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Students Help Paint Park Art Project

St. Charles County, Missouri — The St. Charles County Parks Department is teaming up with a group of students to paint a large piece of recycled metal park art, shaped like a pig. Crystal Wing, Timberland High School Fine Art Department Chair, and 18 students are assisting the Parks Department with painting the 3-foot pig from 2:30 – 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 8, at Timberland High School, 559 E Hwy N, Wentzville. When completed, the pig will become a permanent fixture in the unique Nature Explore Classroom at Towne Park, currently under development. Children of all ages will be able to use the pig art for recreation and enjoyment.

“Park crews discovered the old propane tank that washed ashore the Missouri River at Louis H. Bangert Memorial Wildlife Area, and decided to turn it into a piece of recycled park art for children to enjoy at Towne Park,” said Parks Director Bettie Yahn-Kramer.

After the pig is painted, it will be installed in the educational Nature Explore Classroom at Towne Park, 100 Towne Park Drive, off of Highway 61, near Wentzville. The Nature Explore Classroom will be a dynamic, nature-based play and learning space, which supports skill development in children by reconnecting them to the outdoors. It is one of only a couple in the region to be certified by Dimensions Educational Research Foundation and the Arbor Day Foundation.

“The Nature Explore Classroom is a magical place for children to learn, discover and explore nature,” said Yahn-Kramer.

The park pig art will be installed at Towne Park, formerly known as the “Pink Plantation,” after the paint has had a chance to cure.

Weather permitting, Towne Park will open to the public late spring.

For more information about St. Charles County Parks, visit www.stccparks.org or call 636.949.7535.

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