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Vex Robotics:
In February, middle and high school students from around Missouri will travel to Missouri S&T for two separate robotics championships. The VEX championship will take place on February 17th and the FIRST State Championships on February 24th. These events provide hands-on, sustainable and cost effective approaches to help engage young people and maintain their interest in STEM learning. By its nature, the study of competitive robotics not only encompasses all four pillars of STEM education, but also encourages important life skills like teamwork, communication, and project-based organization. Please contact Linda Bright at brightlj@mst.edu or 573-341-4279.

First Robotics Championship:
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Community Partnership Resale Shop:
The Community Partnership is a small, hardworking non-profit organization serving a wide variety of community members in several counties. The Resale Shop is an important outreach program of The Community Partnership. Proceeds from the shop allow us to continue to offer helpful and needed programs at The Community Partnership. Volunteerism makes our mission possible. We utilize volunteers every day in many ways. From our salvage baling events to hanging up clothes, cleaning, sorting, pricing, and organizing, there’s always something for volunteers to do. We are always looking for individuals and groups to make a difference in our shop! Please contact Maria Grant (573-426-5923 or maria.grant@thecommunitypartnership.org) to set up a volunteer opportunity.

Service Spotlight
Nicaragua is one of the economically poorest countries in the Western Hemisphere. For this reason, community schools are severely underfunded and quality education remains a challenge for many children. Since improving education is the most effective means of reducing poverty and is the key to opportunity, Miner Challenge sent eleven volunteers to team up with Panorama Service Expeditions and conduct an education camp for children in Monte Tabor, Nicaragua. The team lead children through English, math, reading, arts & crafts, science and computer activities while helping renovate the school's facilities by revamping landscape and refurnishing classroom desks. Through direct service work on sustainable projects, the team empowered the children with functional skills and abilities that foster an enjoyment for learning. Furthermore, by working alongside community members, participants learned the history of Nicaragua and expanded their understanding of challenges faced by the local community.

Service Spotlight
Second Saturday Service
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