



Entertaining the Crowd

Jo Schaper, left, and Maxine Scheske showcased their musical talent at the St. Clair Historical Museum banquet Saturday, Feb. 29. *Missourian Photo.*



Big Crowd at Banquet

Many community members attended the annual St. Clair Historical Museum banquet Saturday, Feb. 29. Jerron's Catering provided the food for the banquet. *Missourian Photo.*

GARDEN

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lyn Cikovic, also volunteered their time to help create the garden.

Bill Snow, the library's facilities manager, constructed the beds, installed the fencing and built the pergola and the attached benches.

In addition to paying for the lumber, the Friends of the Library group covered the cost of mulch, liners, topsoil and a motion-activated spotlight.

"I am very pleased that the Friends of the Library organization supports our library and has taken it upon themselves to financially support the garden," said Bell. "The group also gave us other support with the planning of the garden, the design of it and some of the work that's been done with it.

"I think they've really invested a lot in the garden, and I think it's going to be fruitful," she added.

Immediately following the garden dedication, the Friends of the Library will host a member drive in the library's meeting room.

The membership drive is for those who are interested in learning more about the Friends of the Library group and possibly becoming members.

Garden Beds

The community garden is located behind the library and features 14 4-foot by 8-foot raised beds for vegetables, eight smaller beds for flowers and herbs, and a water spigot.

According to Bell, the library held a mandatory meeting for those interested in checking out a bed Saturday, Feb. 22. Four patrons attended the meeting.

"Each of them checked out a bed and they seemed really excited about the opportunity to have a garden space," said Bell, adding that seven of the small beds and nine of the large beds are still available.

If a patron wishes to check out a garden bed, they need to either visit the library or call to inquire.

At the beginning of the checkout process, Bell will go over the community garden agreement with interested individuals and explain the guidelines for garden usage. After filling out the agreement, patrons will need to present their library card and will then be able to choose from available beds.

Interested individuals can find the user agreement under the About Us tab on Scenic Regional Library's website.

Along with the garden beds, patrons who check out a space in the community garden also will be able to check out gardening hand tools upon request.

"I imagine a lot of people probably already have their gardening tools, but if somebody doesn't, we

don't want that to be an impediment to them actually gardening," said Bell.

Those who check out a bed for the 2020 growing season will be required to attend the end of the year meeting scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 14, at 10 a.m.

According to Bell, at that time, everyone who has checked out a garden bed for the season needs to have their gardening space cleaned out and left neat and tidy.

Garden Programming

According to Bell, the construction of the garden will allow for a variety of different programming opportunities, and the library is already in the process of planning garden-focused programs.

One program that is being planned is a garden pizza program.

"We're going to have planted in our bed some vegetables appropriate for a pizza, like bell peppers, tomatoes and things of that nature, and at some point we will have a program where we'll have families harvest the vegetables that are ready and make pizza out of the fresh produce they harvested from the garden," said Bell.

In addition to programming, Bell is excited for what the future of the garden means for the St. Clair community.

"I think we'll see benefits from the garden every year, and I think it will grow and develop into something really wonderful," she said. "St. Clair has a lot going for it, and the Farmers' Market and the library are, I think, two gems in the community, and I think adding the community garden to that space is only going to enhance both of those gems."

TRASH BAGS

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designated pickup spot by 6 a.m. on the day of pickup. If the residential toter is not out at this time, it will be picked up the following week.

- Residents should leave at least 2 feet between containers.

- Residents are not to park personal vehicles within 10 feet of containers.

- Do not place containers within 5 feet of a mailbox or tree.

- Residents should face toter handles toward their home.

- Residents should not drill into, bolt or fasten any object to their cart

- Do not overflow trash cart or place additional garbage on top of the container.

- The toter lid must be closed in order to pick up the contents.

- Additional trash bag tags are 60 cents per additional bag.

- Bag and tie all trash.
- Avoid packing materials tightly inside the cart. If all citizens use

bags, trash has less of a chance to fly away and get caught in the neighborhood.

- The city also wants residents to be aware of the ordinance that requires all toters to be removed from the designated pickup location, street, sidewalk, or alley within 24 hours of collection.

- This month, bulk pickup will be held Wednesday, March 25. Bulk pickup is the last Wednesday of every month.

Residents can call St. Clair City Hall at 636-629-0333 to report items to be picked up.



Gaming at the Library

Nanette Kingston, left, and Katherine Sikes played a rousing game of Mancala at the St. Clair Library Monday, March 9. The library has many board games available for visiting patrons to play. *Missourian Photo.*

CLINIC

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of St. Louis," said Dr. Sister Marie Paul Lockerd, the clinic's medical director.

One of the target populations for the clinic is the working poor.

According to Bira, at least half of the patients seen on Thursday were walk-ins.

"We wound up seeing eight patients on the first day — four scheduled and four walk-ins," he said.

The clinic accepts both appointments and walk-ins. While scheduling an appointment is encouraged, Bira says it is not necessary.

"Patients certainly don't need to schedule, but the more we can schedule, the more priority we can give them," he said.

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states, "no significant changes have been made to the flood hazard data on the preliminary and/or revised preliminary copies of the FIRM for Franklin County. Therefore, the city of St. Clair should use the preliminary and/or revised preliminary copies of the FIRM as the basis for adopting the required flood plain management measures."

In order to become an ordinance, the FIRM has to be approved by the St. Clair Board of Aldermen.

Bira added individuals may call the same day to check the clinic's availability.

Of the eight seen on Thursday, Bira says all patients had a very high acuity with complex issues.

"Because our patients are required to be uninsured, many of them have not had any access to health care," he said. "They have more complicated, more complex and more acute, sometimes multiple symptoms that have gotten worse, and some clinics are unwilling to see them."

Bira said he's looking forward to future visits in St. Clair and feeling positive about Thursday's successful day.

"I feel very positive.

One of our new nurses, Jackie Daugherty, is from St. Clair and it's great to have a local person willing to volunteer who knows the community," he said. "The staff and the parish of St. Clare were very accommodating and generous, and we think it's going to be a very busy clinic."

National studies have shown the benefit of mobile health clinics. Data from Mobile Health Map found each visit to a mobile clinic saves an average of \$200 due to avoided emergency room visits, and \$1,500 due to long-term impact of preventive services.

To schedule an appointment, call 1-888-870-9610 or email rpc@archstl.org.

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