

# News from the Hill

June 2015

*A Safe Place to Be a Child*

## A Tale of Adventure and No Media Mondays

### Memorial Gifts

In Loving Memory of  
**Dwayne Baskett**  
Contributed by  
*Lanelle Baskett*

In Loving Memory of  
**Sgt Dan Baty**  
Contributed by  
*Eddie & Brenda Porter*

In Loving Memory of  
**Mel Blase**  
Contributed by  
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**Mary Jane Ehlen**  
Contributed by  
*Beverly Ehlen*

In Loving Memory of  
**Patricia Jo Forgey**  
Contributed by  
*Springfield Glass Employees*

In Loving Memory of  
**Tom Howard**  
Contributed by  
*Virgil & Joy Gardner*

In Loving Memory of  
**Bonnie Kempf**  
Contributed by  
*S.D. & Kathryn Quisenberry*

In Loving Memory of  
**Curtis Wood**  
Contributed by  
*Susan Dawson*

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Contributed by  
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Craig & Deborah  
McGonagle*

In Loving Memory of  
**Bob Riley  
Gary L. North**  
Contributed by  
*Florence North*

In Loving Memory of  
**Command/Sgt/Mayor  
Rodney Smith**  
Contributed by  
*Col Gene Ridenhour, M.D.*

In Loving Memory of  
**Jerry Vaught**  
Contributed by  
*Coffman Watson Christian  
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First Christian Church  
Columbia, MO*

In Loving Memory of  
**Steve Whitehead**  
Contributed by  
*Rick & Darlene Mueller  
Dennis & Sandy Sievers  
Jerry & Sondra Wassmann*

### Honor Gifts

In Honor of  
**Orian & Evelyn Smith**  
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*Bob & Marva Iglehart*

In Honor of  
**Shirley Brown**  
Contributed by  
*Beverly Ehlen*

Memorial and honor gifts  
must be received by the 12th  
of this month in order to be  
included in next month's  
newsletter.

### Given for Mom

In Loving Memory of  
**Daphne H. Stohl**  
Contributed by  
*Daphne Edwards*

In Honor of  
**Gerry Lankow**  
Contributed by  
*Tom & Winona Lankow*

In Honor of  
**Katherine Schmidt**  
Contributed by  
*Carol Trump*

In Honor of  
**Joan Wood**  
Contributed by  
*Susan Dawson*



*Mother's Day roses in  
The Zimmer Home*



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*"This is a tale of adventure, mystery,  
and despair," begins Home Parent Dad,  
Al Howell.*

Perhaps we should back up before finishing this adventure and explain that the following "tale" took place because of **No Media Monday** in The Zimmer Home. Our Harrisburg schools are not in session on Mondays. Thus, a typical Monday used to look like kids doing chores, breakfast, homework, lunch...and then time with electronics. It wasn't long before the Howells decided it was time to do away with those on Mondays.

Mom Rachel says, *"The kids adjusted pretty quickly. They are now able to be*



*\*name changed for sake of confidentiality*

*so much more creative, plus they get to practice their conflict resolution skills a little more. They play outside, make up games, learn new games, and make up dances to songs. It frees them to use the imagination God gave them."*

Back to our tale. Al continues, *"I stepped outdoors and saw our 11-year-old boy, Shawn\*, throwing rocks. I exclaimed, 'What are you doing??'"*

Shawn replied, *"The cat is trying to eat the baby birds!!"*

*"I walked over to where he pointed and saw a low hanging branch with a nest. I could see baby robins chirping for their mother, and our barn cat walking out on the branch to get them. I then let him throw a few more sticks towards the cat, which soon decided that a full stomach was not worth the harassment and ran away. All of our kids cheered and told Shawn he had done a great job."*

Later that day, Shawn accomplished another daring feat. For an entire month, he had been working on trying to climb one particular tree, without success. The same day that he rescued the birds, he also got all the way up the tree by himself for the very first time.

Building confidence and showing compassion for the helpless is definitely a big win for Shawn, and for No Media Mondays!

You're Our HERO, Dad!

# HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



It's been said that a father is a son's first hero and a daughter's first love. That is certainly true of our Home Parent Dads! Whether they're teaching a child how to have fun, giving a hug when there are no words, or teaching a child outdoor survival skills, how to play ball and a myriad of other life lessons...our dads deserve our deepest respect and appreciation!

Read just a few of the reasons why they are our heroes:

- ♥ He desires to freely share his heart for Christ with each & every child.
- ♥ He's remarkably calm in stressful situations.
- ♥ He uses his musical talents to improve the atmosphere in the home.
- ♥ He can tell a Bible story so the kids can easily understand it.

Last but not least:

**"He's nothing less than a rockstar!!!"**



Lots of landscaping projects, especially at our newest home, The Atherton Home

## #ForColumbia

Saturday, April 25th found 700 volunteers from 11 different churches converging upon 17 different locations in the Columbia area to show the love of Christ by serving.

150 of those volunteers came to Coyote Hill, also providing over \$4,000 worth of donated supplies for all of their work projects! To read more about those projects and see photos of the event, visit: [bit.ly/ForColumbia4kids](http://bit.ly/ForColumbia4kids)



Many hands make light work while constructing an outdoor riding arena.

May 4th turned out to be a beautiful day for our 8th annual golf tournament. What a privilege it was to present Larry and Anna Gross with the "Champion for Children" award. During their five years of being an indispensable part of our tournament, they've helped raise over \$200,000!



8th Annual Golf Tournament



l to r: Ashley Gross, Amy Gross Greenwood, Anna and Larry Gross, our Board Chairman Kevin Brown and Executive Director Larry McDaniel

With the help of 31 teams and 53 hole sponsors, over \$46,000 was raised this year alone.

Thanks very much to all of our sponsors and participants.

**Your generosity will make a difference in the lives of our children!**



Many thanks to our Title Sponsor, **Joe Machens BMW!** Team: Kevin & Kristin Adam and Richard & Kathy Vairo.



## MU execMBA

For the second year in a row, MU's execMBA students spent a few hours volunteering their time with us. The 28 students were sent to four different Learning/Teaching Stations: kids teaching adults to ride horses, adults reading to the kids, adults helping kids decorate cookies and everyone playing silly outdoor games like Simon Says and Hula Hoop Relays.



Our Executive Director, Larry McDaniel, spoke to the group and challenged the business leaders with the story of courage and hard work that has built Coyote Hill over the years, **"It's not been a straight line, but that's life. Each turn gets us one step closer to our goal."**