



The Voter

The League of Women Voters of Columbia-Boone County, MO

OCTOBER 11 LUNCH & LEARN BOONE COUNTY CLERK BRIANNA LENNON



Be sure to join us for our Tuesday, October 11 Lunch & Learn Program at noon on Zoom with Boone County Clerk Brianna Lennon. Brianna will educate us on and answer questions about "What we need to know and do to VOTE in the November 8 Election." Learn about the changes in Missouri's voting laws, what identification is needed, how provisional ballots work, and more!

Thanks to CPS Board Chair David Seamon and newly elected Board Member Suzette Waters, who were the speakers for our September 15 Lunch & Learn program. They were interesting, forthright, and informative, answering questions

about the quality of our schools, civic education, student safety, and more.

If you missed that program, or want to share it with your friends and neighbors, links for viewing previous Lunch & Learn Programs can be found on our website and our Facebook page. As always, thank you to Lauren Williams and the Columbia Public Library. They do a great job of co-sponsoring these programs.

— Barbara Hoppe, Chair
Lunch & Learn Committee

GENERAL ELECTION CANDIDATE AND BALLOT ISSUES FORUMS ON OCTOBER 12 AND 19



The LWV candidate and ballot issue forums for the November 8 General Election will be held on October 12 and 19. Both forums will be at 6:30 p.m. at the Columbia Public Library and on Zoom.

On Wednesday, October 12, the League will feature the candidates in Boone County's contested races. The races and candidates are:

- Boone County Presiding Commissioner – Connie Leipard (Republican) and Kip Kendrick (Democrat).
- Boone County Recorder of Deeds – Shamon Jones (Republican) and Bob Nolte (Democrat).
- Boone County Auditor – Jason Gibson (Republican) and Kyle Rieman (Democrat).
- Boone County Treasurer – Dustin Stanton (Republican) and Jenna Redel (Democrat).

The Wednesday, October 19 forum will feature candidates for Missouri state representative in contested races as well as ballot issues.

The races and candidates are:

- MO State Rep., District 44: Cheri Toalson Reisch (Republican) and David Raithel (Democrat).
- MO State Rep., District 47: John Martin (Republican) and Adrian Plank (Democrat).
- MO State Rep., District 50: James Musgraves (Republican) and Doug Mann (Democrat).

Statewide ballot issues information will also be presented at the October 19 forum. The ballot issues in brief are:

- Amendment 1 – Authorizes the state treasurer to invest in highly rated municipal securities.
- Amendment 3 – Legalizes recreational use of marijuana.
- Amendment 4 – Allows the legislature to pass a law, until December 31, 2026, that requires a city to increase funding without reimbursement from the state to a police force that was established by a state board of police commissioners. (Cont'd. on page 3)

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE BY NOVEMBER 1

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone is enjoying this beautiful, cooler fall weather we are having. It is also good weather for doing voter registration and reaching out to the community this next month. We have a lot planned for October in preparation for the November 8th Election.

Linda Smith, our new Voter Registration Chair, has planned numerous Voter Registration events. (The deadline for Voter Registration for the November election is October 12.)

We have business-size cards to distribute that have contact information for the Secretary of State's office and the LWVCBC website, as well as other key information. These cards can inform voters on what they need to do to register to vote and how to learn about ballot issues.

Here are some of our additional upcoming activities:

- Boone County Clerk Brianna Lennon will be our Guest Lunch & Learn Speaker for October 11, on "What we need to know and do to VOTE in the November 8 Election."
- Carol Schreiber, Voter Service Chair, has organized October Election Forums that will inform and educate Voters about the Candidates and Issues on the November 8 ballot.

- The LWVCBC is also a sponsor of the "Walk for the Climate" on October 2 at 1:30 p.m at the Boone County Courthouse Plaza.
- The LWVCBC will participate in the MU Parade on October 22.
- We are Co-Sponsoring a Q&A Forum with the newly appointed Boone County Prosecutor on Oct. 13 @ 6 p.m at Russell Chapel on Ash Street. The Honorable retired Judge Gary Oxenhandler will moderate.

For more details on all these events, please read the related articles in this newsletter, and join us for any and all of these events in our continuing efforts "to make democracy work."

— Barbara Hoppe, President
yesforparks@hotmail.com



OCTOBER 2 — JOIN COMO WALK FOR THE CLIMATE

Join us and several other mid-Missouri groups on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 2, for a "Rally and Walk for the Climate." We will gather at the Boone County Courthouse Plaza., 8th & Walnut by 1:30 for a short rally with music. Then we'll do a 3K walk through downtown Columbia and across the MU Campus.

We encourage LWVCBC members to make signs and/or bring LWV signs, so the LWVCBC is visible!

This event is co-sponsored by Mid-Missouri Peaceworks, the Mid-Missouri Sierra Club, League of Women Voters - Columbia Boone

County, Renew Missouri, Citizens Climate Lobby (Columbia and Jefferson City Chapters), along with the Mid-MO Fellowship of Reconciliation.

The event is primarily a conscience-raising effort, and funds raised will help the work of Mid-MO Peaceworks. Making a contribution is not required, but those who donate at least \$15 can receive a "Walk, Bike and Vote for the Climate" T-shirt or a "Vote for the Climate" yard sign. Donations can be made on the day of the event.

— Barbara Hoppe, President
LWVCBC

ELECTION FORUMS (CONT'D.)

- Amendment 5 – Gives the Missouri National Guard its own department in the state government.
- Constitutional Convention Question – Asks voters whether to hold a constitutional convention.

The Columbia Public Library is co-sponsoring our Forums. KFRU and KOPN will be broadcasting the Forums live. David Lile will be our moderator. The Forums will include an in-person audience and a Zoom audience. A link to sign up for either in-person or Zoom will be emailed to our members and will also be available at dbri.org. Mask policy will follow the Library policy at the time of the forum.

Not all of the candidates have confirmed they will attend our forum. If both candidates for an office are not present at the forum, we will move on to the next race that does have both candidates present. At the end of the forum, we will allow those candidates whose opponents did not show up the opportunity to explain to voters why they are running for office, their qualifications for the office, and what they plan to do if they are elected.

Our League is preparing a digital Voters Guide for this election. We hope to have that ready by mid-October. It will be available at lwvcbc.org. A copy will be sent to all of our members via email.

— Carol Schreiber, Chair
Voter Service Committee

VOTERS GUIDE

**November 8, 2022
GENERAL ELECTION**

**Boone County Presiding Commissioner
Boone County Recorder of Deeds
Boone County Auditor
Boone County Treasurer
MO State Representative, Districts
44, 47 and 50
Ballot Issues Information**

Q&A WITH NEW COUNTY PROSECUTOR — OCTOBER 13

The LWVCBC, the NAACP, and Boone County Community Against Violence (BCCAV) are co-sponsoring a Q&A Forum with our new County Prosecutor, Roger Johnson, on Thursday, October 13, at 6 p.m. at Russell Chapel CME Church, 108 East Ash Street. Roger Johnson will share some information about himself and his job as Prosecutor. Retired Honorable Judge Gary Oxenhandler will be the moderator for this event.

The NAACP, BCCAV, and LWVCBC will have prepared questions for the moderator to ask. In addition, audience members will be able to submit written questions on index cards for the moderator to ask. If you have a question you would like the LWVCBC to ask as a prepared question, send an email to lwvcbc@gmail.com. Hope to see you there.

— Barbara Hoppe, President

ALL ABOUT VOTING

October 12 is the last day to register before the November 8 General Election. League members and friends have registered voters at the Columbia Food Pantry, gone door to door, and worked in other group settings to register Missourians to vote. We will continue registering people in various locations between now and October 12.

The LWV-CBC partnered with the Columbia Public Library to participate in National Voter Registration Day on Sept 20. It was a successful event with an opinion piece in both newspapers, and the press came to the library to take photos and write an article. And, even more importantly, while at the library, we registered people to vote, assisted with address and name changes, and answered many questions about voting.

For this election and with the new Bill 1878, there are a few changes you might want to know about and share with your friends—

- Photo ID Requirements. When voting in person, you will need to show one of the following forms of non-expired photo IDs — MO Driver's License, MO Non-Driver's ID, US Passport, US military ID.
- No Excuse Absentee Voting Period. Any registered voter can vote in person at the Boone County Clerk's Office between

October 25th and November 7th with the required photo ID or with a provisional ballot.

- Remember the Provisional Ballot. A person who does not have a required form of ID can still vote with a provisional ballot. So, please encourage everyone you know to be informed and vote on November 8.
- Absentee Voting. The process for absentee ballot remains the same. Contact your local county clerk for information at <https://www.showmeboone.com/clerk/>
- Note. These changes are part of a new law, House Bill 1878. Several court cases are challenging the new law. The Clerk's Office will keep all voters informed of any potential changes.

For questions about voting procedures, go to <https://www.showmeboone.com/clerk/>

For questions about ballot issues and candidates, go to <https://lwvcbc.org/>

If you wish to assist with Voter Registration events, contact Linda Smith at linda.k.smith1954@gmail.com

— Sharon Schneeberger
and Linda Smith

OCTOBER 22 — MU HOMECOMING PARADE

The LWVCBC will be in the MU Homecoming Parade on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. This will be our second year in a row participating. We plan to have a decorated hybrid car with a small trailer and bales of hay for a few riders, plus many walkers and marchers (and maybe even some bikers), all with banners and signs! (We have a few pre-made signs but encourage you to make your own.)

Last year's parade was loads of fun. We were very well received by the crowds. It was a joyous event and a great opportunity to encourage people to vote, be informed, and take action to address Climate Change. This is a wonderful LWVCBC event for adult LWVCBC members and their kids or grandkids, or bring a neighbor or friend. It is so much fun and an excellent outreach opportunity.

If you are interested in joining in the fun, let me know by sending an email to lwvcbc@gmail.com. We will need an exact head count and all participant names to get the wristbands required by MU for each participant. We will let you know by email the exact time and details once we have them.

— Barbara Hoppe, President
LWVCBC



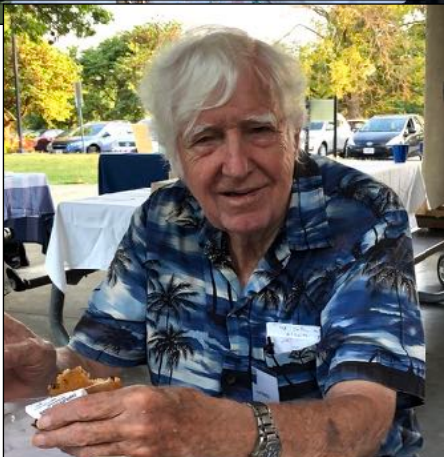
SEPTEMBER 6 LWVCBC FALL PICNIC PHOTOS



Pam Springsteel, who was instrumental in organizing the picnic, shares a big smile.



Janet Lindstrom and Stacey Thompson display the prizes they won in the LWV Trivia Quiz at the picnic.



Dick Parker enjoys a cookie after his dinner.



David Leuthold picks up materials while Elaine Blodgett and Meredith Donaldson chat in the background.



Alice Havard and Joanne Cowan enjoy the evening.



Sharon Schneeberger, Joan Christopher, and Mahree Skala pose for a photo at the picnic.



Sharon Schneeberger, Ava Fajen, Zainab Jasim, Elaine Blodgett, Carol Schreiber, Pam Springsteel, Meredith Donaldson, Barbara Hoppe, Marilyn McLeod, Mahree Skala, and Ruth Milledge.



Mike Lising and Danielle Eldred are new members of LWVCBC.



Ruth Milledge (pictured) and Linda Smith registered Voters at Central Pantry on September 13.

HELP GROW OUR MEMBERSHIP!

The membership committee could use some help – not in long committee meetings – but in innovation and oversight. Even if you have limited time, perhaps you could consult? You can see we were stretched since we missed listing some members that joined this summer!! See page 11 for a listing of new members. (Please accept our apologies and welcome to June members: Joann Ashbee, Chris Ashby, and Matthew Gray. Also, an apology for listing Christy Moten incorrectly when she joined in July!)

Our goals are to build a membership that represents the diversity of our area and to help

those members find their niche in the League. If we learn what benefit a member expects from the League, we can retain that member. Please consider joining us in this endeavor. Contact Meredith Donaldson, 573-289-30128, or mjdonlsn@gmail.com.

Another way you can help is to recruit a friend or coworker, or family member. I know you know someone who would be interested in learning more about our League, especially during this time when our hard-earned right to vote is facing so many challenges.

— Meredith Donaldson Chair
Membership Committee

EDUCATION COMMITTEE PREPARES YOUTH TO VOTE AND TO PROMOTE DEMOCRACY

Young people who have turned 18 since the 2020 election are a sizable group that is diversifying the national electorate. Nationally, more than 8 million Youth will be newly eligible voters in 2022, and more will be eligible to vote in 2023 and 2024.

About 1400 of those young people are here in Columbia Public Schools this year. Last Spring, the Education Committee interacted informally with about 400 local students. Informed by students' comments, the Education Committee developed a plan to empower Youth to:

- Register to vote;
- Vote;
- Interact with other young people;
- Discuss issues in a neutral forum;
- Connect with League members and resources and other experts;
- And to hopefully join our League in the future.

There are many ways for League members to be involved in the plan's short- and longer-term activities.

Website

Watch for a new link from the current LWVCBC website to the new youth web pages, to be operational by 2023. The Committee is designing this site for young people to share ideas and interact with each other, as well as with League members and resources. Zainab Jasmin and Terryonna Samuels will be working on this activity. A proposed Student Advisory Group will review and input ideas and manage how this website can connect with Youth on Instagram and other social media. The Board approved a young intern to

work with the website for 12-18 months after it is up. Meredith Donaldson and Zona Burk will recruit and review prospects. If any League members have this talent and wish to help, email Zona Burk at z.burk@mchsi.com.

Registering Young Voters

Education Committee members Susie Adams and Christy Moten will pilot 18th Birthday Parties for students in Columbia high schools, where students will celebrate with cookies and completion of a Voter Registration. Students will be helping with this activity, and League volunteers are needed to help at the schools for 2-3 hours.

GOTV

The litmus test will be supporting registered young voters to cast a ballot. Committee member Linda Headrick is researching the literature on Get Out The Vote campaigns to find best-practice strategies to get young voters to the polls. If you have results-based literature or materials you think might apply, please share them or their links with HeadrickL@health.missouri.edu.

LWV Student Advisory Group and Forums

Ene-Kaja Chippendale and Zona Burk plan to build on their "test conversations" with students last Spring, especially students who wanted to engage with the League and/or voting. After the Advisory Group is formed, the group will be asked to design neutral forums for discussing issues and advise the website.

— Zona Burk and Linda Headrick
Education Committee

ENERGY AND CLIMATE COMMITTEE UPDATE

There are several ways you can show your concern and support for addressing Climate Change this coming month. See the articles in this issue of *The Voter* on "Walk for the Climate" (page 2) and "MU Homecoming Parade" (page 4).

In addition, LWVCBC is working to ensure that the next new CPS elementary school building incorporates best environmental practices of design and energy efficiency. We encourage you to attend an important conversation about "The Future of Columbia Public Schools: Growth, Innovation & Achievement" on Oct 6, from 6-8

p.m. at Stoney Creek Inn. This will be a world café-style discussion. Let them know we need to incorporate best practices to reduce CO2 and address Climate Change in all aspects of school planning for our children and their future. To attend: RSVP at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WorldCafeCPS>.

If you have any other ideas/suggestions for our Committee on Climate and Energy related issues, please send us an email at lwvcbc@gmail.com.

— Barbara Hoppe, Co-chair
Energy & Climate Committee

New campaign starts to get school named for Columbia women's rights champion



Olivia Sklenka

Columbia Missourian

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As the League of Women Voters of Columbia-Boone County marks its 103rd anniversary this year, its members have another rallying point: celebrating the life of educator and suffragist Luella St. Clair Moss and promoting naming a school after her.

The group's annual picnic, held at Stephens Lake Park on Tuesday, included a brief portrayal of St. Clair Moss by actor Mary Shaw.

"I've been doing the Memorial Day cemetery presentations for three years, and they saw me and approached me," Shaw said. "It's a little intimidating playing her because you want to make sure you do justice, but you can get a lot of her through the words people have written about her."

Yellow flyers strewn across the tables in Gordon Shelter had big bold letters stating: "Luella St. Clair Moss; Wouldn't this be a perfect name for the next Columbia Public School?" Pam Springsteel, a league member and chair of the Luella Committee, had a three-ring binder filled with old newspaper clippings, documents and photographs on St. Clair Moss, who fought for women's rights.

The League of Women Voters of Columbia-Boone County meet to discuss Luella St. Clair Moss.

"She did so many things throughout her life. Before she came to Columbia, she was the first woman to graduate from Virden High School in Virden, Illinois," Springsteel said at the picnic. "Then she went to Hamilton College and got a bachelor's degree and then went to Tulane. For someone in the 1880s, that was crazy."

St. Clair Moss became president of Christian College, now Columbia College, after her first husband and then-president, Franklin St. Clair,

died. As one of the first woman college presidents in the nation, she served from 1893 to 1897, from 1899 to 1903 and from 1909 to 1920.

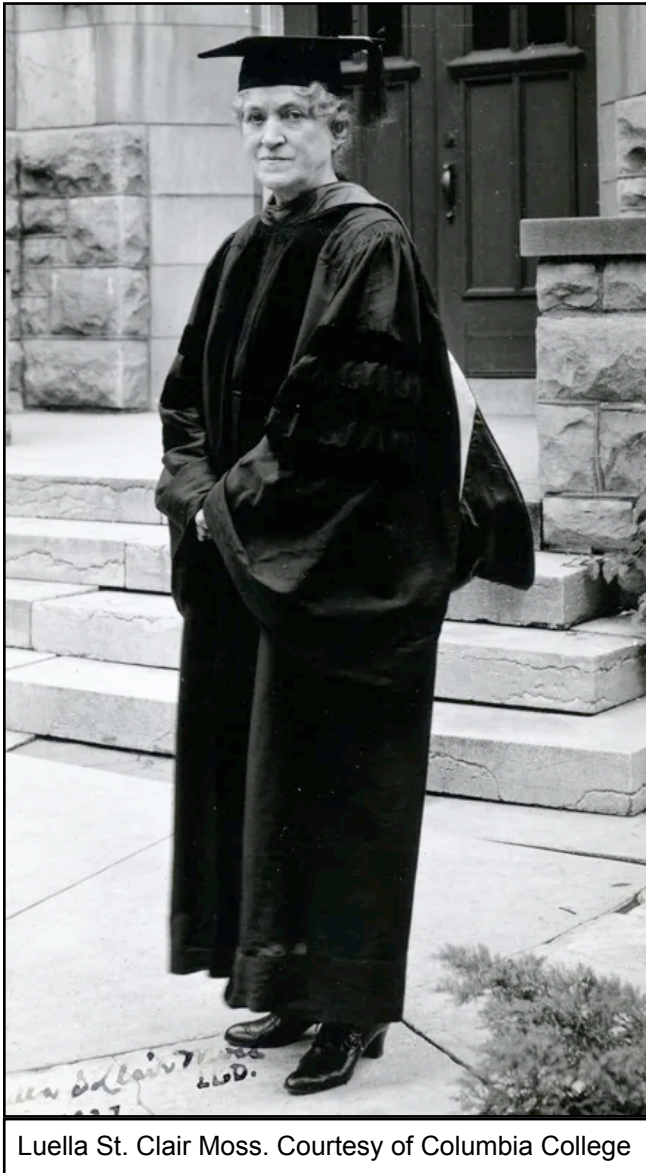
Her leadership led her to other instrumental roles, including helping establish the Columbia Equal Suffrage Association in 1912. She worked toward suffrage until the 19th Amendment was passed in 1920.

Actress Mary Shaw reenacts the life of Luella St. Clair Moss.

"Throughout her life, she worked for things she really did believe in," Springsteel said. "She made a big difference in Columbia College. She was on the (Columbia) School Board. She ran for Congress. She was the first woman in Missouri to run for Congress."



Luella St. Clair Moss. Photo courtesy of Columbia College.



Luella St. Clair Moss. Courtesy of Columbia College

St. Clair Moss was deeply involved in her community, including serving as president of the League of Women Voters of Missouri and the Missouri Federation of Women's Clubs; becoming the first woman president of the Missouri Library Commission; and serving as a member of the Missouri Board of Education.

"We really look up to her because of all the things she did for Columbia, for education, for suffrage," Springsteel said. "It would be really meaningful for us to have her name on a school."

The next public elementary school in Columbia is scheduled to open in 2024 and will be built by John Warner Middle School.

"If they put her name on a school, then they can tell the children what she did in her life and they (the children) can be really proud to go to a school with her name on it," she said.

District schools are named through a committee and School Board process and are only named for someone after that person has died. The league has tried before to get a school named after St. Clair Moss, who died in 1947 and is buried in Columbia Cemetery.

The main purpose of the Luella Committee is to get her name on a school and educate people about her impact on the area.

"This would bring forward someone who was really phenomenal in her time and learn about it," committee member Kathryn Allen said.

"We've really studied her life very deeply," Springsteel said. "She's a very special person."



Mary Shaw entertained the crowd with a stirring reenactment of Leulla St. Clair Moss at the LWVCBC September 6 picnic. Ava Fajen photo.



Upcoming League Events!



OCTOBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Walk for the Climate 1:30 pm Courthouse Plaza	3 LWV on Paul Pepper Show KBIA 8:50 am	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Lunch & Learn Brianna Lennon New MO Voter Law Zoom at Noon	12 LWV Candidate Forum 6:30pm Library	13 Q&A New Boone County Prosecutor Russell Chapel CME Church 108 E. Ash St., 6pm	14	15
16	17 LWVCBC Board Meeting 7pm Zoom	18	19 LWV Candidate & Issues Forum 6:30pm Library	20	21	22 LWVCBC in MU Homecoming Parade
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	Nov 1	2	3 LWV on Paul Pepper Show KBIA 8:50 am	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 LWVMO Fall Conference in Columbia
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 LWVCBC Board Meeting 7pm Zoom	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	Dec 1	2	3

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MEMBER NEWS (See also article on pg. 6)**Welcome to New Members:**

September: Betty Barfield, Danielle Eldred and Mike Lising,
Susan Daniel - rejoining, Doris Gibson Lackey, Nancy
Holtwick, Janet Lindstrom - rejoining, Rebeka MacIntosh,
Mary Shanz.

June: Joann Ashbee, Chris Ashby, Matthew Gray.

July: Christy Samuels Moten

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE LIZ SCHMIDT COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD AND THE OUTSTANDING CITIZEN AWARD

The LWVCBC annually presents the Liz Schmidt Community Service Award and/or the Outstanding Citizen Award. The Schmidt Award honors our long-time member and amazing volunteer Liz Schmidt. It goes to a deserving individual or group making a difference in the lives of Columbia-Boone County.

If you have a nomination for either award, please specify which award it is for; provide a description of the work done by the organization or individual and why you think they should receive this award; and include your contact information. Nominations are due by Friday, October 20. Please send to lwvcbc@gmail.com or mail to P.O. Box 239, Columbia, MO 65205.

The award(s) will be presented at the Founders Day program (event planning is underway).

Some of the recent recipients of the Community Service Award include the Central Missouri Stop Human Trafficking Coalition (2018), Voluntary Action Center (2019), Team Boone and Boone County Clerk's Office (2020), and Food Bank for Central and Northeast Missouri (2021). The



Liz Schmidt, 1929 - 2016

Outstanding Citizen Award was previously presented to Wendy Noren (2017); Steve Hollis (2019); Stephanie Browning and Scott Clardy of the Columbia/Boone County Health Department (2020), and Ruth O'Neill of the Catholic Worker Community and Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen (2021).
— Barbara Hoppe