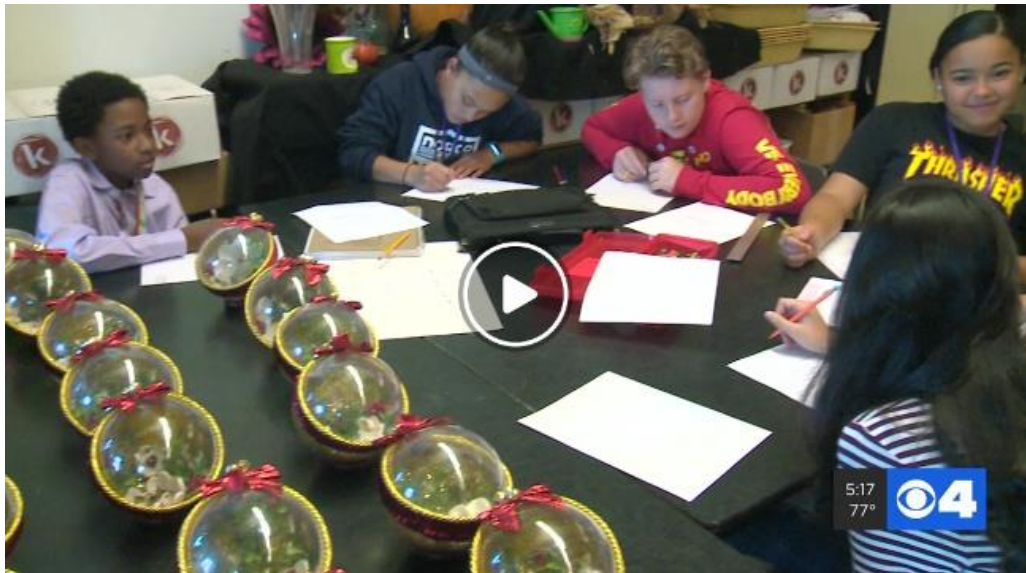




Local school to be part of national Christmas celebration near White House



NORTH ST. LOUIS COUNTY (KMOV.com) - It's not even Halloween yet but one North County school is already preparing for Christmas. Hazelwood West Middle School has been selected to represent Missouri in the America Celebrates Christmas Display in Washington D.C. Art students created 24 ornaments that will adorn a Missouri-themed tree that will join the National Christmas in President's Park near the White House. West Middle is the only school in Missouri to be picked and one of just 56 schools in the country taking part.

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Health clinics open at 2 schools

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ST. LOUIS COUNTY > Health clinics open at 2 schools • Health clinics opened Monday at two high schools in north St. Louis County, following a trend of school-based care to address racial and geographic disparities in medical outcomes.

The clinics in Hazelwood East High/Middle School Center and Riverview Gardens High School are funded by Christian Hospital Foundation and staffed by the federally funded CareSTL Health clinics.

About 2,500 students in the two schools can receive physical and mental health care including dental services, immunizations and chronic disease management for asthma and diabetes.

Washington University's Health Equity Works is another partner in the clinics, which follow the openings of several school clinics in the last 15 years.

The Hancock Place School District opened a clinic in 2002 that is free to students and residents of the 63125 ZIP code. Mercy Clinic opened inside Roosevelt High School in St. Louis in 2012. Jennings High School and Fairview Elementary in the Jennings School District also have clinics. Last year,

Health Equity Works opened another clinic at Normandy High School.

SEDALIA, MO. > \$2.3 million earmarked to close Katy Trail gap • The Missouri Department of Natural Resources and the Federal Highway Administration are funneling \$2.3 million into connecting the final gap along Katy Trail State Park.

Sedalia recently received a \$1 million grant from the federal agency's trails program to convert portions of city roads and sidewalks into a new trail path, the Sedalia Democrat newspaper reported. The Missouri department is investing \$1.3 million in the project outside city limits and covering 20 percent matching costs for the city's grant.

The Katy Trail breaks off north of Sedalia, directing visitors onto a road with signs until it reconnects at the Katy Depot.

City Administrator Kelvin Shaw said it's dangerous for bicyclists, horseback riders and pedestrians to share streets with vehicles.

"It's frankly been kind of an embarrassment when people ride the Katy Trail and they get to Sedalia, and it's like, 'Oh, my gosh, what is this? It was a nice trail till we got to here,'" Shaw said.



Hazelwood middle school to represent Missouri in D.C. Christmas display

Hazelwood West Middle School is one of just 56 schools around the country chosen to participate in the America Celebrates Christmas display next month.



HAZELWOOD, Mo. — A Hazelwood middle school will join an exclusive group of other schools around the country next month for a Washington D.C. Christmas display near the White House.

Joined by only 55 other schools around the nation, students with Hazelwood West Middle School will represent Missouri in the annual *America Celebrates Christmas* display at President's Park. Each year, the National Park Foundation-funded project showcases the creative talents of students of various ages by donning one Christmas tree for each U.S. state and territory, including the District of Columbia. This year, the effort is being led by Hazelwood West Middle School teacher Mrs. Eversgerd, who teaches art to her students. Her class created 24 ornaments, all of which will adorn 24 ornaments to be displayed on the Missouri-themed tree.

For 2017, the Ozark National Scenic Riverways was the theme of choice for the Show Me State, led by teacher Jennifer said Dodson from Eminence, Mo. The National Christmas Tree Lighting website [seven of the 12 ornaments](#) created by Dodson's students sported designs inspired by the state park.

The 96th annual Christmas tree lighting display is just one of the events that highlights the National Christmas Tree Experience. This year's event will begin on Wednesday, November 28.

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Mom opens up about son's death after he's shot and killed in Cahokia



"God didn't prepare me to only spend 15 years with him," she said.

CAHOKIA, Ill. — Cahokia police are investigating the [shooting death of a 15-year-old St. Louis County boy](#). Police identified the teen as Darris Williams, who lived in Florissant. Officers say someone shot and killed him inside a home in Cahokia last Saturday.

"I miss seeing his smile," the boy's mother Joy Brown said.

On Tuesday, Brown talked to only 5 On Your Side about her son's death as she was surrounded by her family.

"I stay so strong for everybody, but this time I can't. I have to go second by second," she said.

She told 5 On Your Side before her son's death, he had just celebrated turning 15 on Oct. 14. She said it is hard to imagine a life without him. "He was full of life. He was the life of the party. Anybody that knew him loved him," Brown said. The Hazelwood West freshman also had big dreams. He hoped to one day be a professional basketball player, but that dream was cut short Saturday. "Basketball was his passion. He loved thinking he could whoop everybody on the court," Brown told 5 On Your Side. "God didn't prepare me to only spend 15 years with him." Last weekend, Joy said her son's day started off normal. He woke up and spent time with his siblings then the two took a trip to a relative's house, who lived in Cahokia. "The last words I told him were 'Have fun and I loved him,' and he just smiled and said 'I love you too, I'll see you later,'" she said. Police told 5 On Your Side officers found Williams shot in the back inside a home on Sauget Avenue shot in the back just before midnight on Saturday. Paramedics rushed the teen to the hospital, where he later died. "I always tell them what I want but I never had a talk with my kids about what they want because a mother never imagined burying hers," Brown said. Police say they haven't found the killer. They also don't know why Williams was shot. Williams' family is planning a vigil for the teen at Northwest Middle School at 7 p.m. Tuesday. They are asking people to wear black and red.

A [Go-fund page has also been set-up](#) to help with funeral expenses.

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