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Association News

With the weather getting better, construction activity is picking up. A few gentle reminders are in order. There are many projects that require permits from the Association. Basically, we require permits to enforce the Rules and Regulations and the Deed of Restrictions of the Association. Also, many activities take their toll on the roads. Since we receive no state or local taxes to maintain them, several years ago the membership voted to access a "road impact fee" which helps to defray some of the costs involved in certain projects involving truck deliveries. Any new builds, additions, concrete flatwork, retaining walls (including seawalls), decks, and roofs will generate a road impact fee. Any dumpsters or PODs will also require a permit for the same reason. New docks built at the marina will generate a "dock impact fee." Any projects that involve the "common area" which includes the Lake, the Parkway, the Platted Pathways and the road right-of-way will require permission. This includes the planting or removing of trees and shrubs on the common areas. In most cases a current survey is necessary to determine the property lines. If your project involves driving equipment on the common area a "parkway use permit" is required. Golf carts on the Parkway require inspection and a registration sticker. Any changes to docking structures not only require a permit, but also must be approved by the Lake Improvement Board. The Lake Improvement Board also hears cases requiring variances on non-conforming structures. This board meets once a month and agendas fill up quickly, so plan accordingly. The City of Lake Lotawana has their own set of rules and requirements for permits so check with them as well.



There was a time when the standing joke out here was do your project on weekends when no enforce-

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Mayor's Column

When I ran for Mayor three years ago, I had little idea of the intricacies required to operate a sewer system. Nine years ago, during my first few years on the Board, we were presented with an engineering plan to build another plant to effectively process the system's flow. At that point, we didn't have any data, detailed studies, or a solid understanding of the core collection system challenges. Thankfully, the Mayor and Board were wise enough to pass on that proposal.



Our sewer collection system is complex. If you look around our lake, part of the beauty is the Ozarks like terrain in our area. Part of the challenge our system faces is the Ozarks like terrain in our area. The best sewer system designs are gravity feed, and processing plants are located at the lowest point. We are not that lucky. Our collection system has nearly 30 lift stations to pump over hills, under the lake, and over the dam. The area's initial collection system was installed over 75 years ago. These original lines have been replaced or lined over the years, but many of those enhancements have aged over time.

In 2013 the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) required the City to develop an annualized sewer system improvement plan. This is pretty common. The City signed an Abatement Order on Consent with the MDNR, where we are legally required to spend about 10% of our annual sewer system operating budget on improvements and system enhancements.

The City has aggressively attacked these responsibilities. We have now smoke tested the entire system and are annually video scoping different areas of our collection system. We have established a regular maintenance plan for all of the pumps in our lift stations,

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Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri: 9 am - 4:30 pm
Sat: 8 am - 12 noon
Sun, Mon: Closed
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Association Meeting

March 13, 2018 7:30 p.m.
Lake Lotawana Community United Methodist Church

Lake Improvement Board

March 22, 2018 7:00 p.m.
Lake Lotawana City Hall

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April 3, 2018 7:00 p.m.

Board of Aldermen Meeting

March 20, 2018 7:00 p.m.

Board of Adjustment

March 27, 2018

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ment was around. I don't recommend it. Lately, the board has been directing staff to issue points to offenders who do work without permit. As you know, if you accumulate enough points, you can lose your Lake Rights. And the points will keep accumulating until the member makes it right. It is always a good idea to call the office if there is any uncertainty before you begin planning a project.

Submitted by: Jan T. Olson - Executive Director
 If you need to reach me for anything, please email me at janolson@lakelotawana.net or call the office at 578-4272.

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Mayor's Column

and we have applied technology to help us determine where to prioritize fixes. We are now able to collect flow data at each pump station via internet connected pump monitors. When it rains, we can now see areas of major flow increases. When it is dry, we can now establish baselines for average system flow. We can look at this information for the entire system, for a specific area of the system, or even for a single pump station.

Everyone sees the technology improvements that impact our daily lives like cell phones, home automation systems, led lights, and improvement in alternative energy, but technology improvements are also helping us improve our sewer system and properly treat the water that flows down your kitchen sink!

Over the next few years, your Board of Aldermen will need to make some serious decisions about the future of our sewer system. We have a major set of bonds that will be paid off. Last year, the City was granted a large grant from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to analyze and recommend a path forward once those bonds expire.

As we complete that MDNR sponsored study, I will let you know the findings. When available, we will post the entire report on the City website.

On another note, by the end of March, I will post a State of the City video on the City website that will cover the City team's past accomplishments, as well as insights into what the future holds for our community.

If you have a topic you would like me to cover in a future article, please drop me a note!

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CORRECTION to Feb. 28 Lotawana News

Correction:

The List of donors to the Lake Lotawana Parks and Recreation Tennis and Pickleball fund incorrectly listed Eric Johnson as a donor. It should have been PJ Johnson as the donor of \$250. Please accept my apologies for the error.

Eddie Robison

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Powell Gardens Rallies Community Support to Oppose Feedlot

Kingsville, MO, February 28, 2018—Powell Gardens, Kansas City’s botanical garden, is pressing the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to grant a public hearing in regards to the expansion of a confined animal feeding operation just three miles west of the 30-year old community treasure. Valley Oaks Steak Company, LLC, located on 50 Highway in Johnson County, has plans to expand their 400-acre operation from nearly 900 head of cattle to 6,999. Concerned about potential effects the expansion could have on the purity of local waterways and air quality, community members and Powell Gardens’ supporters began a campaign last week to convince the Missouri Department of Resources of the need for a public hearing. Powell Gardens is asking for continued support in contacting the Missouri Department of Natural Resources with concerns.

“Powell Gardens has grave concerns regarding the expansion of the Valley Oaks Steak Company,” said Tabitha Schmidt, CEO/President of Powell Gardens. “Its proximity to the Gardens raises many questions about ground and surface water contamination, particulate matter in the air, insects and odors. We have been overwhelmed by support from the community regarding our stance to oppose the project.”

The expansion includes housing, slaughtering, processing cattle and the sale of meat on-site, while also allowing an increase in the number of cattle on the 400-acre operation from nearly 900 to 6,999. Operations at or above 7,000 head of cattle are designated as Class IA facilities, which are subject to regular monitoring of odor emissions. Valley Oaks Steak Company would be classified as IB at 6,999 head of cattle and would not be subject to as stringent of guidelines. According to various studies conducted by the Environmental Protection Agency and the State Environmental Resource Center, possible effects of confined animal feeding operations can include groundwater contamination and effects to air quality.

As a clean-air facility, promoting conservation and botanical excellence, Powell Gardens is concerned for the future of the gardens and the well-being of citizens that could be affected by this expansion. Concerned community members are encouraged to submit comments on the threat to air quality and ground and surface water purity to:

Gregory Caldwell
Missouri Department of Natural Resources
P.O. Box 176 Jefferson City, MO 65102
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Powell Gardens

Powell Gardens, Kansas City’s botanical garden, resides on 970 acres of lush, rolling hills just east of Kansas City. Known for its world-class architecture and stunning display gardens, Powell Gardens sees nearly 100,000 visitors per year and offers classes, performances and festivals year-round. In 2009, the Heartland Harvest Garden, a 12-acre expansion that encompasses the Nation’s largest edible landscapes, was opened to the public.

For more information about admission, seasonal hours, special events, classes, rentals and memberships visit powellgardens.org.

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Blue Springs, Mo. – Blue Springs Police Officer, endurance athlete and member of “Project Remember,” Keegan Hughes, will honor fallen Missouri first responders and raise money for Answering the Call (501C3) by completing a 260-mile run across the state of Missouri in full duty uniform on March 23-31, 2018, in 9 days. The event begins in St. Charles, where St. Louis area SWAT and first responders will proudly run beside Officer Hughes. As he crosses the state, Officer Hughes and team will be meeting up with additional first responders to present flags of honor to the families of fallen first responders. He will also be carrying a game ball for the Kansas City Royals’ opening weekend. The final leg will honor Larry Leggio and John Mesh, two KC Firefighters who tragically lost their lives battling a metro area fire. Upon arrival at Kauffman Stadium, Officer Tom Wagstaff (Independence, MO Police Department) will throw out the first pitch of the

Royals game on Saturday, March 31st at 6:15pm. Officer Wagstaff will also be celebrating the one-year anniversary of his miraculous recovery of a near fatal gunshot wound to the head that he encountered while serving his community.

Project Remember / Answering the Call is a 501C3 first responder charity that gives 100% of all donations received to first responders and/or their families in times of need. This includes all levels of law enforcement, firefighters, and EMT’s. Answering the Call was founded in 2015 to assist Officer Josh Ward as he battled a flesh-eating disease that developed from a random virus. Answering the Call has since helped many other first responders when they needed it most.

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To be eligible to enter kindergarten next year, children must reach the age of 5 before Aug. 1, 2018. Children will participate in Kindergarten Round Up at their home elementary school. To determine your child’s school, you may enter your address at this webpage:

<http://www.infofinderi.com/ifi/?cid=LSRS13J5TQSE7>.

Online enrollment information will be shared at Kindergarten Round Up, and the online enrollment portal will be available after March 27. Kindergarten screenings will be held during June.

Lenten Fish Dinners

St. Robert Bellarmine Church will be having Fish Dinners on Friday, March 23 from 4:30-7:00 PM in the multi-purpose room by the office at 4313 S. 7 Highway, Blue Springs. The menu will include fried or baked fish and/or shrimp/popcorn shrimp, along with slaw, macaroni and cheese, baked potato, corn on the cob, green beans, dessert and drink. Tickets are \$9.00 for adults, \$5 for children, \$25 for family (2 adults & 2+ children under 12) and children 5 years and under are free. "Supersize" is available for an extra \$1. Proceeds will go for various church projects.

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As you may have heard, the stock market has been on a wild ride lately. What's behind this volatility? And, as an investor, how concerned should you be?

Let's look at the first question first. What caused the steep drop in stock prices we experienced on a few separate days?

Essentially, two main factors seem to be responsible. First, some good economic news may actually have played a significant role. A 17-year low in unemployment and solid job growth have begun to push wages upward. These developments have led to fears of rising inflation, which, in turn, led to speculation that the Federal Reserve will tighten the money supply at a faster-than-expected rate. Stocks reacted negatively to these expectations of higher interest rates.

The second cause of the market volatility appears to be simply a reaction to the long bull market. While rising stock prices lead many people to continue buy-

ing more and more shares, some people actually need to sell their stocks – and this pent-up selling demand, combined with short-term profit-taking, helped contribute to the large sell-offs of recent days.

Now, as for the question of how concerned you should be about this volatility, consider these points:

Sell-offs are nothing unusual. We've often experienced big sell-offs, but they've generally been followed with strong recoveries. Of course, past performance is not a guarantee of future results, but history has shown that patient, persistent investors have often been rewarded.

Fundamentals are strong. While short-term market movements can be caused by a variety of factors, economic conditions and corporate earnings typically drive performance in the long term. Right now, the U.S. economy is near full employment, consumer and business sentiment has risen strong-

ly, manufacturing and service activity is at multi-year highs, and GDP growth in 2018 appears to be on track for the best performance since 2015. Furthermore, corporate earnings are expected to rise this year.

So, given this background, what's your next move? Here are some suggestions:

Review your situation. You may want to work with a financial professional to evaluate your portfolio to determine if it is helping you make the progress you need to eventually achieve your long-term goals.

Reassess your risk tolerance. If you were unusually upset over the loss in value of your investments during the market pullback, you may need to review your risk tolerance to determine if it's still appropriate for your investment mix. If you feel you are taking on too much risk, you may need to rebalance your portfolio. Keep in mind, though, that by "playing it safe" and investing heavily in vehicles that offer greater protection of principal, but little in the way of return, you run the risk of not attaining the growth you need to reach your objectives.

Look for opportunities. A market pullback such as the one we've experienced, which occurs during a period of economic expansion and rising corporate profits, can give long-term investors a chance to add new shares at attractive prices in an environment that may be conducive to a market rally.

A sharp market pullback, such as we've seen recently, will



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The Future of Lake Lotawana: Part 1

by David Tillema, Alderman Ward III

The Lake Lotawana Comprehensive Plan, now called Lotawana Destiny, has recently obtained valuable feedback from public participation in community workshops organized by the KU graduate students. Review of the responses provides considerable insight on what the Citizens of Lake Lotawana want now and in the future. This information is detailed in the Lotawana Destiny Plan and is available in draft form on the City's web site. Most of the responses fall into the following four categories.

1. Maintain a sense of community with a small town charm.
2. Preserve our environment and let's have more open and green spaces.
3. Develop and maintain Financial Stability.
4. Limit the size and growth of the Lake Community and explore boundary changes.

We have had two significant annexations since 2003. For a successful annexation, there must be a vision and a reason for combining two separate areas into one viable city. Today, using the information from public participation, let's take a close look at the 2003 voluntary annexation of the 2500 acre Milton Thompson Tract, also known as the Barber Property (located West of Lake Lotawana, East of Milton Thompson Road, and North of Hwy 50). Why was it annexed? What does the annexation provide now and in the future, and at what cost to the City? These are all questions to be asked.

The main reasons for this voluntary annexation were:

1. Limit, control and contain the area of Quarry operation and mining. The Settlement Agreement did just that. It limited the mining operation to a designated area West of Highway 7 thereby prohibiting mining East of Hwy 7. In addition, land buffers were established to prevent mining a specified distance from existing highways and adjacent property not owned by Barber.
2. The City would receive real estate tax, sales tax on sales to non tax exempt entities, and could impose a tax or fee on the aggregate sold by the Quarry. Payment, however, for this "tipping fee," has not been received in several years and is currently in litigation. The City would also receive jurisdiction over the entire Tract which includes the main watershed of Lake Lotawana from Big Rock Bay to Sunset Cove.
3. The City in turn would permit the Quarry area to continue its mining operations above ground until January 2029.

Commercial Development

The Quarry entrance is blocked and appears to be closed. Rumor has it that the Quarry is for sale. The occupation license required by the City for Quarry operation has expired, but a new request is pending. At this time there are two other business permits in this area, the cement

plant and a truck center.

Future development of immediate Quarry Area is on hold until the mining permit expires in 2029, until proper reclamation occurs, and until utilities, especially sewer, are available. With the mandated buffer between the Quarry operation area and the roads, and with the new access road along Hwy 50, select partials of land are now prime for current commercial development.

Residential Development

Land for future development outside the Quarry area is almost all zoned Estate Residential which allows for low density housing, usually one home per three to five acres and they may have their individual septic system. This spreading out of homes will allow more lawn and less concrete and is the best we can hope for from an environmental standpoint. Protective Overlay Zoning can also be used to prohibit construction in or near our streams and will go a long way to protect the quality of our Lake.

Financial Stability

At the present, the Milton Thompson Tract has limited revenue potential. The revenue currently generated by real estate and by sales tax is minimal. This may soon change with future residential development and when commercial development expands along the access road North of Highway 50.

The expense side is not pretty! Until the Lake Lotawana Street Infrastructure Assessment was commissioned by the City in 2016, the City had not adequately addressed road ownership or funding for repair of these roads.

We now know the roads in Milton Thompson Tract alone currently need well over \$300,000 in repairs and maintenance. The City is preparing a five-year plan to address the repair and the financing of these roads.

The bottom line from the 2003 annexation is this: while we have control of the Milton Thompson Tract, we also have responsibility for street infrastructure and the much needed road repair. This will have significant impact on our bare bones budget! It is, therefore, up to us, our City, to use this investment wisely and protect our Lake environment during inevitable future development with proper land use and zoning.

Next edition of the *Lotawana News*, Part 2 with thoughts on the annexation South of Highway 50.

David Tillema

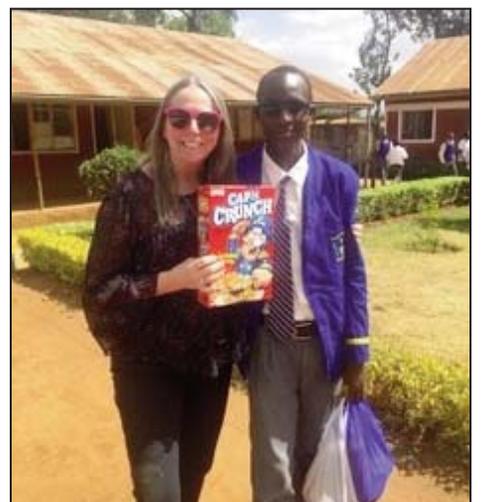
Moreheads change lives in Kenya



Flexstone before grafts.



Peter at his school with Cindy, the Principal of the school, and Kirk.



Vital at his school...Special delivery of Cap'n Crunch from USA!

LAKE LIGHTS
by Paula Koch

Cindy and Kirk Morehead return from 5th trip to Eldoret, Kenya, once again changing the lives of hundreds of Native Kenyans

Cindy and Kirk Morehead continue to awe our community with their efforts on behalf of the Kenyan people. Through the generosity of friends, churches, Kirk's group at Dow Chemical, and the community, the couple has been able to provide everything from chickens for nutrition and retail selling to skin grafts and a wheelchair for Flexstone, a four-year-old burn victim. From a water pump providing running water to orphans in shelters to educating farmers on best practices and setting up co-operatives.

Returning home in February from their fifth trip to Eldoret, Kenya, once again sponsored by Dow Chemical Company in coordination with AMPATH, the couple has changed the lives of hundreds of native Kenyans. Kirk retired from Dow in spring of last year but the services of this dynamic couple are still in demand for helping to create sustainability in Kenya. Cindy has the same sentiment she has had every time. "They touched my heart more than we touched them," she says.

The results of their hands-on efforts and the \$47,000 raised are easily seen in the numbers. In the summer of 2016, Chics for Chicks was responsible for providing 1468 chickens in 17 different places within a 50-mile radius of Eldoret. As of the Morehead's last trip, that statistic has taken a big leap. Cindy explains, "Chics for Chicks has placed over 4500 chickens, provided feed for a month and wire for a coop in five shelters/orphanages along with 50 individual people. All but 10 were women. Twelve farmer cooperatives have been established along with brooders given to each co-op and 386 farmers trained for chickens. Mafuta took one brooder and built 24 more for their members to use in chicken rearing. We also helped fund an incubator for them that holds 960 chickens."

The chicken production program is a result of a chance meeting with Cindy and a woman named Rebecca, an HIV widow with eight children and three grandchildren, on the first trip. Cindy recognized the need for nutrition beyond beans and rice and Rebecca was on board for the chicken project. It is no wonder that Cindy's name in Kenya is "KuKu Lady," Kiswahili for chicken. The success of Chics for Chicks caught the attention of Heifer International and it now provides education on raising chicken. AMPATH uses the project for their model on sustainability in poultry production. "AMPATH has the people and Heifer has the ability to educate and train people," says Kirk, who was instrumental in getting Heifer on board.

Kirk's primary efforts are associated with AMPATH as well as Purdue University through the sponsorship by Dow. The focus is demo projects of maize and indigenous vegetables, as well as poultry and dairy, to show best practices, thus increasing yield. "We take the information and show the data we have collected to different farm groups to know what we learned and how to utilize their skills. We now have 80 different farm groups, 30 legal cooperatives. We are working with those 30 so that 12 will be profitable. A couple of them have employees. Agrovets, which is Ag retail development, learn to run a business and all phases of business acumen. They sell fertilizer, chemicals and seed," Kirk notes.

Vegetable crops are African indigenous vegetables. "African nightshade is a nutritious weed. Amaranth is called pigweed and is considered noxious in the U.S. Kenyans take the seed and make porridge which is

very nutritious," Kirk explains and adds, "We are working in conjunction with Purdue University on indigenous vegetables. It is a five-year study of nutritional benefits, storage, and why these vegetables are so important to the livelihood of native Africans." Cindy and Kirk also transported four computers for use by the co-ops.

Helping children obtain education was another need the Morehead's saw, and on their first trip they connected with two HIV orphans, Peter and Vital, who now consider Cindy and Kirk their parents. Peter is in what would be our seventh grade. He is 17. Vital is 20 and is equivalent to a junior in high school.

Funding for education also has been available to help two of Rebecca's daughters after a crop failure from worms left her short of money for school fees. In total, the Moreheads have secured educational funding for 11 children. This effort is ongoing and will continue to require funding. "So many people can use help especially kids without parents. Getting an education is the only way out," says Cindy. Continuing to observe the people's needs, beyond the original projects, Cindy and Kirk raised funds for three water tanks and pumps. Can you imagine life with no running water? The orphans at three shelters now can take a shower and use water for drinking and cooking.

Funding from Cindy's brother's church provided an interlocking brick machine for Tumiini street boys' home, helping them become self sustaining, learn masonry, and save college funds for the boys by selling bricks.

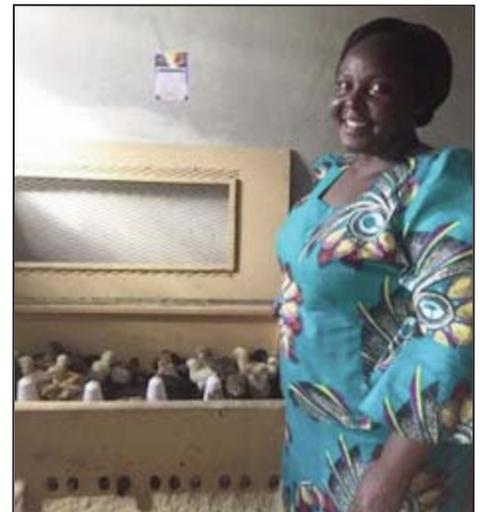
Cindy continues to visit the burn unit at the hospital. Through the generosity of F-block residents Katy and Lanny Maness providing the funding for skin grafts, Flexstone is now out of the hospital burn unit after a year. "Flexstone was never going to get out of the hospital until he had skin grafts," says Cindy. Skin grafts and a wheelchair for the four-year-old boy who has

cerebral palsy changed his life. On this trip, for a special Valentine's Day treat, Cindy took photos of all 260 kids, got them printed in one day, and took them back and presented them. "It brought such joy to the parents to have a picture of their child. For some kids, it will be the only picture they have of them," remarks Cindy.

Maggie Alegwa from AMPATH is a social worker who Kirk and Cindy work with directly and refer to as their "Kenyan angel." Maggie identifies people most in need—whether it be chicken or skin grafts. Maggie's husband also has been instrumental in making better brooders.

The Moreheads anticipate there will be future trips to this land where the people have captured their hearts. "The Kenyan people have become part of our family. It is easier to go back now, actually seeing seeds grow and seeing people prosper," Cindy says.

If you are interested in helping the Kenyan people, Cindy is masterful at directly matching the money with the need. You can send a check to her at Cindy Morehead, 8904 Shroud Road, Grain Valley, MO 64029. If you need tax deductibility, you can send a check to Lake Lotawana Community United Methodist Church at 28901 E. Colbern Road, Lake Lotawana, MO 64086 and designate it for the Kenyan project.



Maggie, the "Kenyan Angel," is the one Cindy depends on to deliver chickens and find the clients that need them the most. This is the new brooder for 50 chickens that Maggie's husband designed.



Interlocking brick making machine at Tumiini street boys' home.



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MDC offers free jig and fly tying classes at Lee's Summit March 21 and March 28

Kansas City, Mo. – The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) will offer two free classes to teach anglers how to tie jigs and flies for fishing. Jigs and flies are effective fishing lures. Making lures adds an art and craft touch to angling, and they catch fish.

The first class will cover tying jigs 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 21, at MDC's Kansas City Regional Office, 12405 Ranson Road. Jigs are fishing lures with weighted heads, often with chenille and marabou attached to the hook, that mimic minnows and insects. The class will cover terminology, equipment, and techniques to make jigs. All materials will be provided.

Fly tying will be covered in the second class 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 28, at MDC's Kansas City Regional Office. Flies are most often used with fly rods and they mimic insects or minnows. They are often used to fish for trout or panfish such as bluegill.

The classroom will be open one evening a month after the classes for participants to tie jigs and flies. Participants must bring their own tying materials, but MDC equipment will be available to use free of charge. The open tying sessions will let participants swap ideas, techniques, and fish stories.

The classes are open to participants age 12 and older. Those under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information, call 816-622-0900. To register for classes, visit <https://huntfish.mdc.mo.gov/fishing/events>.

MDC also offers Discover Nature — Fishing classes that teach basic angling skills in four sessions, which end with actual fishing in ponds or lakes. For scheduled classes and information, visit <https://huntfish.mdc.mo.gov/fishing/get-started-fishing/discover-nature-fishing>.



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Last year the PTRU Scholarship Committee added one \$2,000 and two \$1,000 scholarships awarding 7 scholarships for a total amount of \$19,000. The PTRU Scholarship Committee has awarded \$160,000 from the scholarship fund since it started.

The ambulance service was supported by the residents of three fire districts. This program will in turn be offered to high school seniors residing in those districts. If you are a high school senior within the fire districts of Lake Lotawana, Lone Jack or Prairie Township you are eligible to apply.

In addition to living in the designated area, you need a 3.0 or better grade point average and a minimum ACT score of 18.

You may pick up an application and all rules at the following locations:

- Lee's Summit High School
- Lee's Summit North High School
- Lone Jack High School

All applications must be postmarked on or before April 4, 2018.

Thank You to the Rescue Unit volunteers who unselfishly served our community for many years and made this scholarship program available.

Prairie Township Rescue Unit Scholarship Committee

Rena Allin, Committee Chair
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Lee's Summit High School Golden 50 Reunion to be June 10

The Lee's Summit High School biannual Golden 50 Reunion will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 10 at the LSHS Fieldhouse, 400 SE Blue Parkway. The last Golden 50 Reunion was held in June 2016 with more than 300 attending.

All LSHS classes graduating at least 50 years ago are encouraged to attend. The alumni are also invited to bring guests. Classes included this year are 1967 and 1968 and any years prior to this. Dinner will be at 1 p.m. with a program to follow. Cost is \$16 per person for a buffet catered by HyVee. Attendees are traditionally seated by class to renew old friendships and make new ones.

Announcements are being mailed during March. If you have any questions, if your address has changed or to make sure you are on the invitation list, please contact Mary Kate Childers Williams at (816) 524-1000 or omamarykate@yahoo.com. You may also contact Mrs. Williams to provide information about other graduates' current records.

In addition to the Golden 50 Reunion, several classes are planning additional activities.

Lake Lotawana History: *From the Archives - March*

70 YEARS AGO

LAKE LOTAWANA NEWS

March, 1948

Lake Is Being Lowered

The lake has been dropped 10 ½ inches and it is expected by April 1 it will be down eighteen inches. As soon as the sewer crew can get in the sewers will be repaired. Several places on the north side were cracked by the weight of the ice and the sewer lines are filled with lake water.

C.W. Reid, association president said no sewage had leaked into the lake because of the heavy pressure of the lake water on the sewer pipes...

60 YEARS AGO

LAKE LOTAWANA NEWS

March, 1958

**Cleanup Campaign Begins in April
Garden Club and Lake Association Plan Drive to Combat Litterbugs**

Lake Lotawana Garden Club and the Lake Lotawana Association have joined forces in sponsoring a cleanup campaign. Two truck pickups are scheduled for the first week of April, weather permitting...Residents are being urged to co-operate with the Make-Lotawana-Beautiful campaign by gathering on the roadside, ready for pickup, cumbersome debris like old barrels, drums, rocks and old lumber. Pickup of this material will be made free of charge by the Association truck...

50 YEARS AGO

LAKE Lotawana NEWS

March, 1968

Editorial: It's Up to the Voters

April 2 is an important day to the citizens of Lake Lotawana. This is election day and the day that the voters decide what kind of government they want. Three aldermen will be elected. These men will decide how your money will be spent, how your living will be regulated, and generally will plot the course of Lake Lotawana.

It is the duty of every citizen to vote and to be an informed voter. You should meet and talk to the candidates, learn their views and tell them what you want and expect. They will control the pursestrings and thereby decide whether our city will continue to have a 5- to 6-man police force which last year spent \$27,071.50 or 63.5 percent of the total income, or whether we should have something more in keeping with a village of 1,499 population. You should inform the candidates what you desire and learn from them which they want.

You should learn their ideas on the sewers which are still a problem and will require the wisdom of Solomon to solve...

40 YEARS AGO

Lotawana EXPRESS

March 8, 1978

On Your Mark

By Marion Egan

Where is that lovely, helpful redhead who scooped snow from around our station wagon during the last snow? This pre-spring snow that blew March into the calendar seems equally heavy for a "little old lady" to remove. Snowy days like this are cozy for the retired who enjoy being at home with a good book, or tape recorders. The cupboard is stocked with emergency supplies, the frig is humming along and filled with edibles. The telephone brings the sound of a friendly voice.

Outdoors we broomed areas on the balcony to remove snow from the bird feeder as well as the flooring itself so ample seed can be put out...

Lotawana EXPRESS

March 22, 1978

Missouri Yacht Club

By Meg Reniger

Winter has gone

The snow has fell

If Spring is here

Why is it colder than it was this time last year!

What did you expect, a poet? Following Dottie Wetherill, somewhat of a Kahlil Gibran—and her predecessor, Linda Wood, Lake Lotawanas answer to Irma Bombeck, are big shoes to fill and it is going to take more than my big feet!...

30 YEARS AGO

Lotawana EXPRESS

March 9, 1988

Chit Chat

By Dix

...There have been more ducks and geese on the Lake this winter than anyone can remember. Frank and Shirley say it is quite a show in front of their place. Ducks and geese flying and landing on the ice, in the air everywhere. They still use the hot tub and they like to sit in it and watch the constant action...

Lotawana EXPRESS

March 23, 1988

Lotawana Sportsmen Club Mouse Race

The Lake Lotawana Sportsmen Club is sponsoring a Mouse Race on Saturday, April 9th, 8:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse. There is a \$1 donation. The Race features live Mice, Race Track, Starting Gates and Commentator. All the action of going to the

aces...

20 YEARS AGO

Lotawana Express News

March 11, 1998

Motor Safety Debate on 7 Hwy. Continues

Progress as promised is a phrase often used to describe transportation advancements and road upgrades on Missouri's highway system.

Yet for motorists traveling on the Highway 7 corridor between U.S. 50 Highway and Colbern Road, safety precautions have been slow in coming to Lake Lotawana according to area law enforcement.

Traffic-related accidents on Highway 7 propelled a January 2, 1997 letter to Dan Needham, then the Governor's Highway Safety Representative, from Lake Lotawana Chief of Police G.R. Poletis. In the letter, Poletis urged Needham to take temporary precautions for area motorists by requesting amber warning lights and signs cautioning the presence of turning vehicles...

Lotawana Express News

March 25, 1998

Election Issue

The Mayor's Column

W. Stephen Nixon

There is good news to report to the community. The drug house at M-106 has been torn down and the debris removed. The owner of the drug house is currently serving a long prison term with the Missouri Department of Corrections. The message should be clear to people who manufacture and sell drugs that they are not welcome in Lake Lotawana, and that every effort will be made to remove them from our community...

10 YEARS AGO

Lotawana News

March 12, 2008

Lake Lotawana Beautification Commission

Division of Lotawana Parks & Recreation, Inc.

By Pat Beer, President

The LLBC has taken a short rest from meetings and fund raising, but we are busy planning an awesome party for you on April 26th.

Mark your calendar now! You won't want to miss the biggest event of 2008. You will eat and drink your way through four different lake homes with appetizers, soup, salad, entrée and desserts. There will be prizes and entertainment. Tickets will be limited...All proceeds go toward the completion of the park...

Lotawana News

March 26, 2008

The Business Beat

By Paula Koch

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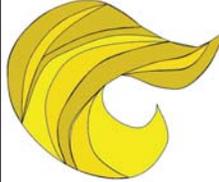
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