



The Serving Tray

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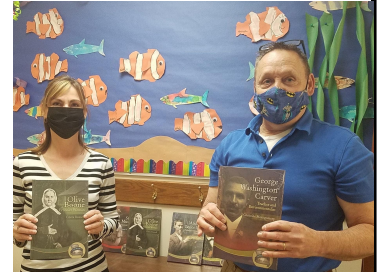


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BOOKS! Literacy Committee Chair Michelle Lawrence (right in left photo) met with Ray Miller Elementary Principal Kristin Van Rie and RME Librarian Nichole Walker on Monday to donate two sets of Notable Missourian books. She also met with Faith Lutheran Interim School Director Marty Archer (right photo) that day to donate a set of these books.



On Tuesday, Michelle delivered two more sets, one to Mary Immaculate Elementary (right) and the other to Classical Conversations of Kirksville MO, a homeschooling group (left).



FLAGS: Jeff announced goal of 70 more flag orders by mid-June. Campaign pick off is late May.

THANK YOU, MARTY AND VERN: President Roy said Marty has been filling in for a board member this year. Randy also convinced Vern Playle to chair the Free Enterprise committee.

SHOES FOR ORPHAN SOULS DONATIONS:



OUTGOING ATSU ROTARACT PRESIDENT NATHAN AND VP GRIFFIN presented a check for \$200 and **MARY IMMACULATE SCHOOL** students Adele (Jonna's daughter) and Anelle said their school raised \$207. They are pictured with Chair Dana Delaware.



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50-50 Drawing: Jeff Romine did not pull the ace of spades; pot now up to \$219.

Guests:

ELSIE GABER (Thousand Hills club)
SHARON SIMPSON & friend **DONNA**
(guests of Debi Boughton)
MARY IMMACULATE PRINCIPAL & STUDENTS
ATSU ROTARACT PRESIDENT NATHAN & VP GRIFFIN

Upcoming Programs:

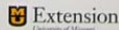
April 21: John Fabsits/Boy Scouts Regional Director
April 28: Mark Shahan/County Commission Update
May 5: Deb Hurdman from ATSU/Tick Project
May 12: Jeff Romine, et al/Flags Project
May 19: TBA
May 22: Foundation Celebration (virtual & at Nazarene Church)



MU EXTENSION SERVICE FIELD SPECIALIST ON HORTICULTURE JENNIFER SCHUTTER spoke to the club today about spring gardening during which she shared the following tips:

Things to do in the yard & garden:

- Pick up sticks in yard and rake leaves
- Clean out flower beds
- Cut back perennial plant foliage
- Fill containers with fresh soil/potting mix (add to what is already in them)
- Plant cool-season vegetables like collards, spinach, lettuce, kale, radish, snow peas, onions, potatoes, carrots, etc.
- Plant flowers like pansies, dianthus and snapdragons in raised beds and containers
- Be ready to cover if temperatures drop below 28 degrees



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- Don't remove spring bulb foliage prematurely or next year's flower production will decline
- Bulbs can be moved or divided as the foliage dies
- Begin planting gladiolus bulbs as the ground warms. Continue at two-week intervals.
- Plant summer bulbs such as caladiums, dahlias, cannas, and elephant ears in early May
- Pinch back mums and asters to promote bushy growth
- Mow tall fescues at 2.5 to 3.5 inch height
- Fertilize lawns in April/May-crabgrass preventer, weed n' feed

Daffodil bulb foliage



Gladiolus



- Ornamental trees and shrubs should have been pruned in Feb/March
- Prune spring flowering ornamentals (lilac, forsythia) after they finish blooming
- Can prune off low branches, or any that break during the spring/summer
- Take wraps off trees
- Evergreen and deciduous hedges may be sheared
- Plant new trees and shrubs
- Put fresh mulch around trees to avoid hitting them with the lawn mower or weed whacker



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- Wait until May to plant warm-season vegetables and flowers.
- Start seeds of tomatoes, peppers and eggplant now.
- Start cucumber, melon, pumpkin seed indoors 3 weeks before planting (start in late April for setting out in mid-May).
- Start buying seed if you planned to, and haven't yet.



- Roses can be pruned back now.
- Strawberry beds can be uncovered at this time.
- Sharpen mower blades, give mower and tiller a tune-up if needed.



What not to do:

- Never work in a wet garden. Wait until soil dries out, then work it up and plant.
- Do not set out tropical plants too early. Daytime temps need to be in the 70s and lows in the 50s consistently.

