Springfield named as ArtPlace finalist

Springfield’s ideaXfactory, a new partnership of the Springfield Regional Arts Council and the City of Springfield, is a finalist in a national competition to win a portion of what is likely to be more than $10 million in grants awarded by ArtPlace America, a national private-public arts funding collaboration. In 2012, 34 organizations received a total of about $11 million.

ArtPlace defines creative placemaking as locally-driven strategies to use arts and culture to bring new life to communities, make neighborhoods more livable and urban streets more vibrant, and encourage investment, new residents and new business.

Springfield joins 105 other organizations in 72 cities working to transform their communities by driving vibrancy through investments in the arts.

The selected projects represent the best of the more than 1,000 applications from across the country.

Finalists were chosen for “their potential to transform communities through placing art and culture at the heart of portfolios of integrated strategies that drive vibrancy and diversity.”

Springfield’s project, ideaXfactory, is located at Mill Street and Boonville Avenue within IDEA Commons. The City of Springfield strategically purchased the vacant building, 351 Boonville Ave., and president of SMMA, Joan Menchetti.

2013 Watercolor USA Call for Entries

Watercolor USA is a nationally known, annual juried exhibition recognizing aqueous media painting.

Featuring some of the country’s best known artists and jurors, the event is open to artists from all 50 states and U.S. territories.

Approximately $40,000 in cash, merchandise, patron and Springfield Art Museum purchase awards are available.

The 2013 judge is Barbara O’Brien, Director of Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art. The deadline for entries is March 19. For full entry information, visit springfieldmo.gov/art/watercolorusa.

Employee wins $10,000 Auto Sweepstakes

A City employee held the lucky winning key to a new car in a January Hy-Vee - News Leader sweepstakes.

City of Springfield License Inspector Mavis Jackson saw the entry forms in the News-Leader, filled them out, then thought nothing more of it.

“When I completed the entry form and dropped it into the box at Hy-Vee I didn’t expect to win. I just have a habit of entering contests or sweepstakes as I come across them.”

On Jan. 3 she received a phone call that she was a weekly winner of a $100 Hy-Vee gift card, and she was to report to Hy-Vee on Jan. 5 for the drawing.

“There were 24 weekly winners, but only 23 showed up that morning. That meant each of us had a one in 23 chance of winning the $10,000 certificate for a car.”

Representatives from Hy-Vee, and the News-Leader were present along with three auto dealerships who participated in the sweepstakes; Reliable Hyundai, Don Wessel Honda, and Youngblood

911 gets fit inBalance recognizes department for wellness initiative.


Do you know? Get to know Jessica Whittington in Purchasing.
Zim Schwartze has enjoyed her first month as the new City of Springfield Director of Emergency Communications (911).

Schwartze is now managing the activities of the Emergency Communications Department, which provides 911 services to 21 emergency response agencies within Greene County. The department is located on the second floor of the state-of-the-art Springfield-Greene County Public Safety Center in Springfield.

“We feel extremely fortunate to have Zim join our team,” said City Manager Greg Burris. “Her qualifications are tremendous, and she possesses an energy and zeal that will impress our community as they get to know her.”

Schwartze comes to Springfield from Columbia, Missouri, where she served the City of Columbia for 20 years, including varied leadership roles in law enforcement, emergency dispatch communications, and emergency management. She has nearly 15 years of supervisory experience, most recently as Director of the Consolidated Emergency Communications Center and Office of Emergency Management in the mid-Missouri area of Columbia/Boone County.

In Columbia, she led a team of telecommunicators that dispatched police, fire and emergency medical services for 11 agencies. She collaborated with many different entities, including city, county, private organizations, businesses, and citizens to launch numerous projects and implement technology advancements.

“I learned the value of treating people right and working closely with the community early in my career through the philosophy of community policing,” she said. “I’m very excited to be given this opportunity to work with the professional telecommunicators, city and county officials, as well as serve the Springfield-Greene County community.”

Schwartze holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial Engineering and a Master’s Degree in Public Administration from the University of Missouri-Columbia. She is a graduate of the 204th class of the School of Police Staff and Command (SPSC) through the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety. In addition, she is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia, Session #231. Schwartze currently serves on the FBI National Academy Associates Kansas/Western Missouri Chapter Executive Board and is the President-Elect.

Schwartze has been an adjunct instructor for the Law Enforcement Training Institute (LETI) at the University of Missouri-Columbia since 1995. She teaches various subjects to include community policing, crime prevention, torts/civil rights and interpersonal communications. Schwartze is also an adjunct instructor for the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety in Evanston, Illinois since 2006 and teaches subjects that include resource analysis, allocation and deployment.

She has served on numerous boards over the years and is very involved with Special Olympics-Missouri.

Hints from the Help Desk

10 Windows Shortcut Keys Everyone Should Know:

These shortcut keys make life a little easier when working in Windows.
1. CTRL + C: (Copy)
2. CTRL + V: (Paste)
3. CTRL + Z: (Undo)
4. CTRL + A: (Select all items in a document or window)
5. CTRL + F: (Find on page)
6. CTRL + the PLUS (+) key on the numeric keypad: (Automatically resize columns when working in Details view inside Windows Explorer)
7. ALT + TAB (Switch between open items)
8. Windows logo key + L (Lock computer)
9. Windows logo key + D (Display the desktop)
10. Windows logo key + E (Open Computer via Windows Explorer)
WINNER from page 1.

Nissan Chrysler Kia Jeep.

Each weekly winner’s name was called out in the order they had won to choose a key from a basket and try it out in a Honda Odyssey.

One by one the keys were tried until only two remained.

“As more names were called, more keys tried, and no one won I began to think I might have a chance to win!”

As the second to last key was tried and failed, Jackson knew she had won. The key started the car and a photographer snapped a photo of her raising her hands in triumph.

“I was told I did not have to choose a new car, so a few days later I decided on a red 2009 Toyota Camry from Don Wessel Honda and purchased it using the $10,000 certificate to pay for it in part. I never thought I’d own a red car, but now I do!”

ARTPLACE from page 1.

during engineering and environmental studies for a project to daylight Jordan Creek. City staff proposed that Springfield Regional Arts Council (SRAC) develop an interim use for the building. An SRAC special committee developed the concept of a space for site-specific installation art, which is difficult to exhibit in most facilities because of the need to close the venue for installation.

“The ideaXfactory creates an exciting new space for artistic endeavors,” explains Russ RuBert, artist and committee member. “It makes connections between diverse users through turning a vacant storefront and turf area into a launchpad for contemporary art installations. This serves to educate, entertain and will enlist the participation of a large variety of people that frequent the area.”

Initiatives already underway at the ideaXfactory involve university students, at-risk youth, independent artists, experimental dance troupes, and award-winning independent filmmakers embodying the idea of non-technical, non-artistic people of all stripes. The goal is to create a space that creates interest from a diverse group.

The participatory nature of the ongoing initiatives, like ‘Knitting Space’ by Art of Space, an installation recently completed, fosters connections between diverse users by using a building process that involves non-technical, non-artistic participants invited from the community at large to help create the environmental installations.

inBalance recognizes:

Department of Emergency Communications

Since the beginning of the inBalance Employee Wellness Program, wellness initiatives have been making their way around the City. Employees can be seen taking walks during their breaks or choosing healthier lunches. But while individual efforts are making a big difference, City departments have also begun programs that make wellness a collective effort.

The newest example of this is Emergency Communications. Telecommunicator Stacey Blair, saw a need within her department and decided to take it upon herself to start a Health and Fitness Challenge.

“When I lost weight and started running, several people asked me how I did it. Many of them started running, too,” she said. “Those same people continue to give me updates on their fitness. The group effort holds people accountable and makes getting healthy more fun.”

The challenge encompasses a variety of wellness aspects particularly focusing on physical activity. Each person sets their own goals and earns points for exercising, participating in fitness events, and getting others to join them. Participants also track negative points for eating sugary snacks, deep fried foods, or drinking more than 2 alcoholic drinks in a day. The group posts their progress on a “Glory Board,” and also share recipes and health information to help motivate each other.

“After 2 weeks of the challenge, the group, which consists of eleven people, has lost over 33 pounds! They’ve started sharing healthy recipes and fitness ideas and are encouraging each other.”

The entire department has been positively impacted by the program and many want to share their gratitude to the one employee who brought it together.

“I want to say THANKS to Stacey for encouraging everyone – keeping the motivation going,” said fellow Emergency Communications employee Kristina Scott. “She came up with this idea that appeals to a lot of employees with rewards of not only getting healthy, but looking better, having more energy and maybe even winning money. Kudos to Stacey!”

Emergency Communications is not the only department to take the wellness plunge! Find out who else is making wellness a departmental effort in the next issue of the SCENE.
FOR SALE

2002 Audi TT Roadster, Convertible, Black, 79,000 miles, leather/heated seats, 5 speed-standard-AWD, 6 disc CD changer, sub-woofer, low profile tires/chrome wheels, plus original wheels. A great buy at $7,800.00. Call Kathy at 619-5511 after 5pm.

2004 MAZDA R5 S-Door; Rally White with Black w/Blue interior, 466-0727, $4,000.

Firm

One owner, 180,000 miles (mostly highway miles)

2.3 Liter, 16-valve, 4-cylinder, 160-hp, All-Aluminum Engine

Front wheel drive

4-Wheel Independent Suspension

4-wheel disc brakes, 17-inch alloy wheels, wheel lock

Cloth seats and carpet floor mats

60/40 Split Fold-Down Rear Seatback

Am/FM/CD 6-Speaker Audio system

WELCOME TO THE CITY

Welcome

Carol Daniel-Covey
Executive Secretary – Health

Chelcie Kimzey
Purchasing Assistant – Finance

Bonnie Phillips
Payroll & Benefits Assistant – Human Resources

Promotions

Brian Stranghoener
Financial Analyst – Finance

Licia Horton
Senior Workforce Development Specialist – Workforce Development

Fredrick Beck
Robert Byrne
Jennifer Charleston
Todd King
Jason Laub
Chad McIntyre
Gregory McKinney
Marvin Ringgold
Charles Vienhage

Police Sergeants – Police Services Shift Leader

Gary Cartwright
Police Services Shift Leader

Police – 13 years

Gregory Wiley
Aircraft Services Specialist

Airport – 16 years

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

For sale by owner; bi-level, custom-built, brick and wood frame home. Sits on three acre wooded lot in exclusive southwest Springfield neighborhood with four fireplaces, four and a half bathrooms, six bedrooms, two decks, four living room areas and two formal dining rooms, two full kitchens, two laundry rooms and a two-car attached garage. Also has an attached, finished four-car garage with loft workshop. Owner asking $265,000, which is $34,000 less than real estate company would ask. Call Kathy at 619-5511 or 881-2591 to leave a message with call back number.

SERVICES

Babysitting at my house. Infants, toddlers, and school age children.

Please call Denise Heckenlively at: 763-9775. Certified for CPR, including infants.

Custom sewing of all types, and basic alterations. Call Lauren at 724-0097 after 4pm or leave a message.

Everyone deserves legal protection. With Legal Shield you have it. Everyone living under your roof is covered. For traffic tickets and accidents, Legal Shield will represent you in court and achieve the best options available to you. It’s included. You, your spouse and teenage drivers are all covered. Welcome to peace of mind. Visit www.legalsheild.com for more information. For City of Springfield employees it is only $15.95/mo.

Contact John for more information or to sign up. 861-0323.

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299-9034 | stephaniechase18@gmail.com

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Dan Dudley
   Katelyn Hayter
   Sheila High
   J. B. Lilley
   Monica Meador
   Robert Monier
   Jordan Polite

2 Jimmy Bench
   Melissa Boles
   Clayton Breashears
   Lewis Burgess
   Brady Dunagan
   Laura Henderson
   Ryan Howard
   Peggy Mahan
   David Stretch
   James Williams

3 Jeffrey Ferneau
   Jody Galloway
   Clay Goddard
   Jay Lisbeny
   Christopher Marsh
   Donald Nix
   Beverly Schmitz
   Dale Sokolik
   Anna Widener
   Daily Young

4 James Brown
   Vicky Brown
   Jason Denney
   Magdanela Hamaker
   Marvin Neumiller

5 Rebecca Conroy
   Charity Gray
   Benjamin King
   Brian Reeves

6 Charles Alexander
   Michael Hunsucker
   Aaron Jeffreys
   Kimberly Mahan
   Anita Powers
   Mark Sears

7 Jennifer Duzan
   Valerie Efland
   Mark Nelson
   Shawn Williams

8 Charles Arnold
   James Cox
   Chalene Fecht
   Scott Hill
   Francene Marchant
   Eric Shroyer
   Elizabeth Thompson

9 William Blevins
   Jason Strong

10 Mark Duncan
    John Waitman

11 Dwight Fast
    Timothy Griese
    Janice Hill
    Zachary Mueth
    Mary Newton
    Chad Ray
    Emily Sampson
    Steven Sharp
    Kyle Tjemeland

12 Jerrod Atpin
    Andrew Diers
    Katherine Dunneegan
    Brad Eddy
    Charles Kelley
    Nancy Mills
    Vanessa Morgan
    Andrea Pace
    Kent Shipley
    Corine Stewart

13 Jesse Blanton
    Marjorie Brown
    Ariel Buckley
    Claudia Crighton
    Jason Gabathuler

14 Mark Doty
    Ashleigh Lewis
    Mark Miller
    Sheila Samek
    Linda Westerman

15 Dorothy Hudson
    Jeffrey Martin
    John Matthews

16 Blake Beasley
    Stacey Blair
    Jonathan Blankenship
    Paula Brookshire
    Roy Hardy
    David Kenyon
    Clinton Ryan

17 Tim Gomas
    Eric Jones
    Michael Kuss
    Matthew Murphy

18 Derek Bischof
    Brett Dieckhoff
    Christian Gammon

19 Adam Rieker
    Kevin Trogdon
    Ryan Zinter

20 Eric Hawkins
    Nelson Kibby
    Vern Morgan
    Dennis Mork
    Sally Pennington
    De Ann Reynolds
    Todd Williams

21 Kelsey Haeger
    Earl McReynolds
    Gonzalo Medrano
    Bette Schutt
    Octavia White

22 Ric Buchanan
    Grant Dorrell
    Jubal Hicks
    Katherine Miller
    Rena Rippe
    Susan Urbina Rohrer
    Chris Walker

23 Ryan Acosta
    Pamela Bryant
    Justine Chastain
    Desiree Picou
    Robert Pitts
    Karen Powell
    Randie Shrum

24 Holly Bingham
    Joshua Ludwig
    Joshua Morrow
    Erin Palicki
    Kim Reser

25 Daniel Conklin
    Carolyn Heavin
    Kathy Highbe
    Blaine Pittman
    Randall Ragar
    Amanda Smith
    Elizabeth Suda

26 Dean Westermeyer

27 Cara Erwin
   Brian Olson
   McKenzie Morrow
   Benjamin Huelskamp
   Lennie Peterie
   Benjamin Rauch
   Linda Williams

28 Darrel Coney
   Donna Rivers
   Andrew Rues
   Lucas Sheets
   David Snider
   Randall Stevens

29 Teresa Newton
   Ryan Swearingin
SPD releases 2012 Uniform Crime Report

Springfield’s Uniform Crime Report (UCR) for 2012 has been completed. The year shows an overall rise in reported crime in Springfield of 2.39%.

The report also shows a 28.25% drop in theft from vehicles, helping fuel a negligible overall increase of .60% for all property crimes. There has been a 22.21% increase in crimes against persons in 2012.

According to the first six months of nationwide UCR data available from the FBI, increases in both violent crimes and property crimes were seen throughout the U.S.

“Springfield remains a safe place to live and work. We are confident that a majority of the increased crimes against persons are not due to random acts of violence, but are part of a larger issue of interpersonal relationships in which the participants are resorting to criminal acts against one another,” said Springfield Police Chief Paul Williams.

Property crime remains a major issue, and while we are solving more crimes each year, our overall goal is to work with the community to prevent these crimes from occurring in the first place.”

Aggravated Assaults: The increase in aggravated assaults are the result of domestic violence situations, and the Springfield Police Department has initiated meetings with the various domestic abuse service organizations in an effort to launch preventative measures to curb domestic abuse. SPD has also initiated enforcement efforts to address repeat domestic abuse offenders and is partnering with the Greene County Prosecutors Office on this front. The police department works to identify and target known repeat violent offenders, through “Operation Crossfire” and will continue to do so in 2013.

Rape: Reported rapes increased this year after declining in 2011.

“In 2012, we experienced a total that was also 25% above the five-year average for rapes in Springfield,” Williams said. “While these numbers are alarming, we do not see any trends pointing to any specific offenders, and in the majority of cases, the offender and victim knew each other.”

Robbery: The increase in this category has come primarily from robberies of commercial establishments such as retail stores, or fast food restaurants. Within those categories, SPD often sees situations where a shoplifting turns into a robbery as an employee is attempting to intervene and the suspect resorts to physical force against the employee. Most commercial establishments have rules and policies prohibiting employees from physically attempting to restrain or capture a suspect, and SPD encourages employees to follow those guidelines.

Springfield also experienced more residential robberies than last year. In many of these cases the suspects are targeting a specific house in hopes of locating drugs and/or cash associated from drug sales.

Theft from Vehicles: There was a significant drop in this category in part thanks to the SPD public education campaigns and signage (i.e., “Lock it to Stop it” and “Hide it, Lock it, Keep it”) and increased public awareness and cooperation has contributed to this decrease. Citizens can continue to see drops in this category by removing valuables from vehicles.

All other Thefts: A dramatic increase in shoplifting contributed to an overall increase in this category. The department investigated several out-of-state, organized shoplifting groups this past year as they moved through the region and SPD was able to present cases to the prosecutor on many of them. The Chief is hopeful the impact of these efforts will be felt throughout the year.

Burglary: There has been an overall increase in burglaries in Springfield, driven entirely by a large increase in daytime residential burglaries.

“We believe several different groups accounted for the majority of these types of burglaries and investigators have several cases that are pending review by the prosecutor’s office. We encourage citizens to keep their garage doors closed, doors locked, and have your newspaper and mail delivery stopped when out of town. Knowing your neighbors and calling 911 whenever something or someone appears out of the ordinary is essential to helping us combat this type of crime,” Williams said.

Diversity@Work

African American History month, first known as Negro History Week, was founded by Carter G. Woodson in 1926 and was expanded to a full month fifty years later in 1976 by President Ford. In tribute, this February we thought it would be interesting to look at some of the inventions African Americans have contributed throughout American history. Following is a quick look at the accomplishments of Missouri’s own, George Washington Carver:

George Washington Carver (1864 – 1943) One of the 20th century’s greatest scientists, George Washington Carver’s influence is still being felt today. Rising from slavery to become one of the world’s most honored and respected men, he devoted his life to understanding nature and developing multiple uses from simple plants. He is best known for developing crop-rotation methods for conserving nutrients in soil and discovering hundreds of new uses for various crops, such as the peanut. Carver’s experimental crop rotation methods using peanuts resulted in abundant crops for farmers. Carver went on to develop 925 different uses for the extra peanuts — from cooking oil to printer’s ink. When he discovered that the sweet potato and the pecan also enriched depleted soils, Carver found almost 20 uses for these crops, including synthetic rubber and material for paving highways.

Carver’s fame grew until he was invited to speak before the United States Congress and was consulted by titans of industry and invention. He continued constantly working with peanuts, sweet potatoes, and pecans trying to produce new products. He developed more than 300 products from the peanut (including Peanut Butter), 175 from the sweet potato, and 60 from the pecan.

Carver was named Man of the Year in 1940 by the International Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians and in 1990 he was inducted into The National Inventor’s Hall of Fame for his accomplishments. From humble and poor beginnings in Diamond Grove, Missouri, Carver’s genius and scientific contributions reshaped the landscape of our nation. Visit George Washington Carver Park in Springfield at 800 S. Belview!

To learn more about this heritage month, please visit africanamericanhistorymonth.gov.
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2012 Year in Photos
2012 was a busy, productive year for the City. From grand openings to community engagement events, creative media to record-breaking annual activities, there was something for just about everyone. Take a look at our 2012 Year in Review photo gallery on the homepage of springfieldmo.gov.

Community Leaders Address Unfunded Mandates
Representatives from City Council, Greene County Commission and the City Utilities Board agreed to endorse a plan to submit a letter and report to the Environmental Protection Agency and Missouri Department of Natural Resources. The letter and report, put together by a citizen task force convened by the Mayor, provides an estimate of the total potential cost to comply with anticipated unfunded environmental mandates, most of which are driven by federal requirements. Local officials think that sum could be $1 billion by the year 2030. More information is online at springfieldmo.gov.

Urban Forester Assists Art Museum with Historic Trees
Art Museum Director Nick Nelson and Public Works Urban Forester Casey Kellner are working together on a plan to properly care for and enhance the beauty of the large and historic trees gracing the grounds of the Museum. The facility, which is home to some 8,895 art objects, sits at the edge of Phelps Grove Park – a fixture in the storied neighborhood since 1958.

About 62 trees make up the property’s “urban forest,” but unfortunately 11 of those are considered diseased, in serious decline, dead or in danger of falling, causing a potential safety hazard. Four other trees are growing as underbrush and are in direct conflict with other planted trees.

Kellner is a certified arborist and a member of the City’s Public Works Department. She says the City’s commitment to hiring U.S. certified arborists and empowering the department with the tools to best care for over 15,000 public trees, 25 acres of landscaped street medians and parkways, and vegetation on 65 acres of city facilities and other properties throughout the city, illustrates the organization’s philosophy that trees are an important part of the City’s infrastructure.

Local tree education program wins prestigious award
The local Arbor Day Poster Contest has won the Arbor Day Gold Leaf Award of the Year from the Midwest Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture.

The Arbor Day Gold Leaf Award is designed to recognize an individual, organization, or community, for outstanding Arbor Day programs that has shown an impact over several years through special projects, ceremonies, news articles or observations with an Arbor Day theme.

The City of Springfield, Tree City USA Committee, City Utilities and the Missouri Community Forestry Council (MCFC) and the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) sponsor the annual contest, which has taught fifth graders about the importance of trees for the past 10 years.

For more information on the Springfield 5th Grade Arbor Day Poster Contest and Springfield Arbor Day Celebration, please call the Springfield Public Works Urban Forestry Office at 864-1135.

From the SCENE archives
10 years ago – February 2003
Vision 20/20 Update Announced
Mayor Tom Carlson announced plans to review and update the Vision 20/20 long-range plan. The initial Vision 20/20 community-driven planning process began in 1994 when hundreds of citizens volunteered to serve in focus groups to identify distinct visions, and develop goals and objectives in order to achieve them. This laid the groundwork for the actions and policies to implement them. Mayor Carlson stated “We cannot sway from our commitment to make Springfield the best it can be. We want to continue the partnerships – city and citizen, public and private, federal and local – to achieve together what none of us can do alone.”

20 years ago – February 1993
Court takes credit
On December 21, 1992, the Municipal Court began offering payment of fines through MasterCard or Visa which gives individuals a chance to take care of their fines the same day they appear in court.

Information Systems Director Jeff Coiner will be relieved once the CityReLink project is completed on April 29, ending his longest day.

What’s the one thing about you most people don’t know?
I was into vampires and monsters before it was cool.

What do you like most about your job?
I learn something new every day.

If they made a movie about your life, who would play you?
I am told it would be Ellen Page.

What makes you smile/cry?
The sound of rain/babies crying (Pixar shorts make me do both).

Who do you admire?
Maya Angelou, Angelina Jolie, Neil Degrasse Tyson and Louis CK.
Follow the Golden Goose

The Golden Goose is a fun and prestigious award that allows employees to recognize the outstanding, but often unnoticed, individual efforts of our coworkers and to promote a culture of teamwork and pride among all City employees. Each week, a traveling trophy (The Golden Goose) is presented from one employee to the next as a way to say “thank you” for your efforts and to recognize them for a job well done. GooseShepherd@springfieldmo.gov is then informed of the next participant so all City employees can follow it.

Here are the Rules:
1. You must present the Golden Goose to a fellow City employee in a different department, who has done an outstanding job helping you do your job.
2. You can only keep the Goose for one week, and then you have to give it away.
3. It is highly encouraged that you present the Goose in front of that person’s supervisor, at a staff meeting, or in a way that recognizes them publicly.
4. The Goose must be displayed in your work area for everyone to see. Accompanying the Goose will be a pin that you can wear all week.
5. A log book will document the travels of the Goose. As the Goose moves on, you must list WHO you are presenting it to and WHY. When you give the Goose, please send an e-mail to GooseShepherd@springfieldmo.gov stating to whom you are presenting the Goose and why.

Where has it been this month?

Dear Goose Shepherd:

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Executive Secretary to the Chief of Police

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Nicole Magis
Springfield

SFD Emergency Vehicle Technician Shaun Sigrest was named Fire Chief Magazine’s Vehicle Technician of the Year at the FDOSA Apparatus Maintenance Symposium in Florida.

Sigrest was selected from a highly qualified group of applicants for this year’s award.

Sigrest is certified as both ASE Master Truck and Master EVT levels and is also a member of the IAFC Emergency Vehicle Management Section and the Heartland Emergency Apparatus Technicians (HEAT) based out of Kansas City.

Visit firechief.com/maintenance-amp-repair/meet-fire-chiefs-evt-year for more information and video.

Sharon Smith was the first ever recipient of the Golden Goose award. The goose began its rounds Jan. 8, 2013.

Alex Kallman, City-Wide Awards & Recognition Coordinator

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