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STL TV's Sarah Thompson wins two Emmy Awards



Sharing the Emmy Awards spotlight was Sarah's fiancé, Boyd Pickup, who was editor for the winning productions. He received two Emmys as well. Boyd is an editor and creative services manager at HEC-TV.

She never seems to run out of energy or ideas. The indefatigable Sarah Thompson makes the Energizer Bunny look slothful. And now this independent television producer, journalist and public relations whiz - who just happens to also be a St. Louis TV personality and a regular on STL TV - recently took home two Emmy Awards for her work.



The 2009 Mid-America Emmy Awards honored Sarah in the category of "Commercial Campaign" in which she produced television spots for the "The Most Beautiful Sport in the World" campaign for Dance St. Louis. She also won for an "Arts/Entertainment Program Feature" in which she produced a story for HEC-TV on Jessica Butler, a local jazz singer who performs in French. Jessica, shown here in a scene from the feature, is the daughter of St. Louis music legend Ralph Butler. Sarah's fiancé, Boyd Pickup, was the editor on both of those projects, and received two Emmy Awards as well.

"The Emmy Awards are very special to me because it's really based on peer judging," says Sarah. "Members of NATAS - National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences - evaluate and judge other members' work, so it's really a great feeling to know that my peers are recognizing the thought and effort that went into producing the television portion of this campaign."

Behind the scenes at Food Outreach

Lewis Reed, President of the Board of Aldermen, takes you for a behind-the-scenes look at St. Louis landmarks and institutions across the city. See the workings of St. Louis as few have seen it. Reed talks with Greg Lukeman, executive director of Food Outreach about the valuable services they provide. Food Outreach has been serving St. Louisans for more than 22 years and currently has about 1,600 clients on both sides of the river.

"Our main purpose is providing nutritional support for people living with HIV Aids or cancer." The nutritional support can take many forms, he explained, including frozen meals, groceries and supplements. There's also a lunch program and home delivery for those too ill or who don't have the energy to come in and pick up their food.

"We do nutritional counseling, which really differentiates us from your traditional meals on wheels or food pantry type programs," Lukeman said. "We've never had a waiting list in our 22-year history. It is definitely a challenge." Because of a recent large donation, however, Food Outreach was able to purchase a refrigerated truck, which had been on the wish list for many years, and more people are getting involved via donations of money and time, Lukeman said. The center spends about \$12,000 a week on food.

For more information on Food Outreach and how you can volunteer visit www.foodoutreach.org or call 314-652-FOOD 3663). Check our program schedule for show times.



Food Outreach Executive Director Greg Lukeman (left) and Aldermanic President Lewis Reed talk with STL TV's Gilberto Pinela, one of Food Outreach's 600 volunteers.

Foreclosure and hope on City Corner



On a current episode of City Corner, host Sarah Thompson talks with City of St. Louis Director of Human Services Bill Siedhoff and Antoninette Triplett, manager of the Homeless Services Division, about new programs for the homeless. The 10-year plan is aimed at eradicating chronic homelessness in the city. "We've been at it for almost three years," said Siedhoff, "and we've seen an almost 30 percent reduction in homelessness." One facet of the program is "Hope is Moving In," explains Antoninette Triplett. A Housing Resource Center provides help for those who are at risk or already homeless. The initiative, she said, is to actually prevent homelessness in the first place. There are four "Prevention Hubs" in neighborhood schools to serve those in danger of becoming homeless.

In a related episode of City Corner Ivy Hartman hosts a special program on foreclosures and how you can avoid losing your home. "This is a serious issue that, unfortunately, is not going away any time soon," observes Todd Swanstrom, Desmond Lee Professor for Public Policy at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. "It started back in 2004 and 2005 and is driven by sub-prime and predatory loans that began to be marketed to people who were vulnerable," Swanstrom explained. "Suddenly people found their mortgage payments going up and they couldn't afford them and faced foreclosure. When these mortgages went bad it sucked the economy into a tailspin"



City Corner is a current events program bringing you timely and relevant information about St. Louis' people, places, and events. City officials, Community leaders, and others discuss topics like business and economics, sports and entertainment, or neighborhoods and health.



New England Patriots running back Laurence Maroney was a recent guest on the Best of the STL. From left are hosts Todd Thomas and Ivy Hartman, Maroney, and hosts Cassandra Walker and Gilberto Pinela.

The perks of the job



STL TV's Todd Blackstock got a special treat during his interview with 19th Ward Alderman Marlene Davis for an upcoming episode of In Your Ward. Alderman Davis presented Todd with a birthday cake. There was no report that Davis sang "Happy Birthday" and Todd refused to divulge his age.

Gilberto goes to the park

Ahora San Luis, our popular Spanish-language program, looks at fun things to do in and around Forest Park. Host Gilberto Pinela explores the Missouri History Museum, the Science Center and the St. Louis Zoo. He also visits the French style cafe named Rue Lafayette which features great French pastries as well as antiques and other surprises. No hablan español? We have subtitles!



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St. Louis Indie Theater - See an interview with writer, director, producer and actor Matthew Scott Krentz. Indie Theater host Chris Clark talks with Krentz about his career, including the five years that he spent working with some of the world's most accomplished filmmakers at Robert Redford's Sundance Filmmakers Lab as an art director, and about his powerful film "Streetballers," which has won numerous awards.

Also watch for:

Board of Aldermen - STL TV videotapes entire sessions of the St. Louis Board of Aldermen meetings, which are broadcast live in their entirety from City Hall each Friday at 10 a.m.

City Life: Neighbor to Neighbor - Explore the rich history, cultural diversity and interesting people that make St. Louis a great place to live. STL TV visits the beautiful and historic Bevo neighborhood.

Ahora San Luis - Enjoy a trip to Mango Peruvian Cuisine restaurant in downtown St. Louis, experience some authentic dishes from Peru and talk with chef and owner Jorge Calvo.

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And now, a word from our viewers:

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