



The Serving Tray

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HIGHWAY CLEANUP POSTPONED UNTIL MAY 26 - Due to the wetness and possibility of more rain, today's cleanup has been rescheduled. Meet at Westlake ACE Hardware at 5:15 PM next Wednesday, 5/26 instead. Sarah Delaware is pictured displaying the new reflective vests while her husband, Chair Dana Delaware, spoke last week.

WEAR YOUR FOUNDATION "BLING" - Jeff encouraged Saturday's Watch Party attendees to wear things such as Paul Harris pins, Paul Harris Society chevrons or Major Donor and/or Benefactor pins.



PARK SPECIALIST JESZE DOLEH was hired for this new position in January in which she is both a naturalist and an assistant manager. In Barbara Smith-Mandell's introduction we learned Ms. Doleh minored in Education and earned a B.S. in Zoology from Ohio State University. She is currently working on a Master's degree in Biological Sciences from Miami University.

Ms. Doleh spoke about **Thousand Hills State Park** which consists of a 3,078-acre state park (majority undeveloped) which includes a 573-acre lake. The Park is open all year offering various programs, camping,

lodging, boating, fishing, etc. The park opened in 1952 with land donated to the State of Missouri. Big Creek was dammed to make Forest Lake at the park and the land around it is protected to help keep pollution out of the water. Ms. Doleh outlined ten updates made since 2019. She said various programs are offered including guided hikes, amphitheater-style programs and petroglyph tours. People can rent boats and bikes, fish or generally just enjoy nature. She said volunteers are also very welcome. She described four trails at the park. Oak Trail is 0.2 miles long providing a 20-minute casual hike through the woods. The FLATS Trail is a 0.6 miles long paved trail which is ADA accessible. The Redbud Trail is 1.25 miles long and provides about a 60-minute hike through the woods on a natural surface. The longest trail is 10.50 miles long and is suitable as a backpacking site. Park Specialist Doleh encouraged us to check the Park's Facebook page for upcoming programs.



50-50 Drawing: No winner this week; pot up to \$400.

Guest:

Don Alberti (Moberly Rotarian/guest of Ray Klingensmith)

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS: Nicole Baum and Dee Coleman, MACC organizational members, were inducted today by President-Elect Amanda Langendoerfer.

Upcoming Programs/Events:

May 22: Foundation Celebration 6:30 PM (virtual & Upstairs at DuKum Inn)

May 26: Dr. Lloyd Cleaver/Melanoma Awareness

June 2: Four Way Test

June 9: Mark Shahan/County Commission Update

June 16: Joel Bacon "C-SPAN: Its Non-Partisan Mission"