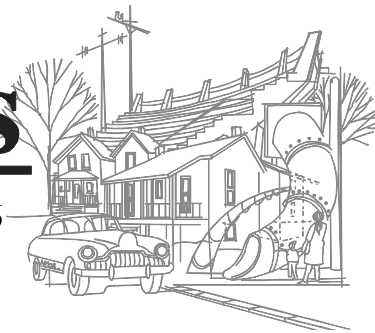


East Lawrence News

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May 2016



ELNA

General Meeting
MONDAY, MAY 2nd, 7-9pm
New York Elementary
9th & New York

Agenda items include:

- ⇒ Community needs assessment from LPL
- ⇒ Food Truck Festival Update

New Summer Meeting
Space Location!

ELNA's summer meetings will take place at the
Lawrence Creates Makerspace
at 512 E 9th.
Monday June 6th

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Derald Carson	Jacki Becker	Alonzo Beadshear
Nancy and Carol	Uma Outka	Ardys Ramberg
Schwarting	Christine Brandt	Tom Krause
New York PTA	Gary Brown	Arminda Guerrero
Cari Davis	Hillary	Joe Bickford and
L Marie Avila	Marshall Maude	Jane Live
Staci Ahlvers	Malcom Maude	Phil Collison
Chelsey and	Cindy Trask	Lily Pryor
Adina Scanland	Emily Myers	N'Umbs Up
Joe Bickford	Blue O'Leary	New York Elementary
marci francisco	Mike Myers	Nancy DeGarmo and
Jean Burgess and	Christine Kosirog	Emily Pearson
Eric Farnsworth	Matt Pryor	Ryan the NYE Night
Brenda Nunez	KT Walsh	Custodian
Tamara Cash	Connie Fitzpatrick	Papa Kenos Pizza
Daneka Vann	Judy Romero	Josh Davis
Drew James	LisaMarie Benke	Barb Michener and
Teresa Dixon,	Community Village	Tom Peters
Jerry and River	Lawrence	Pam Blackburn
Frank Janzen	Boy Scouts of St Luke	Don Kantorv
Mike Rundle	League of Women Voters	

River Clean Up Thanks



On a perfect spring Saturday morning 40 neighbors, friends, relatives, and students met to spend some time in the woods down by the river on the north edge of our neighborhood. We removed an enormous pile of trash in four hours and cleared honeysuckle vine from hundreds of feet of trail.

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Joe. Joe Dotson. Caveman Joe. BMX Joe. Joe the Mumbler. Joe.

Joe passed away on Thursday March 31st in a tragic house fire at his home in the 900 block of Pennsylvania. A memorial for him was held at South Park on April 17th.

To many of us, Joe was just a guy you saw. Lots of folks have stories of odd encounters with Joe, and the wild things he said. He was a character, a part of the scenery, a thing that we all knew. But maybe not so many of us knew him well.

Did you know that Joe had two brothers and a sister? That he moved around a lot as a kid. That he was an avid fisherman from a very young age, and he had just bought a new rod shortly before his death. He caught catfish from the Kaw "as big as you" some said. Joe must have been uncommonly fond of corndogs and hotdogs, judging by the quantity of them littering his yard in the days after his death. Joe was a constant source of comedic material for his brother, Bob. He and his brother Dan nearly came to blows over math homework when Joe was a kid. He was a sweet kid, said Dan, and never got in trouble. Living with him was "just ok" said Bob. "Just being honest." His friend Kathy will always remember him fondly as one of her first friends in Lawrence. "He was decent, honorable, caring, and conscientious." He had a good memory and always paid back loans.



Diane Werner, Joe's brothers and sister at the memorial



Diane Werner, Joe's family



3 Joes by John Clayton

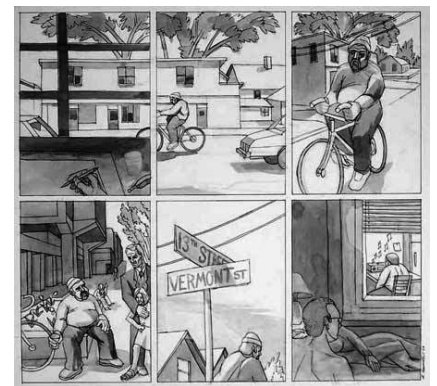
However irascible, Joe was a person. Joe was our person. Joe was a marker of time, of seasons. Joe's out on his bike! The roads must not be too bad. I just saw about nine cats falling off the roof at Joe's house. Must be springtime! Joe was one of those things that make us a community. We all knew Joe, even if we didn't know Joe, and that was a thing we shared.

Joe will be missed, in whatever way we each will miss him. We, as a community, are lacking a piece without Joe. Something just isn't right with him gone.

Goodbye, Joe. We are sorry for the terrible way you had to slough off your mortal coil. We are sorry for your suffering. We wish you well in your next adventure. May your afterlife be filled, Joe, with all the 80's wraparound shades you'll ever need. May your bike tires never go flat, your chain greased, and your ride be smooth. May you find many strangers to mumble and yell and curse at to your heart's content. May all your cats always be fertile and well fed.

Here, kitty, kitty, kitty.

Dave Loewenstein -- A 2004 piece about one of my first memories of Joe, circa 1992



Katie Conrad -- Joe was my first Lawrence neighbor in the late 90s, back when he lived in Pinckney where Mike West's studio is now and I lived in the house up front. He came up to my front door once, and as we chatted about something or other, I saw that his hand was bleeding from a huge gash. The blood was a shock to see; he had seemed unbreakable. I clucked over him a little, told him he needed to go clean it up. I realized then how vulnerable he was, despite his (in)famous orneriness. Once he was in Love Garden and shouted, to no one in particular, "I'm not made of iron. I'm not made of steel." I made a woodcut of it. I still find that a moving statement. He wasn't made of iron or steel. Didn't we all sort of assume he was? Didn't we all expect him to outlive us? But we aren't iron or steel, none of us. RIP Joe.



Brian Shay – Nobody could ride a bicycle slower than Joe.



Diane Werner telling stories about Joe at the memorial

Joe Dotson had lived cross the alley from me for a number of years. I would often encounter him as we both rode our bikes along 9th St. He probably found frustrating his difficulties communicating with others. He was one of the people that made our neighborhood what it is. He was one of us, and will be conspicuous in his absence. – *Don Kantory*

From neighbor *Cindy Trask* – The East Side will never be the same. Oh how much we will miss him.



From the memorial: Joe and his brothers, Bob and Dan

New York Movie Night!

Friday May 13th

7pm, band and teacher fundraiser

~8:30, sunset, movie showing

We'll set up on the North playground of New York School. Starting off at 7, we'll have a band and concessions for sale provided by the New York teachers. This is a fundraiser for special teacher training and materials for school wide Ci3T improvements next year. For more information about that, you may contact

Nancy Ornburn nornburn@usd497.org.

Around sunset, approximately 8:30pm, we'll start the movie. Due to copyright limitations, we're not allowed to tell you what the movie is! But, here's a hint: it's a 1999 movie about something metal and really big. ;)

The movie is a free, all community event, and everyone is invited. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Bring your own comfortable seating.



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Summer of Service with the Sunrise Project

Youth ages 12-18 are invited to join us for a summer of learning, service and advocacy! Projects Sign up to make a difference, learn, and have fun volunteering in the months of June and July with projects that focus on LGBTQ+ issues, hunger, art with preschoolers, shelter animals, farm to school, cooking, nature, and more! Enrollment for Summer of Service is Open! Enrollment will remain open until all positions are filled, and once filled, names can be added to the waitlist to gauge interest in future projects.

Sign up at www.sunriseprojectks.org Questions? E-mail Melissa, Director of Programs: programs@sunriseprojectks.org

Summer Classes at the Lawrence Arts Center

Summer Enrollment is going on now! With classes for all ages, interests, and skill-levels, we're excited to welcome you and your family to a summer jam-packed with creativity and imagination. There are STEAM-themed camps and Summer Youth Theatre courses for the kids, and everything from printmaking and jewelry making to ceramics and mixed media classes for adults. A robust financial aid program promises access for all, regardless of income level. Check out our summer course offerings and enroll now: <https://ada.lawrenceartscenter.org/browseclasses>. Or, call us at 785.843.2787. We look forward to making the enrollment process quick and hassle-free!



Photos by Blue O'Leary





YART Sale 2016



How Can I Keep From Singing

Hello Neighbors, I am happy to announce that the East Lawrence Center now has a piano! I am extremely grateful for this wonderful gift from our friend Melissa Warren and can't wait to see what kind of great uses the community will have for it. The piano will be available for drop in use or can be used privately by reserving the Meeting room. The keys will be kept covered to protect the piano but generally won't be locked. Bring down your church choir, relive your Glee Club days with friends, or practice some scales (amount of scales practiced in a row might need to be limited eventually☺). Please feel free to contact us at the ELC if you have questions about the piano or any other programs offered through Parks and Rec. Finally, with a piano here, I'm going to be expecting some carolers this year; so find some friends, start practicing and I'll see you in December. And hey, if you need space to practice I might know someone who can help.

Free State Festival 2016

June 20th through 25th

The Lawrence Arts Center's Free State Festival is a week-long celebration of film, music, art, and ideas. Started as a small independent film festival in 2011, the Free State Festival has become an interdisciplinary festival featuring a slate of more than 10 feature films, 40 short films, outdoor concerts, stage performances, digital media installations, and panel discussions. The 2016 Free State Festival will feature a free outdoor concert by hip-hop group Public Enemy, led by artists Chuck D and Flavor Flav. More notable persons of the 2016 Free State Festival include comedian and television star Maria Bamford, Radiolab founder and co-host Jad Abumrad, and artist and activist Aurora Robson.

A full schedule, tickets, and maps will be available in May at www.freestatefestival.org.

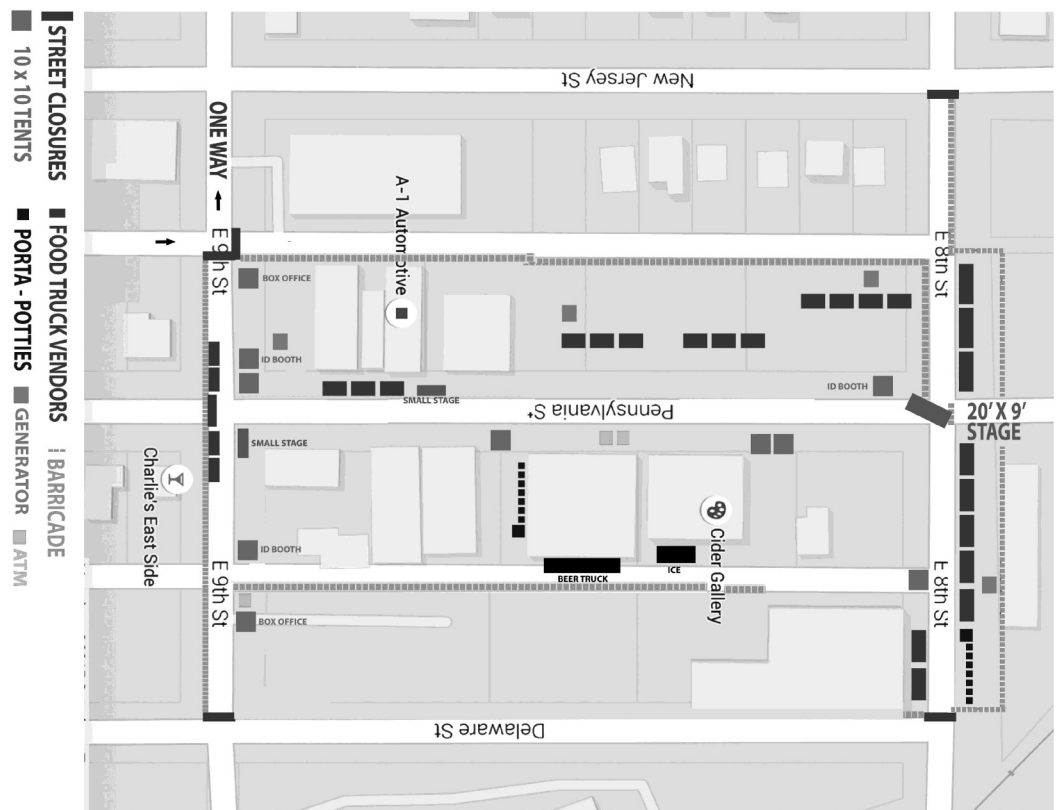
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Food Truck Festival

The 3rd Annual Kansas Food Truck Festival to benefit Just Food will take place Saturday May 7th from 4-10pm in and around the 800 block of Pennsylvania St. Tickets to enter are \$10, free for kids 12 and under, and can be purchased at the the Cider Gallery, Just Food, Granada Theater, both Lawrence Hy-vee locations, and Merchants Pub & Plate. Only 4,000 tickets will be sold, so get yours fast!

In addition to 26 food trucks from near and far with a variety of fare, the festival will feature live music, performance art, and hand made items for sale. A full list of food vendors and attractions can be found on the Food Truck Festival website <http://www.ksfoodtruckfest.com/>.

Street closures will begin at noon that day and will likely be down by midnight.



Got a question? Any special parking circumstances? You can contact event organizers Jennifer and Elizabeth:

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Hike Through History

items on the Lawrence Public Library calendar.
Please join us, neighbors!

A Hike Through History with Henry Fortunato

THURS | Jun 16 | 7-8:30 PM | Auditorium

Get an advance peek at the Burroughs Creek Trail Hike Through History exhibit coming to the Lawrence Public Library in late June.

Hike Through History On the Burroughs Creek Trail

SAT | Jun 18 | 10 AM | Burroughs Creek Trail, meet at Hobbs Park

You've experienced it sitting down, now it's time to get moving! We'll do an approximately 3.2 mile roundtrip walk along the Burroughs Creek Trail on a lovely summer morning and learn about the history that happened here.



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April 11, 2016

Lawrence Public Library Foundation Obtains Grant from Freedom's Frontier NHA for Burroughs Creek Trail Traveling Exhibit

(LAWRENCE, KS) - Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area has awarded the Lawrence Public Library Foundation a \$4,525 grant for the "Hike through History on the Burroughs Creek Trail" project.

The funding will assist Lawrence Public Library in the development of its traveling exhibit examining key historical points along the Burroughs Creek Trail and Linear Park, a 1.7-mile concrete-paved path running 11th Street to 23rd Street in east Lawrence.

Exhibit panels funded by FFNHA cover the Oregon Trail, the 1863 Quantrill Raid, early railroad history, and the stories of several prominent families that settled in Lawrence near the present-day trail, a former rail line once operated by the Atchison, Topeka, & Santa Fe. Additional exhibit panels supported by other funders focus on Langston Hughes, Lawrence's WWII-era POW branch camp, Beat Generation author-artist William S. Burroughs who is the trail's namesake, and Douglas County agricultural history exemplified by the South Lawrence Co-op Elevator.

The exhibit is built around well-designed pop-up display panels presenting engaging narratives based on scholarly research and illustrated with archival images from the Watkins Museum, the Kansas Historical Society, KU's Spencer Research Library, and other sources. It aims to connect public humanities with health and wellness, with the overall goal of encouraging individuals to exercise their bodies and their minds at the same time.

A series of bookmarks complementing each display panel will offer suggestions for further reading about each topic. Following its run at the Library, the exhibit will travel to various venues throughout Lawrence including East Lawrence Recreation Center, Lawrence Memorial Hospital, and the KU Memorial Union. The FFNHA grant augments funding and in-kind support from Watkins Community Museum of History, Lawrence Memorial Hospital, and Dolph and Pam Simons. The project also enjoys formal support from the East Lawrence Neighborhood Association and the Brook Creek Neighborhood Association.

The "Hike through History on the Burroughs Creek Trail" is scheduled to be unveiled in late June 2016 at the Library as a complement to its Summer Reading program, which has an emphasis on fitness. The exhibit builds on initial research conducted by a graduate student intern assigned to the project by the Hall Center for the Humanities at the University of Kansas in summer 2014. The project is under the direction of Henry Fortunato, formerly the award-winning director of public affairs at the Kansas City Public Library and now a

visiting fellow at the Hall Center. Lawrence historian Katie Armitage serves as project scholar.

"Since 1904, Lawrence Public Library has served as an indispensable resource for local history information in Lawrence," said Brad Allen, Library Executive Director. "This is the library's first ever interpretive grant. We are proud to partner with Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area on this exciting project."

The Freedom's Frontier Interpretive Grant program was started in 2012. Since then, more than 48 projects have been awarded grant funding. Grant projects have been completed on both sides of the Missouri-Kansas border, in the 41-county region that comprises the heritage area.

Projects awarded grant funding must interpret local history, and connect to one or more of the three major themes of the heritage area: the shaping of the frontier, the Missouri-Kansas Border War, and the enduring struggle for freedom. Grants range in amount from under \$1,500 to \$5,000. All awards over \$1,500 require that the grant recipient show a local match of half the amount of the award. This match can be in the form of cash, or in-kind donations and staff and volunteer time.

Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area is one of 49 heritage areas in the U.S. Heritage areas are non-profit affiliates of the National Park Service (NPS). They act as coordinating entities between the local organizations telling nationally significant stories and the NPS.

Freedom's Frontier was established as a heritage area on October 12, 2006, when signed into law by President George W. Bush. The heritage area's management plan was approved by the Department of the Interior and the NPS in 2010. Freedom's Frontier is headquartered in the Carnegie Building, 200 W 9th St., in Lawrence, KS.

Grant applications are accepted from organizations within the borders of the heritage area which have signed a partner pledge with Freedom's Frontier, and meet all other qualifications for grant funding. Applications are reviewed quarterly by a peer group from the partnership. Organizations are asked to complete their grant projects within a year of the grant award. For more information about Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area, visit the Web site at www.freedomsfrontier.org.

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How it works:

- **What:** Our diverse seasonal array includes vegetables, fruit & berries, sweet corn, melons, gourmet mushrooms and/or eggs.
- **When:** Mondays, 4:30 - 6:30pm
- **Where:** Delaware St. Common House, 1222 Delaware - Enter from 13th
- **Cost:** \$19 per weekly share, includes sales tax
- **Share:** Based on approximately 4-5 adult meals, 6-8 selections with some choice.
- **Payment:** Full season or Monthly. Due first pickup of the month. \$81 non-refundable deposit upfront includes last 3 pickups + small admin fee. Online payment available.
- **MORE INFO:** Mudfloodacres@gmail.com
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River Clean Up Thanks *continued*

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We are eternally grateful for everyone showing up and making the woods and riverfront a real showcase. It was a great way to spend Earth Day Saturday. Please consider spending some time enjoying the habitat and river in our neighborhood. It is one of our most valuable neighborhood resources.

Let's get together again in the fall!

Sincerely, Mike Myers

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- We print the names of new and returning members in the bimonthly paper newsletter. Check here if it's OK to print your name.
- We're working on creating a block-by-block calling/check-in network of neighbors to contact in the event of an emergency. It's a work in progress. Check here if you'd like to be contacted about being a BlockHead—a contact person for your block in the event of emergency or issue.
- Check here if you'd like to be added to our "Thursday ELNA News" weekly e-newsletter email list.

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- Work Days
- YART (Yard/Art) Sale
- Block Party
- Adopt-A-Family
- Art
- Music
- Photography
- Gardening
- Grilling
- Fund Raising
- Historic Preservation
- Serving on the ELNA Board
- Website/Technical Management
- Baking/Cooking
- Other: _____