizona and Colorado. Rodriguez turned them down.

“It was all good but I just told my agent the organization I wanted to be on,” Rodriguez said.

The organization was the Cardinals. The reason? He started following the team as a young boy because of his fondness for Albert Pujols.

“The guy I trained with in Philadelphia is really close with him, and I talked to him when I was like 13,” Rodriguez said. “Last year I got to meet him in the DR.”

“It’s just special here.”



“Always able to hit”

If Rodriguez had remained in the U.S. for high school, he would be a senior this year and eligible for this week’s amateur draft.

One of the pitchers he has worked with this season, both in the Complex League and at Palm Beach, thinks Rodriguez wouldn’t be an unknown if that had happened.

“I will stand on this,” Jacob Odle said. “If he was in high school this year I think he

would be projected as a top three-rounder, easily ... For only being 18 he knows how to call a pretty darn good game. I have nothing but great things to say about him. He’s one of the hardest working guys I’ve seen.

“If you watch the stuff he does behind the scenes, you would understand why he has had so much growth as a player.”

As a 17-year-old last summer, Rodriguez hit 10 homers, drove in 38 runs and posted a .345 average in just 41 games in a league loaded with young Latin prospects.

Promoted to the Complex League to begin this season, Rodriguez continued to hit. In the first 20 games of the year, he hit seven homers. Even though he hasn’t been on that team for a month, he still has more homers than the rest of the players combined have hit all season – six.

“Since I was little I was always able to hit,” Rodriguez said.

The offensive numbers have not been as good in Rodriguez’s first month in Palm Beach, but he is not discouraged.

“The gap, it’s a lot,” Rodriguez said of making the move to A ball. “The experience of the pitchers is different. They study you and pitch a little different. It makes me focus even more and take everything seriously.

“I’m making progress. The results, the numbers, don’t matter. My defense is getting better, everything is getting better. It’s part of the sport. You’ve got to maintain your focus. You’re not going to get a hit every time. You’ve got to understand that.”

The manager at Palm Beach, Gary Kendall, is in his 22nd season as a minor-league manager, which has offered him the opportunity to see and work with a lot of young players.

He thinks there could be something special about Rodriguez.

“What I see first of all is a guy who is very meticulous about everything he does,” Kendall said. “He’s very mature for his age. He’s very focused, he’s very driven. He’s loaded with strength and is very athletic ... For a young player to be in this league and be battling and competitive in the way that he is, it’s very special.”

The daily grind that Rodriguez and the other players face at this level is intense. On most days, for a 6 or 6:30 p.m. game, their workday begins about 1 p.m.

“He has a cage routine, hits on the field, goes through his individual defense work, then has pitcher and catcher meetings,” Kendall said. “He’s handled all of it with a lot of maturity.”

The Cardinals have Rodriguez catching four games a week and working as the DH in another game, playing – like most of their prospects – in five out of every six games.

“He’s very humble, he’s very quiet, he just fits in,” Kendall said. “He’s a guy that kind of leads by how he plays and the other players look up to him and respond to him. To be a young catcher running a game and to be back there and show the leadership skills; he’s growing in this process. ... He’s lived up his billing.”

Rodriguez homered in his first at-bat with Palm Beach but has seen his average hover around the .200 mark in his first five weeks at this level. He hit his second home run on Sunday.

“It’s tough for a young hitter because there is a lot of velocity,” Kendall said about the pitching in the league. “Usually you see it night to night. Guys are a little more around the plate than in the Complex League. One of the things I think he is starting to see is people trying to pitch around him and maybe not give him that center-cut fastball.

“He is going through the ups and downs of failure, how to handle it, how to string good at-bats together and get back on track when things aren’t going that well. He’s got a really good feel for the game.”

Perhaps because he is confident that he is going to hit, when Rodriguez talks about the adjustments he is making now, he focuses on his defense and on working with the pitching staff more than the offensive side of his game.

“The best thing I can do is be a great teammate and try to help anybody who is struggling or needs help,” said Rodriguez, who didn’t speak any English when his family moved to Philadelphia but learned it in his years of school there. “If I see somebody do something wrong I try to help them.”

It’s that quality of Rodriguez that has stood out to the older pitchers he is working with, including Odle and Nolan Sparks.

“He’s my little bro,” Odle said. “I met him when I got here in January because he was shadowing Leo Bernal. He caught a couple of my bullpens in rehab, then in live BPs and once I got in a game we were on the same page the entire time. The only time I would shake him off was with fake shakes.

“I think it’s a testament to how hard he works. He did everything the Cardinals asked of him and that’s put him in a great spot to succeed.”

Sparks was impressed by a recent conversation he had with Rodriguez after one of his starts.

“He caught me in Daytona and I kind of a had rough outing,” Sparks said. “I wasn’t keeping the hitters off-balance or throwing the right pitches. The day after, just talking with him, he is super good about talking with pitchers. I think that’s part of the catching job, understanding what the pitcher likes to do. We just had really good communication.

“I’m waiting for him to catch fire. He makes good swing decisions and when he connects with the ball he hits it hard. He’s really good behind the plate and it’s fun to work with him. He’s very mature for only being 18. He’s doing pretty darn good.”

“He knows what he wants”

What does Rodriguez think now when he looks at the lists of the top prospects in the Cardinals organization and see his name?



“It makes me feel good,” he said. “I know that the work is paying off. I’m improving a lot.”

When Moises Rodriguez watches Rodriguez play now, he can’t help but think back to the day not that many months ago when he saw Rodriguez for the first time.

“He’s always hit the ball hard,” Moises Rodriguez said. “A lot of what you are seeing now. He’s just always had an impressive hit tool.

“He’s worked himself into better shape. He’s driven to get better behind the plate and wants to stay there. He’s mentally strong and he knows what he wants.”

Kendall is seeing the same thing every night.

“I’ve had young players before,” he said. “I had Manny Machado and Jonathan Schoop (with the Orioles). He falls into that in that he’s all business. You don’t really have to tell him twice. He’s so focused and driven in how he goes about his work.

“That’s been the most impressive thing for a young player. ... We’re very blessed to have him.”

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Troop 361 sponsored by St. Mary Magdalen just returned from a high adventure week of summer camp at the S bar F Scout Ranch. Along with rock climbing, rappelling, water skiing, boating, sailing, and rifle shooting, a highlight was the wilderness survival overnight where Scouts built shelters and spent the night away from base camp. It was a hot week, but that’s why they call it “summer camp”!

New girl Scouts BSA Troop goes to camp



The newly formed Scouts BSA Troop 361g sponsored by St. Mary Magdalen recently attended their first Scout summer camp at the S bar F Scout Ranch. Among the many exciting activities they participated in were rock climbing, rappelling, high and low ropes courses, water tubing, swimming and canoeing.

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.



Summer Reading Continues

Summer Reading continues at Rock Hill Public Library now until August 2, 2025!

If you haven't signed up, there is still time left. Color Our World and join us for a season of literary fun & excitement. Don't miss out on the adventure!

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.

Movie & Crafts at RHPL



Thanks to everyone who joined us for a great family-adventure movie, Disney's Holes, & a themed craft, produce print-making, on Thursday, June 26 at the library!

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Craft-o-Rama

Celebrate the Summer Reading theme "Color Our World" with fun craft activities and learn about art in the everyday world on Tuesday, July 15 (Print Making) and July 29 (Wax Butterflies) at 4PM! K-6th Grade

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Stories in the Park is back!!!

Save the dates for Stories in the Park on July 16 (Turner Park), July 23 (Hensley Park) & July 30 (Stroup Field) at 10 AM. Fun, engaging outdoor story times in the Rock Hill parks! Early Readers

Mystery Book Club

Get ready for a night of suspense and excitement at the Rock Hill Public Library's Mystery Book Club on July 16 at 5:30 PM! We'll be diving into "An Evil Heart" by Linda Castillo.

Summer Film Series

2025 continues on a cozy, but happy 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 refreshments included. Adults

July's theme Staycation/Vacation continues on July 29, 2025 with the vacation comedy, Barb & Star go to Vista Del Mar (PG-13) at 1 PM.

Directed by Josh Greenbaum and written by Kristen Wiig and Annie Mumolo, who also star and originally worked together on Bridesmaids. Lifelong friends Barb and Star embark on the adventure of a lifetime when they decide to leave their small Midwestern town for the first time - ever.

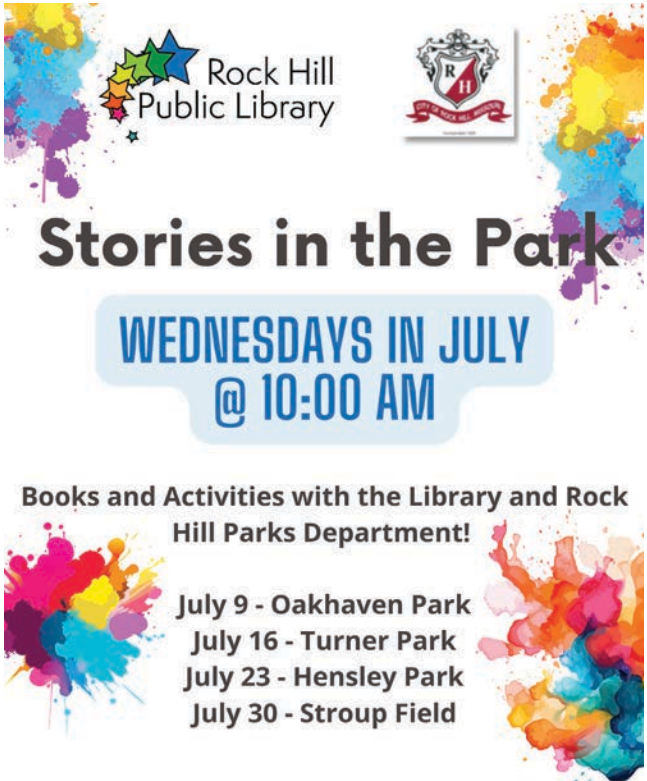
Movie & Craft Nights

Join us for a great family-film adaptation, The Parent Trap (1998), & a themed craft, tie-dye at Rock Hill Public Library (9811 Manchester Road), on Thursday, July 31 at 5 PM! Adults & Teens

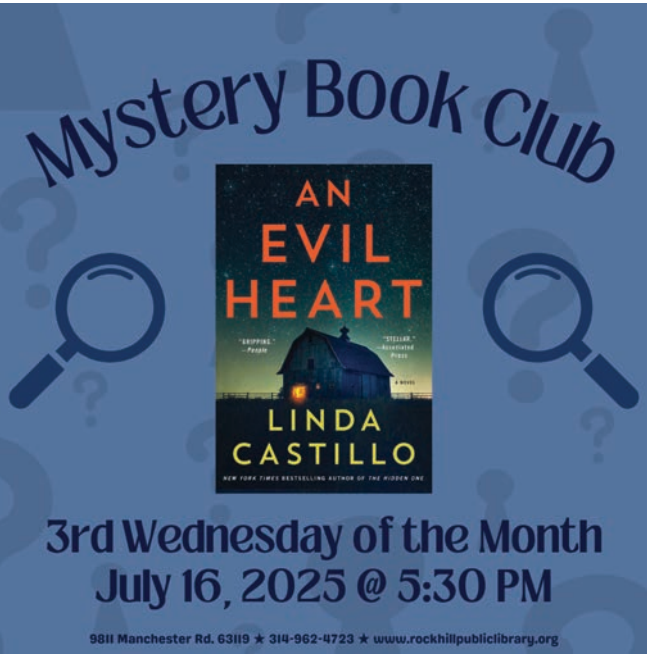
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Chair Yoga with Alicia

It's officially summer and time again for Chair Yoga with Alicia on Friday, August 1 at 11 AM. Our gentle practice includes simple yoga poses and breathwork and is suitable for all skill levels. Call (314) 962-4723 to register. Space is limited. FYI There is parking in the back. Enter through side door.



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Meet The Artists July 18



The Regional Arts Commission of St. Louis (RAC) is proud to announce a creative partnership with 4 Hands Brewing Co. to launch a new limited-edition four-pack of City Wide beer featuring artist-designed labels.

This collaboration highlights the exceptional creativity of St. Louis-based artists and exemplifies how the city’s thriving arts community continues to inspire and energize the region. The new can designs transform every sip of City Wide into a celebration of St. Louis’s arts and culture community.

Each limited-edition can features original artwork by an artist from the St. Louis Mural Project – an unprecedented RAC initiative that brought 28 murals to all 14 wards of St. Louis City in just three months.

Participating artists include:

- Killer Napkins | killernapkins.com
- Rob Armbrister | artbrister.com
- Cbabi Bayoc | cbabibayoc.com
- Neeka | neekaallsup.com
- Brock Seals | palettebyseals.com

“This collaboration is all about shining a spotlight on the artists who make our city beautiful every day,” said Jay Scherder, RAC communications and partnerships director. “When we approached 4 Hands with this idea, they were immediately on board. They care deeply about the arts and culture community, and the Regional Arts Commission of St. Louis is honored to have them as a partner. Somehow, we managed to make a great beer even better.”

The limited-edition cans will be available starting July in local grocery and liquor stores, as well as bars and restaurants who carry City Wide. To celebrate the collaboration, 4 Hands and RAC is holding a launch party for the public to attend.

City Wide Artist Series Meet & Greet

What: A celebration of the St. Louis’ creative community featuring live artist talks and Q&As, a live DJ, and delicious beer.

When: July 18, 2025 – 5:00 p.m.

Where: 4 Hands Brewing Co., 1220 S. 8th Street, St. Louis

This initiative is part of 4 Hands Brewing Co.’s City Wide mission, where one dollar from every case of City Wide beer sold supports St. Louis non-profits. In 2025, 4 Hands selected the Regional Arts Commission of St. Louis as one of four quarterly beneficiaries. Since launching the initiative in 2016, 4 Hands has partnered with 35 nonprofit organizations and given back over \$375,000 to the local community.



St. Louis District Dairy Council

Serve up nostalgia: Host a classic ice cream social for friends and family during National Ice Cream Month

Summer has arrived, bringing hot weather with it. What better way to cool off than by enjoying some delicious ice cream with friends, especially during National Ice Cream Month.

Thanks to President Ronald Reagan’s love for ice cream, the United States has recognized National Ice Cream Month every July since 1984. Long before 1984 though, Americans have been celebrating events with ice cream. Since the late 1800s, ice cream socials have provided opportunities for communities to gather, oftentimes to promote a good cause. This July, host your own ice cream social to bring friends and family together. Spending time with others while enjoying a favorite treat is a great way to reconnect and build a sense of well-being.

“Ice cream is one of those universally liked foods that is often associated with good memories and nostalgia,” said Maggie Nasic, nutrition educator and registered dietitian with St. Louis District Dairy Council. “Building a summer social gathering around this classic treat is a fun, refreshing way to spend time with others, while also requiring minimal effort.”

Tips for hosting an ice cream social

An ice cream social, at its core, is simple, making it an easy way to bring people together. Here are some tips to plan your own ice cream social:

Pick a fun theme. Search your house for inspiration and repurpose items for decorations. Fresh flowers and greenery also add a festive flair.

Plan your menu. Choose several flavors of ice cream, along with various toppings. Topping options are endless. You can choose tried and true combinations like chocolate syrup, caramel sauce, nuts, fresh fruit, crumbled cookies or whipped cream, or you can be more adventurous by serving ground espresso or bacon and maple syrup as toppings. You can also serve ice cream incorporated into pies, cakes or cookie sandwiches. This month’s featured recipe for a s’more ice cream pie will ramp up both flavor and nostalgia.

Make sure you have bowls, cones, utensils, ice cream scoops and napkins.

Choose your serving area. A kitchen countertop or kitchen table are perfect spaces for an ice cream buffet.

For ease of serving the ice cream, move the ice cream from the freezer to the refrigerator 10 to 20 minutes before serving. Return the ice cream to the freezer once you have served your guests.

Thank a dairy farmer for ice cream!

Missouri and Illinois dairy farmers help produce the milk that goes into ice cream production. Approximately 9% of all milk produced in the United States is used for ice cream. In fact, one gallon of ice cream requires 3 gallons of milk. A dairy cow produces enough milk during her lifetime to make more than 9,000 gallons of ice cream.

For more information on ice cream, visit www.stldairy-council.org or contact Maggie Nasic at 314-835-9668 or mci-marolli@stldairycouncil.org. Follow St. Louis District Dairy Council on Facebook and Instagram at [STLDairyCouncil](https://www.facebook.com/STLDairyCouncil).

The St. Louis District Dairy Council (SLDDC) is a nonprofit nutrition education organization funded by local dairy farmers. Since 1932, SLDDC has served 131 counties in central/southern Illinois and eastern Missouri as the go-to educational resource and advocate for the role of dairy foods as part of a healthful diet. SLDDC is proud to spread dairy nutrition knowledge to local communities, bridging the gap between local dairy farmers and consumers.

S’more Ice Cream Pie



This recipe combines two classic summertime treats into one. Your dinner guests will be calling for s’more in no time!

Servings: 6-8

Prep Time: 20 minutes

- Ingredients:**
- 1 ½ cups finely crushed graham cracker crumbs (approximately 12 full sheets of graham crackers)
 - ¼ cup granulated sugar
 - 6 Tbsp. unsalted butter, melted
 - 1.5 quarts (about 6 cups) chocolate or fudge-swirled ice cream, slightly softened
 - 2 cups miniature marshmallows
 - Chocolate syrup, optional

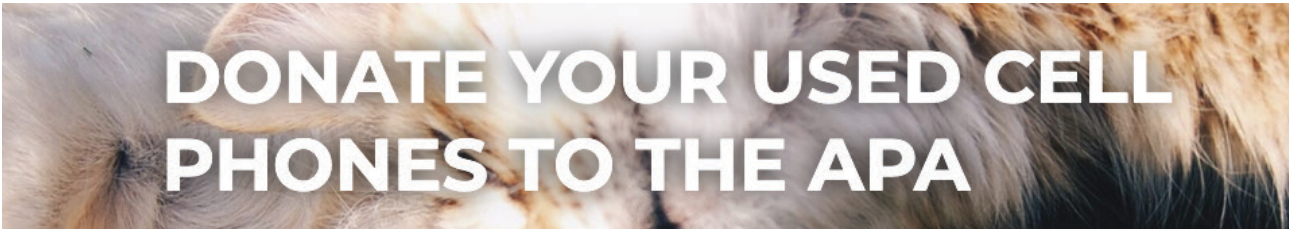
Directions:

In a medium mixing bowl, combine graham cracker crumbs, sugar and melted butter. Mix well until combined. Gently press mixture into the bottom and sides of a 9-inch pie dish. Refrigerate the crust until chilled, for at least 30 minutes.

Meanwhile, adjust the top rack in oven to 6 inches underneath the broiler. Set the oven to broil (525°F). Line a sheet pan with parchment paper. Spray parchment paper with cooking spray (canola or vegetable oil). Place miniature marshmallows on a sheet pan. Make sure marshmallows are not touching each other. To lightly toast marshmallows, place pan in oven for 1 minute. Watch carefully so marshmallows do not burn. Remove the pan and set aside to cool.

Once the crust is chilled, scoop the ice cream and place on top of the graham cracker crust. Smooth ice cream with a spatula. Gently press cooled marshmallows into ice cream.

Freeze until very firm, at least 2 hours. Drizzle with chocolate sauce immediately before serving.



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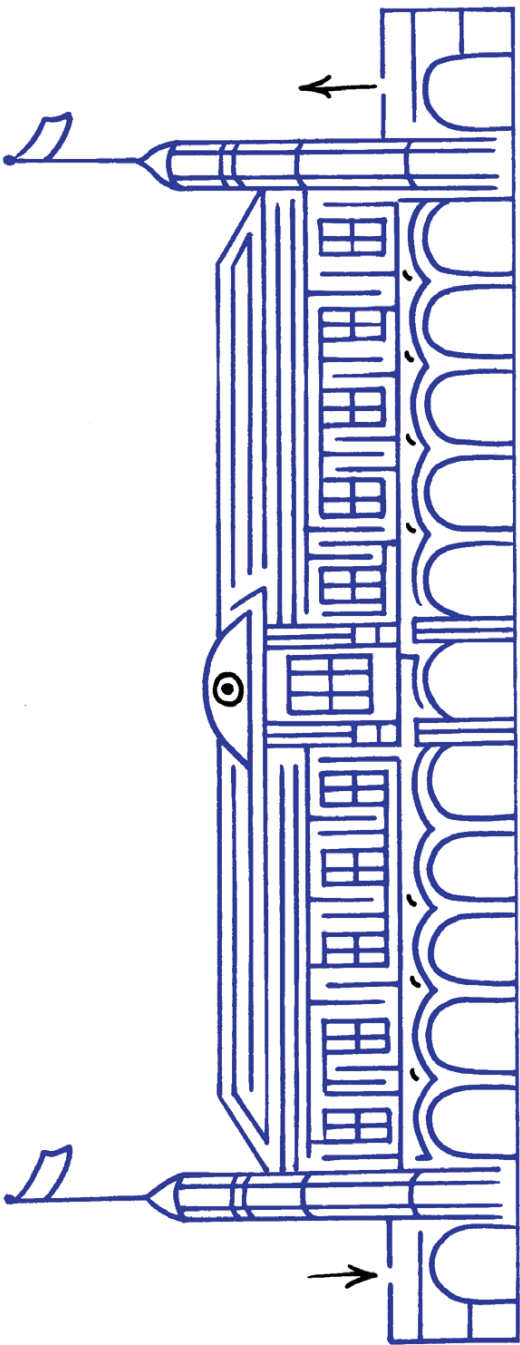
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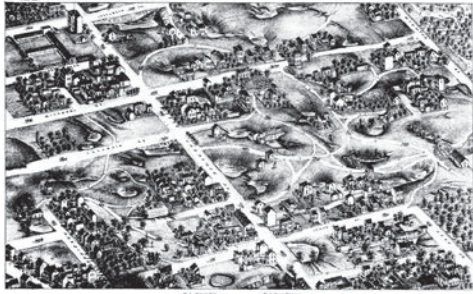
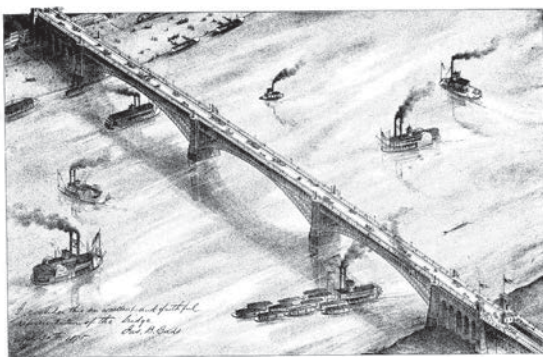
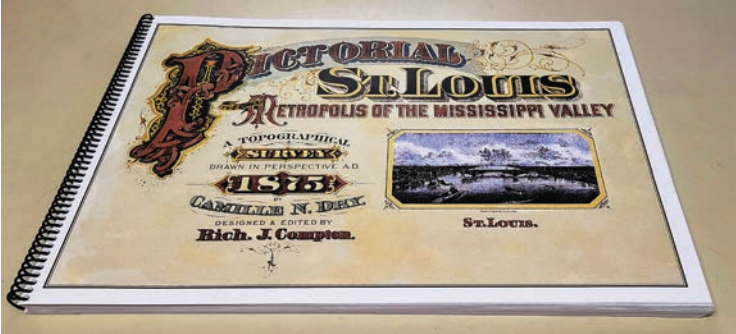
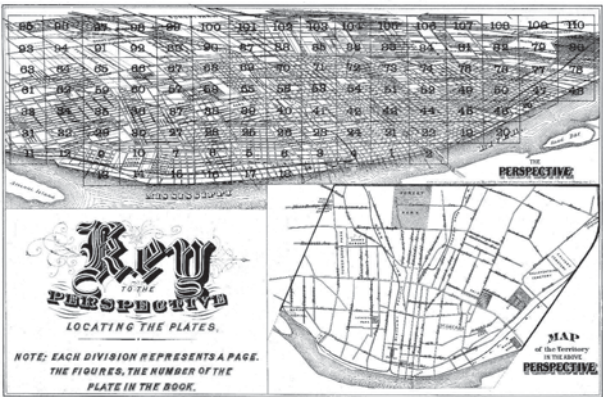
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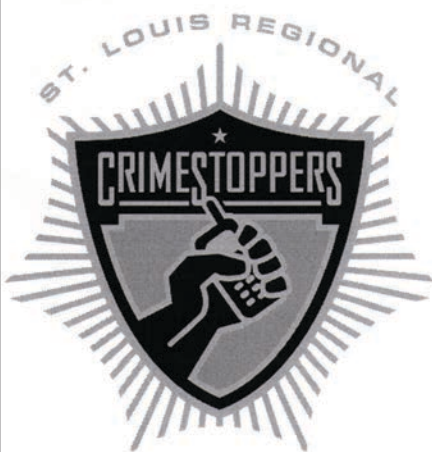
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