

Riverside's Outdoor Classroom continues to see progress

Riverside's Outdoor Classroom has undergone a lot of transformations since the start of the school year. What was once a dilapidated area on the corner of Harrison and Porter has slowly been transformed into an inspiring area where students can be stimulated and where neighborhood children can let their imaginations soar!

As many of you noticed, we have our first student-art installation, located on the tall vertical pillars in the center of the Outdoor Classroom. Led by our wonderful art teacher and Riverside neighbor, Mrs. Abby Penna, she worked with fourth- and fifth-grade students over the last two years creating masterpieces that were then adhered to the posts.

We also have a stone lion statue, in honor of our Riverside friend, Don Henrichs. We will also be selling personalized engraved stones that can be placed permanently in the terrace we will be creating. Since our Riverside community is an integral part of the school's support system, we will be extending the offer to purchase a personalized stone to our neighbors. Look for information that will be coming in future Booster editions.

The area boasts picnic tables for a class celebration or project, a tabletop teacher's surface, an herb sensory garden, a high-tech wireless weather station, interlocking smaller benches, outdoor sink, storage shed, "R" shaped brick pathways, compost bin, a metal trash can and a stone "Riverside" sign in the floral area.

The Outdoor Classroom also gained a stage, a great place for presentations and performances for students and neighborhood children alike to enjoy! The stage was paid for entirely by funds from Riverside's Lion's Den (a school store whereby anyone can purchase items for a quarter) and built by our wonderfully supportive Riverside Bazzelle family. Benches will soon be installed in front of the stage, so be sure to look for this new addition.

We have had thefts over the summer in the Outdoor Classroom (decorative signs, as well as plants and trees being specifically dug up and removed), so we ask our wonderful Riverside community to be aware of the area and help keep watch for any frowned-upon activities. We thank our community for their support; we couldn't have accomplished this much without you!

If you are interested in helping with the project (be it volunteering time, sponsoring a portion of the project or donating materials or money or resources), please don't hesitate to contact Sarah Bosworth (sarahbosworth@sbcglobal.net). We can use all resources and dollars, since this project is entirely dependent on funds raised by the two spear headers of this wonderful project. The area has been a marked improvement to our Riverside community since we first started this project two years ago, and we want to continue to improve the Outdoor Classroom! ♦

Summer reading at Wichita library

Summer Reading has begun! Children ages 0-17 can "Dig into READING" while teens entering grades 6-12 can go "Beneath the Surface" with the 2013 Summer Reading Club and Teens Read programs. Registration for both programs is happening now through July 25 at all Wichita Public Library locations. Children in the Summer Reading Program will track the number of books read. Those who meet their reading goals will receive finisher prize packets. Participants in the Teens Read program report the amount of time spent reading and are eligible for prize drawings throughout and at the end of the reading program.

Storytimes are beginning again, as well as new summer series programs for older children and teens. Join us for one week, two weeks, or all summer! Visit www.wichita.lib.ks.us for a complete activity schedule. ♦

Area Happenings

May 25 - *Dinosaurs Unearthed* opened at **Exploration Place**

May 27 - Butterfly House opened at **Botanica**

May 28 - Tuesdays on the Terrace began at **Botanica**

June 1 - *Ray Turner: Population* exhibit opens at **WAM**

June 8 - Redskin Roundup at **Twin Rivers Swim Club**, 6 p.m.

Sept. 7 - Riverside Community BBQ

Wichita Eagle.

These articles appeared in the June 13, 1888, edition of the *Wichita Eagle* (courtesy of the Kansas State Historical Society's on-line newspaper archives).

OUT CALLING

City Marshal McNamara was around calling upon the joints yesterday afternoon. Three places were visited and as many arrests were made. At one of the places, an East Douglas avenue resort, a woman was caught in the act of serving the prohibited beverage in cups. She said that the amount served was all she had in the house, but a rug carefully laid over an entrance to a very dark cellar excited curiosity. The suspicious underground warehouse has not yet been explored, but the police have their suspicions of the place.

THE MAN THAT DIDN'T PAY

Last night a fight near the corner of First and Main attracted quite a crowd. The men were both arrested, and when taken to the station gave the names of F. C. Skelly and L. C. Foon. It appears that the latter had been driven over the street by the former in his hack, and had then tried to slip away without paying the bill. The demand for the money brought on the fight, which resulted very much in the driver's favor, as he succeeded in most beautifully frescoing the countenance of his delinquent customer. ♦