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## Monica's School Of Dance Master Class

Monica's School of Dance recently held a master class in dancing featuring Sam Picart

Picart, originally from Blue Springs, began his dance training in street styles at the age of 15 and began ballet training at 18 under his aunt Jennifer Picart-Branner, formerly of the Frankfurt Ballet. Picart received a BFA from Cornish College of the Arts in 2013 and in 2016 he was the chosen winner of Ellen DeGeneres' Dance Off Competition and was a featured guest on the TV show. He has studied dance in Canada and at the Joffrey Ballet School in NYC.

Picart has been a guest artist on faculty, lecturer, and choreographer for multiple universities. He has worked with notable choreographers such as Mandy Moore,

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## Nationwide Student Financial Literacy Tour

American Public Media's® (APM) Marketplace®, the most widely consumed business and economic news programming in the country, has partnered with Greenlight® Financial Technology, Inc. (Greenlight), the fintech com-



pany on a mission to help parents raise financially smart kids, to launch a dynamic financial literacy tour, Million Bazillion Live! "Who Wants to be a Bazillionaire?"

The tour was at Bernard Campbell Middle School in Lee's Summit on Monday. Then traveled to Kansas City and Grain Valley.

Based on the Webby-winning kids' podcast Million Bazillion from Marketplace and presented by Greenlight, the 20-city Million Bazillion Live! tour debuted this month at middle schools across the nation to bring financial knowledge and empowerment to more than 50,000 students.

Presented in a fun, entertaining game show format, Million Bazil-



lion Live! is an immersive experience with personal finance trivia, challenges, and prizes. During the tour, students will cheer on their classmates while learning about real money matters such as budgeting, saving, and investing. The first leg of Million Bazillion Live! will visit: Kansas City, MO; Dallas / Ft. Worth, TX; Austin, TX; Fayetteville/Little Rock, AR; Baton Rouge, LA; Atlanta, GA; Charlotte, NC; Washington, DC; Philadelphia, PA; and New York, NY. The second half of the tour will commence in Spring 2024.

"We're excited to continue our partnership with Greenlight to bring this crucial programming and essential life skills to schools across the nation," said Neal Scarbrough,

Vice President and General Manager at Marketplace. "This initiative is an extension of Marketplace's mission to bring more young Americans under the tent of financial literacy and empower them with the knowledge they need to successfully navigate their futures."

Personal finance education still isn't a requirement for students to graduate in all 50 states. 27 states don't require a personal finance course, even though teens score an average of 64% on the National Financial Literacy Test. At the same time, 93% of teens know they need financial knowledge and skills to achieve their life goals – and 97% of parents agree.\*

"At Greenlight, we've always been focused on empowering



young people with the financial knowledge, skills, and confidence they need for a healthy future through our award-winning banking app and engaging educational resources," said Jennifer Seitz, Director of Education at Greenlight. "With the upcoming Million Bazillion Live! tour, we look forward to reaching even more families and educating local communities on the critical topic of financial literacy in a fun and entertaining way."

"American Public Media has principles that guide how we partner with brands while honoring the trust and reputation our programming has earned with audiences," said Tom De Napoli, Vice President of Revenue Strategy at APM.

"Our partnership with Greenlight is a great example of how each campaign we develop must offer cultural meaning to our audiences, drive business results for our partners, and elevate the content it surrounds. With the Million Bazillion Live! tour, we are extending our public media mission into new storytelling spaces – classrooms across the country – to educate the next generation about financial literacy."

To learn more, please visit millionbazillionlive.com. Episodes of Million Bazillion are also available for listening on all major podcast platforms, with a new season starting Sept. 5. For more information, visit marketplace.org/millionbazillion.

## Unity Village Garden Market And Colburn Road Closure

From The Gardens at Unity Village

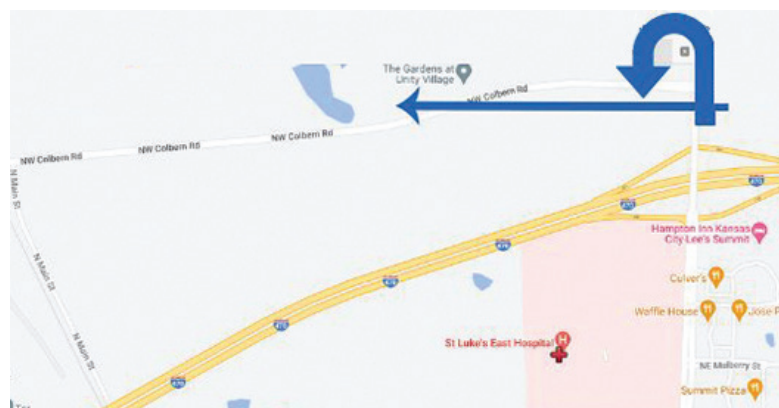
The ongoing improvements to Colburn Rd. are much needed, but the current closure to through traffic has greatly impacted our Garden Produce Market.

Our all-volunteer farm of three acres at Unity Village has a Saturday morning market open to the public. What we don't sell out of we donate to seven different charities. They have received over 3,000 lbs. of fresh produce so far this



year. This includes Lee's Summit Social Services.

Though the west end of Colburn Rd. at Lee's Summit Rd. is closed



(to through traffic), it is open to access our market about 1/3 mile east on Colburn Rd.

We plan to be open until October 14.

We would appreciate continued support by our community, even though it may require a few extra turns at the Colburn Rd./Lee's Summit Rd. intersection.

Thank you,  
Mark Martin, M.D.  
Garden Manager



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