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A WALK-THROUGH HISTORY PLAQUE DEDICATION TO HONOR TWO INDIVIDUALS IS SET FOR AUGUST 24TH IN FRONT OF 250 RUE ST. FRANCOIS BEFORE THE 4TH WEDNESDAY NIGHT OUT.

Mayor Tim Lowery is pleased to announce that the City along with Florissant Old Town Partners will host a plaque dedication to unveil two plaques in honor of the late Berdell “Bert” Heppermann and the late John “Tucker” Kohnen. This will be the 53rd and 54th Walk through History plaques in honor of someone who has made a valuable contribution to the City of Florissant. The ceremony will be held on Wednesday, August 24th at 5:30 PM in front of 250 rue St. Francois.

Berdell “Bert” Heppermann served in the US Navy from 1954 to 1956. He married Margie Kohnen in 1956 and they raised five children in Florissant. Bert was very active with the St. Dismas and St. Angela parishes. He was the manager of Crest Bowl and was the president and owner of Kimbell Printing & Stationery.

Bert served as president of the Florissant Rotary Club, Florissant Valley Chamber of Commerce and served as Treasurer of the Missouri Betterment Committee in Florissant, which promoted the Valley of Flowers Celebration, Lt. Governor of the Optimist International Club and in 1989 received an award for his contribution to law enforcement from the Florissant Optimist Club. He was also named Chamber Person of the Year in 1984. Bert was a member of the following organizations: American Legion Memorial Post #444, Ducks Unlimited, Knights of Columbus, and Friends of Pallottine

What he was most proud of was serving as the president of the Florissant Valley Sheltered Workshop from 1971 to 1973. During his presidency he was very instrumental in getting the sheltered workshop moved from their crowded rental quarters to a much larger and accessible location at 210 rue St. Francois. Bert was devoted to his family and to the Florissant Community.

John “Tucker” Kohnen was one of ten children raised on a truck farm in Florissant. He was the beloved husband of the late Mary Lee (Gerhart). Friends and family knew John as ‘Tucker.’ Tucker proudly served his country in WWII in the Army Air Corps. He founded Kay Bee Electric in 1948 with his best friend, Jack Behlmann. Kay Bee is still a family-owned business now employing the third generation of Kohnens.

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He was happiest when surrounded by his family, especially his many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Tucker enjoyed spending time with his long-time companion, Jean Springmeier and her daughters, Julie, Marcie and Laura. He loved to play golf with friends at Glen Echo Country Club and when visiting his condo in Gulf Shores, Alabama. A lifelong resident of Florissant, he was active in the community and always had a story to share about Old Town.

Following the plaque dedication, the fourth Wednesday Night Out (WNO) event will begin at 6:00 PM. **Let's Luau** will be the theme. **The event is hosted by Stems Florist and sponsored by Bunkers Tavern, Kay Bee Electric, Kling Photography, Edward Jones – Pamela Sutterer, Red Oven Pizza and Handyman Hardware.** The event will take place between the 200-300 block of rue St. Francois. There will be music, food, drinks, games, raffle basket, prizes and fun for the entire family!

