

Newsletter

SMTS CONNECTIONS

August 2023

National NonProfit Day!

National Nonprofit Day is commemorated on August 17 each year to recognize nonprofit organizations' ongoing efforts to serve local communities. Nonprofits throughout the country work to promote awareness and offer assistance to individuals who otherwise would not be able to afford it. Their activities contribute to the shaping of our society and provide hope for a brighter future.

SMTS is no different! Our drivers, coordinators, and staff work diligently to ensure our riders get where they need to go by offering safe and reliable transportation. Our drivers also help our riders with groceries, offer a smiling face, great conversation, and various other helpful things. SMTS is a remarkable nonprofit organization, thanks to great employees like you.

Please remember that no contribution is too small. Whether volunteering, giving, or just spreading the word about a nonprofit, your efforts matter!





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HA!

National
Tell a Joke
day! August
16th



How do you throw a surprise party together for an astronaut?
You planet.

WHAT DO YOU CALL A
FAKE NOODLE?



AN IMPASTA

WHAT'S SMARTER THAN
A TALKING BIRD?



A SPELLING BEE

WHAT DO YOU CALL A
PIG THAT KNOWS
KARATE?



A PORK CHOP



What did the birthday
cake say to the fork?
"You wanna' piece of me?"

Meet the Main
Office Staff!

CHARLIE BURNS

Since 2023
Fleet Tech

Favorite Color:
Green

Favorite Holiday:
Christmas

Favorite Hobby:
Fishing

If you could be
immortal for one day
what would you do?
Bungee Jump!



Small Town Showcase

Hosted by: Missouri Humanities

The Missouri Humanities organization hosts an annual small-town showcase contest encouraging numerous small towns to highlight their uniqueness that can be overshadowed and underappreciated. Each year five unique small towns are selected and featured in various publications.

As a rural transportation provider in Missouri, SMTS services many of these unique small towns. One of the 2023 selected towns includes one located in the western portion of our service area, St. James. St. James is located in Phelps County, Missouri, and has around 4000 residents. St. James is known for having numerous wineries and great hospitality.

Missouri Humanities Program Director Caitlin Yager said, "Missouri Humanities is thrilled to explore five more wonderful Missouri communities in 2024. We've thoroughly enjoyed getting to know these towns during the nomination and voting process. It's our sincerest hope that the stories told through Small Town Showcase encourage others to venture out and learn more about the different places and people that make Missouri such a unique and interesting state. We're not a "flyover state" we're the heart of America!"

You can learn more about numerous unique small towns by visiting the Missouri Humanities organization website.

<https://mohumanities.org/small-town-showcase>

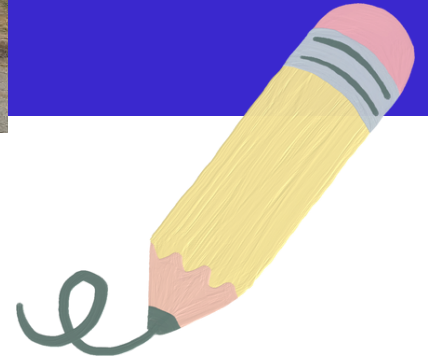


BLESSING BOXES

Numerous communities throughout the SMTS service area have established blessing boxes for local individuals in need of nonperishable supplies. Our local Fredericktown office donated in July to help several Madison County residents in need.



Back To School



With August comes back to school, back to school means more traffic! Make sure to keep up your great driving skills and paying close attention! SMTS hopes that everyone has a great school year!





Happy BIRTHDAY

Charlene Mullins - Aug 1
 Robert Watson - Aug 4
 James Gilliam - Aug 7
 Angel Cain - Aug 10
 Saelua Tipeni - Aug 14
 Ginny Smith - Aug 16
 Kenneth Gilbreath - Aug 16
 Patricia Hickman - Aug 18
 Patrick Cronin - Aug 25

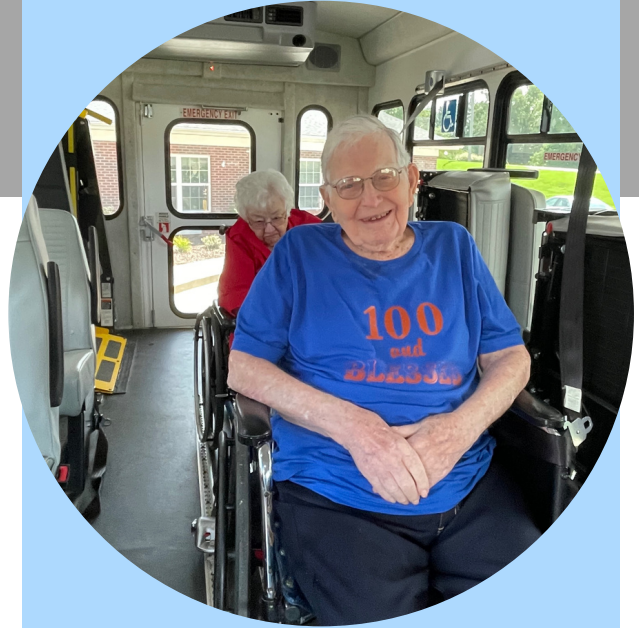
AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES!

DOUGLAS SETTLE - 19 YEARS
 BRENDA MCDOWELL - 17 YEARS
 GERARD MACKE - 11 YEARS
 JERRI MILLER - 11 YEARS
 DONNA MOONINGHAM - 10 YEARS
 TRACY COLE - 6 YEARS
 DIANA BELL - 3 YEARS
 MARK LACLAIR - 3 YEARS
 DONALD STROBURG - 2 YEARS
 MARITA MENDENHALL - 2 YEARS
 RAEANNE MANN - 2 YEARS
 KENNETH THOMAS - 1 YEAR

Thank you!




RIDER SPOTLIGHT JOHN BERGTHOLDT



Long time SMTS rider, John Bergtholdt, turns 100 years old this month. John is a lifelong resident of the Ste. Genevieve community who met his wife on a blind date! John told SMTS the secret to a long life is marrying the right gal! His wife can be seen in the photo above! Happy Birthday John!

Please submit ideas to,
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