



# Build Independence Jobs Plus Newsletter

Hocker Heights & Pleasant Heights Residents

<https://www.independenceha.org/JobsPlusGrant.aspx>



The office will be CLOSED February 17<sup>th</sup> President's Day

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DARE TO SUCCEED

Unless stated otherwise, events are held in the Computer Center of Hocker Heights and Pleasant Heights (8<sup>th</sup> Floor).  
If you cannot attend the event at Hocker Heights, please plan on attending at Pleasant Heights.

## Jobs Plus Celebrates Their First Year Anniversary With Milestone Awards



Pictured left to right: Sandee Woods presents Margie with College Degree Completion award, Courtnee Miles presents Cree with part-time employment 180+ award, Sandee Woods presents Vicki with full-time employment award. Residents received an invitation to the ceremony for recognition of their Milestone. The Milestone Awards ceremony was held January 29 at Pleasant Heights and January 30 at Hocker Heights.

### Tuesday, February 4 and 18

### Platinum Phone Service

Onsite: Hocker Heights 10am - 12pm, Pleasant Heights 2:30pm - 3:30pm FREE Phone Services

FREE Phone services with qualifying income! Jobs Plus Assessment completion required!

### Tuesday, February 4 and 18

### Express Pros



Onsite: Hocker Heights 11:30pm - 12:30pm, Pleasant Heights 1pm - 2pm Employment/Workforce Workshop



Seeking part-time or full-time employment? Finding employment is simple! Express Employment Professionals workforce readiness workshop held at **Hocker and Pleasant Heights Computer Centers**. Express Professionals and Jobs Plus has partnered for employment opportunities in eastern Jackson county. **Wages begin at \$12.00 and up. Apply online at <https://www.expresspros.com/>**

James Garrett, CEO To schedule your interview, contact Mr. Garrett at 816-229-5627.

### Tuesdays, February 11 & 25

### Skill Builder and Hi-Set



Onsite: Hocker Heights 11:30pm - 12:30pm, Pleasant Heights 1:30pm - 2:30pm Enrollment

**Need HS diploma?** Have questions regarding SKILL BUILD program? Learn how Skill Build training will launch your career ladder! Meet with Sandee or Joe and discuss Hi-set program held at Salvation Army (walking distance).

Sandee Woods: February 11 at the Hocker Computer Center 11:30 am, Pleasant Heights 8th floor 1:30-2:30 pm

Joe Chavez: February 25 at the Hocker Computer Center 11:30 am, Pleasant Heights 8th floor 1:30-2:30 pm

### February 6 and 20

### FREE Play Date



Onsite: Hocker Heights Community Center 3:30pm Sponsored by Mid-Continent Library

**FREE Play Date with school age children.** Sponsored by Mid-Continent Library children pre-K through 12 grades! **Parent or Guardian must participate with child(ren). Earn a prize for attending!**

### Wednesdays, February 12 and Thursday, February 27

### TJM

Onsite: Hocker Heights 1:30pm - 2:30pm, Pleasant Heights 3pm - 4pm Money Management Techniques

**Pizza and Numbers will be a fun one hour course of learning how to manage your earned income. FREE PIZZA and learn how to become money wise!! Become a money saver and save toward your financial goal! Learn how to improve your credit rating!** Pre-register for Pizza and Numbers. Contact Ann Benson 816-836-9200 ext. 348 or Courtnee White 816-836-9200 ext. 329. Pizza and Numbers held February 12 & 27, and March 11 & 25. **Save the dates!**

**The Computer Centers are available for Hocker and Pleasant Heights Residents ONLY. Hours Mon and Wed 9am - 12pm and 1pm - 4pm. Tues and Thurs 9am - 12pm. Closed Fridays.**



**Wednesday, February 5 from 9am – 3pm**  
 Offsite: North Branch, 317 West 24 Hwy, Independence, MO 64050

**Mid-Century Library**  
 FREE Income Tax Return Service



**MUST Schedule before April 15, 2020.** Call 816-659-9085 9am–3pm to Reserve Your Income Tax Preparation Meeting. Visit <https://www.mymcpl.org/events/62542/tax-help-seniors-free-aarp>



**Wednesday, February 19**  
 Onsite: Hocker Heights: 11am - 12pm, Pleasant Heights: 2:30pm – 3:30pm

**Hope House Domestic Violence**  
 PRESENTATION



**Are you in a troubled relationship?** Identify – emotional, financial, physical and mental abuse. Begin a process to move forward and plan to free yourself. How to get help? <http://www.hopehouse.net/> Phone: 816-461-HOPE (4673)

**Thursdays, February 13, 20, & 27**  
 Onsite: Hocker Heights Computer Center 1pm – 4pm

**CAD/Revit**  
 Sessions



**CAD/Revit Sessions are held quarterly with hands on training.** Completion of drawing and drafting required. Must have 2+ years of MS office suite experience. CAD REVIT is a workshop to provide hand on training with the software and move toward a career ladder program at MCC for certification or associate degree. **Class size is limited.** Computer center reserved for course work Tuesday and Thursday, 1pm to 4pm. **Pre-register for class with Ann Benson 816-836-9200 ext. 348.**

**Friday, February 21 from 6:30pm – 8:30pm**  
 Offsite: North Branch, 317 West 24 Hwy, Independence, MO 64050

**Mid-Century Library**  
 TEEN LOCK-IN!



**Join us and get locked in at the Library for a night dedicated to all things Harry Potter!** Costumes are encouraged but not required! Parent/legal guardian must have completed and signed permission form at the North Branch Library for teen to participate. Contact Ema England or Missy Ward 816-252-0950 for more information. **FREE event for 6th grade to 12th grade.**

**Wednesdays, February 5, 12, 19, 26 and Thursday, February 27 Mid-Century Public Library**  
 Offsite: MCPL, North Independence Branch, 317 US-24, Independence, MO



- Wednesday, February 5 at 2pm Beginning Word
- Wednesday, February 12 at 2pm Beginning Excel
- Wednesday, February 19 at 2pm Tech Talk
- Wednesday, February 26 at 2pm Apps to Make Your Life Easier
- Thursday, February 27 at 2pm Mad Science Codes with Raspberry Pi\*



\*The Mad Science program on 2/27 is a children's program, all the rest are for adults.

If you need more information, please contact Zach Cutshall, Branch Programming and Community Engagement Associate, North Independence Branch, Email: [zcutshall@mymcpl.org](mailto:zcutshall@mymcpl.org) or Call 816-252-0950.



**Missouri Services Navigator (Free website) <https://mo.servicesnavigator.org/>**  
**Do you need assistance finding services located in Jackson County? Select county: JACKSON**



**JOB PLUS LEADERSHIP TEAM**

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**JOBS PLUS – PLEASANT HEIGHTS**  
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**Cree Harvey, PH Community Coach**

**Jobs Plus offices are closed every Friday. Appointments only.**

**February 2020**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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**February 17th for**  
**President's Day**