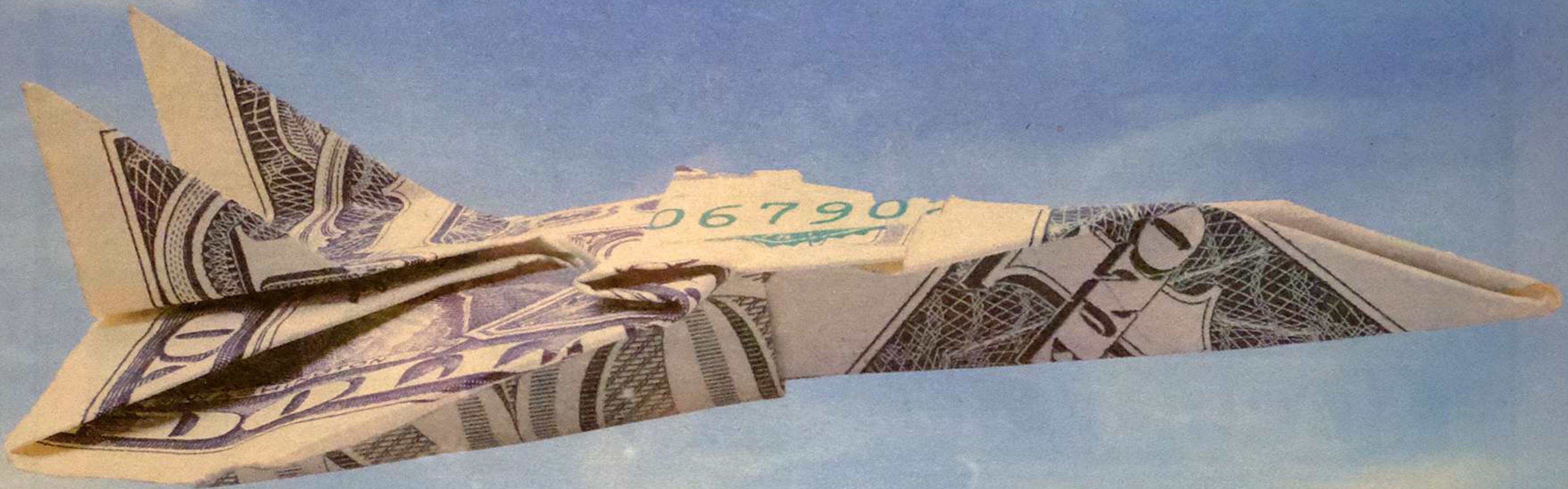


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Wings of Hope receives \$125,000 for STEM programs

Wings of Hope, a Chesterfield-based nonprofit, recently received a \$125,000 grant from Boeing to support its Soar into STEM program, a hands-on learning experience designed to provide local students experience in aviation and STEM-related career paths.

"Boeing has made significant investments in STEM education for youth," Wings of Hope President and CEO Bret Heinrich said. "They provided substantial seed funding for our pilot Soar into STEM program, and this latest grant will enable us to expand the program and expose more of our youth to the tremendous opportunities in STEM and aviation careers."

The grant will allow Wings of Hope to more than double the number of students who participate in Soar into STEM. The program includes lessons in hands-on maintenance, repair and modification of an airplane to be used flying medical and/or humanitarian missions; experiencing a flight simulator; and piloting a small-engine aircraft under the close supervision of a flight instructor. The spring 2019 pilot program served students from three St. Louis-area school districts and the Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri.

"As a pilot, I understand the value of programs that engage students in this way. It is incredibly rewarding to see students who



Monarch Fire Protection District, with a
[Missouri American Water photo]

American Water, and we look forward to continuing a great relationship with our Howard Bend neighbors," Robin Harris, President of the Monarch Fire Protection Board, said. "Missouri American Water's original leasing of the land to Monarch helped provide advanced training for firefighting and rescue operations. Owning the land upon which our training center sits allows Monarch to expand the facility to encompass fire, rescue and EMS training. Through the generosity of Missouri American Water, Monarch will better provide enhanced training for our life-saving personnel, keeping them ready for any emergency."



Students learn about STEM through aviation at Wings of Hope.

[Carol Enright photo]

are working on a plane in our hangar suddenly light up and make that connection between STEM learning and a career path they can create for themselves," Wings of Hope Board Chairman Don Kukla said. "If not for participating in our program, the idea of actually being a pilot or a mechanic or a scientist might never have occurred to many of these students."

Wings of Hope is accepting inquiries from interested school districts for 2020.

In the U.S., Wings of Hope provides free medical air transport services to individuals who need access to specialized medical care. The organization also works with in-country partners to provide medical treatment and transport to individuals living in isolated areas.

Chicago-based Boeing is the world's largest aerospace company and leading manufacturer of commercial jetliners and defense, space and security systems.

profile of Woods Avenue to match future streetscape improvements underway at that location. The anticipated reopening of the area is tentatively scheduled for Jan. 2, 2020, weather permitting. A signed detour route will be in place along Route 109 for the duration of the work. Electronic message boards alongside the route will notify motorists of the detour.

The Manchester Road Streetscape Plan is currently in its third phase and spans from Taylor Road to Eatherton Road in Ward 8. According to the city's official website, as of November 2019, Missouri-American has almost completed its relocation work, so Gershenson Construction will be able to begin installing storm sewers along the roadway.

ST. LOUIS COUNTY

Pedal the Cause donates \$4.74 million to cancer research

Pedal the Cause, a community-wide fundraising bike challenge, recently donated \$4,743,422 to Siteman Cancer Center and Siteman Kids at St. Louis Children's Hospital to help fund ongoing cancer research. One hundred percent of the proceeds will go toward research opportunities at both

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Upcoming road closure

The contractor for the Manchester Streetscape project will be closing a section of Woods Avenue between Manchester Road and Rodgers Drive in Wildwood beginning on Monday, Dec. 2. The closure will allow the contractor to raise the



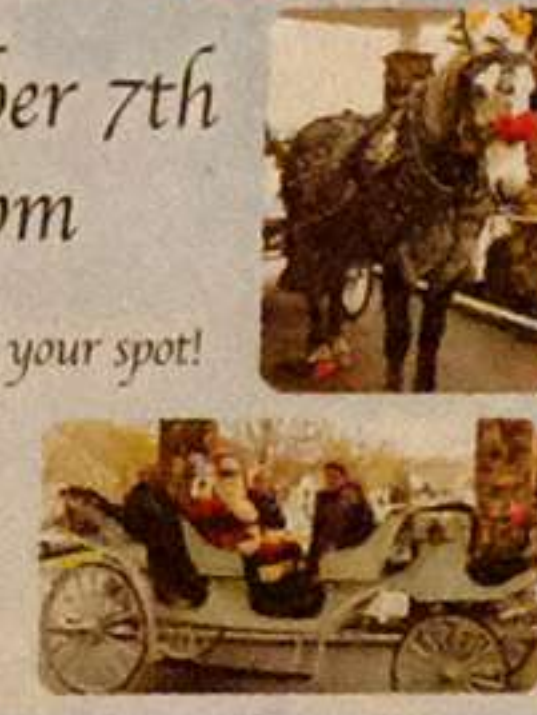
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