

FESTUS FOCUS

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Changing of the Guard



It was the end of an era on August 12, 2016 when Bill Gray worked his last day as a city employee after almost 40 years of service. A retirement luncheon was held at the band building for city employees and Gray's family. Happy Welch spoke about getting to know Bill as he was covering city events for the radio station. That

friendship led to Happy's employment with the City of Festus in 1994. Welch has been working in municipal government ever since and says that he would not be where he is today without Bill Gray hiring him all those years ago. Other city employees spoke of working with Bill and all wished him well. Josh Whaley is the new Water Foreman at Public Works. He has been employed by the city since 2010 and has worked in the building and water departments since being hired.

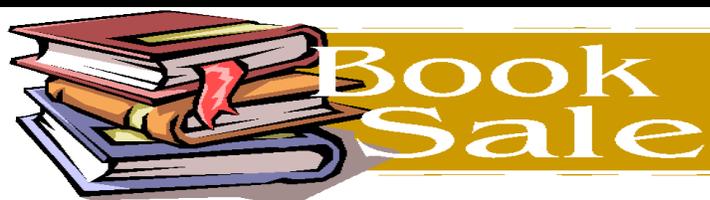


Check Out a Telescope!



The library staff is pleased to announce that we have added two telescopes to our collection for a total of three circulating telescopes! These telescopes are very easy to use - ask any staff member to show you the basics and you'll be ready to go. Telescopes are checked out on

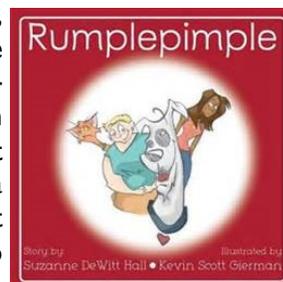
adult cards for a one-week period. The telescopes are popular and there is a hold list. Call the library at 636-937-2017 to have your name added to that list! Telescopes will not be available for check out for the eclipse.



It's that time of year! While you're out and about enjoying Twin City Days, don't forget to stop in at the library for our book sale! We'll have the best books at great prices and all proceeds support library programs and services. The sale will be held over two days: Friday, September 9, 9:00am - 5:00pm and Saturday, September 10, 9:00am - 12:00pm. The Twin City Days Book Sale is sponsored by the Friends of the Festus Public Library.

Book Signing

Come meet Suzanne DeWitt Hall, author of Rumpelpimple, at the library on Saturday, September 24 at 11:00am. Life isn't easy when your big sister is an annoying cat and your moms can't understand a word you say! But that doesn't



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Rumpelpimple

from saving the day in a most unusual way. Find out how a car ride transforms a naughty terrier into a grocery store hero. Suzanne will discuss and sign copies of the book and host a fun activity! Copies of the book will be available for purchase.



School is back in session.
Please be extra attentive
about children on their
way to and from school.

LABOR DAY



All City offices
will be closed
Monday,
September 5,
2016.



Coming Events

October 8 - West City Trash & Treasure Expo

is happening again this year! This event is open to vendors, business owners, and anyone who has items they would like to sell. No vehicles, vehicle parts, or weapon sales allowed. The Expo will be held on the parking lot at the ballfield complex in West City Park. The price this year is \$15 for an 18' x 19' area (two parking spaces). Hours will be 8am - 1pm with set up from 6:30am - 7:45am. See the City's website for more info!

October 8 - Country Fair

swings into town Saturday afternoon and stays till late in the night! Tumbleweed kicks the afternoon off at 4pm before Hillbilly Authority takes the stage at 8pm. Food trucks will be on hand for all your dinner, dessert, and snacking needs!



December 3 - Winterfest

is a new event this year. Ice skating will be on synthetic ice on the library parking lot and inflatables on the Methodist church parking lot. There will be numerous times to visit with Santa in the Santa House as well as have breakfast with him at the renovated Frederick's Banquet & Catering Center! Movies will be shown at Freedom Church (the old Lajade theater) at different times. Be prepared for an ugly sweater contest and a gingerbread house contest. Various local choirs will be performing throughout the day. At 5pm the 26' Christmas tree will be lit at Schneider Plaza. More info will be posted on the City's website as details are worked out and plans are finalized.



Twin City Days

Twin City Days will be Thursday Sept. 8 - Saturday, Sept. 10. The Saturday night concert will be the inaugural concert at the stage at West City Park. This years entertainment will be "That 80s Band." For more information and a complete list of the weekend's activities go to www.twincity.org/TCDays.php.

Eclipse Information

For more info about the eclipse crossing the US in 2017 check out www.greatamericaneclipse.com. This site contains information about how eclipses happen, where they have happened in the past and all sorts of safety information.

Festus Kids' Health Series

Jocelyn Kerr, a special education teacher at Festus Elementary who sees the "daily poor health that most of our kiddos are in and how that negatively impacts their daily living and progress in school," has been working on and has now partnered with the Friends of Festus Parks to present a Kids' Health Series. The goal of this series is to get kids outdoors and learning about how to live a healthy lifestyle including yoga for kids, eating healthy, dental health, nature walks, scavenger hunts and more! This program will run from Aug. - Nov. and will meet the third Saturday of the month at 10am. The theme for Aug. was water. Sept. 17 is all about brain and body power. The group will meet at the South Adams St Park parking lot. Kids should bring a towel and water and be prepared for Kids' Yoga. Information will be given about packing healthy back-to-school snacks. Oct. 15 everyone should gather at the stage in Sunset Park behind the Band Building for Zumba in Halloween costumes. Participants will learn about choosing healthy sweets instead of candy. The final Sat., Nov. 19, is all about Kids' Safety. The kids will go on a buddy scavenger hunt in Sunset Park near the creek and bridge. The police department will be on hand to help with Kid Fingerprint and Identification Day. Join in at any time! There is no cost to participate in this program.



Ready to dance your butt off? Join the Friends of Festus Parks in Sunset Park on Wednesdays at 6:30pm from September 14 through October 19 for Zumba.



The Friends of Festus Parks are bringing Boot Camp back! It will start Sept. 12 and continue for the next five Mondays through Oct. 17. Boot Camps starts at 6:30pm and will be held in Sunset Park.

- **Council Meetings** -- Sept 14 and 28 at 7pm
- **Park Board** -- Sept. 22 at 6pm
- **P & Z Meeting** -- Sept. 15 at 6:30 pm
- **Library Board** -- Sept. 1 at 6pm
- **Court in Session** -- Sept 6 and 27 at 6pm
- **Board of Adjustment** -- Sept. 12 at 7pm