According to his friends and co-workers, John Bradford never would have wanted this much attention for doing the job he loved – caring for and making life better for the elephants at Dickerson Park Zoo.

“He wasn’t in it for the glory, which is probably why he was such a good manager,” said Zookeeper Jackson Thompson. “John was a true conservationist. His life’s work was saving these animals from extinction. He was always so good to them.”

Described as humble and reserved, yet fun and very intelligent, Bradford leaves an impressive legacy at Dickerson Park Zoo.

After working at what was then Exotic Animal Paradise and the Humane Society of Missouri, Bradford joined the zoo in 1983 as a zookeeper. In 1990, he became a veterinary technician and worked his way up to senior zookeeper and elephant manager in 2007.

Bradford helped create the zoo’s elephant breeding program, which resulted in the world’s first artificially inseminated elephant birth there (Haji) in 1999. The program was the recipient of the 1997 Edward H. Bean Award from the Association of Zoos and Aquariums.

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- Zookeeper Jackson Thompson

Bradford’s tribute wall at www.dietrichfuneralhome.com is filled with messages from colleagues at zoos across the country. “John was extremely well-respected by other zoos for his expertise with elephants,” said zoo Public Relations/Marketing Director Melinda Arnold. “He often helped other zoos start their breeding programs. We’ve had an overwhelming outpouring of support from zoos nationwide.”

While the zoo was Bradford’s second home, co-workers also characterize him as a family man who was devoted to his nieces and nephews in the St. Louis area. He is also survived by two sisters and a brother.

“He really loved his family and the family farm in Festus that he grew up on,” Thompson said. “He was always excited to see his nieces and nephews.”

A die-hard St. Louis Cardinals fan, Bradford loved going to games.
Hints from the Help Desk

Easily resize desktop icons in Windows 7

Hold down your Ctrl key and use the scroll wheel on your mouse to easily resize Windows 7 desktop icons.

(Hint – resize your icons first and then place them where you want them on the desktop to avoid them from moving around.)

Who can you share your password with?

- Supervisor
- Co-worker
- Nobody

Easily resize desktop icons in Windows 7

Simply stated, it's a tax on out-of-state purchases.

What is the rate? It is equal to sales tax rate.

Greene County's rate is 1.25 percent. The City of Springfield and State of Missouri already have Use Taxes.

The Use Tax does not change the sales tax rate and does not add any cost to purchases made in Missouri, including Springfield and Greene County.

The Use Tax will:

- Level the play field for local businesses, who must charge more tax than out-of-state competitors.
- Restore tax on out-of-state vehicle sales, which was suspended by a recent court ruling.
- Prevent cuts in vital services provided by Greene County.

Greene County faces an uncertain financial future without additional general revenue. Please study the issue carefully and exercise your right to vote on Nov. 5.

The Use Tax is listed as “Proposition A” and is the only issue on the ballot.
Fire marshals participate in Bomb Suit 5K, staff provide outreach during Fire Prevention Month

**Fire Marshal Phil Noah** (pictured left, on the right) and Greene County Deputy Jim Stanley won first place in the Bomb Suit relay race that was part of the 2nd annual Kansas/Missouri Bomb Tech Working Group’s Bomb Suite 5K Race in October.

Noah and fellow **Fire Marshal Kevin Binam** (pictured below) also took first in the individual category.

Bomb techs from Kansas, Missouri and Overland Park, including FBI personnel, participated in the event, which benefits the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Wounded Warrior Project and the Bomb Tech Memorial Fund.

**Fire departments team up to replace smoke alarm batteries Oct. 5**

Continuing with a regional approach to fire safety, fire departments in Springfield, Battlefield and Nixa replaced smoke alarm batteries throughout those cities during a neighborhood canvass on Oct. 5. This year, Battery Outfitters of Springfield donated 2,000 9-volt batteries for smoke alarms and employees assisted firefighters during the canvass.

“Oct. 6-12 is Fire Prevention Week and we couldn’t think of a better time to go door to door replacing batteries and educating our citizens about fire safety,” said Assistant Chief Whitney Weaver with the Nixa Fire Protection District. Firefighters and employees from Battery Outfitters went door to door in Springfield, Battlefield and Nixa on Saturday, Oct. 5 offering to replace smoke alarm batteries.

A properly installed and maintained smoke alarm is the only thing in your home that can alert you and your family to a fire 24 hours a day, seven days a week. A working smoke alarm doubles your chances of surviving a deadly home fire.

**Local restaurant donates $12,000 fire safety tool to Fire Department**

The Springfield Fire Department will now be able to train countless residents on how to properly use a fire extinguisher, thanks to a donation from a local restaurant, Firehouse Subs. The Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation donated a laser-driven fire extinguisher training system, worth more than $11,500 to the Springfield Fire Department.

This training tool is a huge asset for the Department, allowing instructors to provide life-saving training in a real-world and exciting way. While the department hopes residents never need to use a fire extinguisher, this training will provide participants with the knowledge to limit damage and potentially prevent injuries and save lives.

Springfield Art Museum launches crowdfunding campaign to permanently reunite Crenshaws

In July, the Springfield Art Museum reunited a husband-and-wife pair of portraits – L.A.D. and Fanny Crenshaw – by artist George Caleb Bingham after a century-long separation. Now, the museum wants to permanently reunite the couple via a crowdfunding campaign to purchase the portrait of L.A.D., which is currently on loan to the museum from Rachael Cozad Fine Art in Kansas City. Both portraits are hanging side-by-side in the “Creating an American Identity” exhibition.

The museum has raised more than $30,000 toward the $45,000 purchase price and has set a goal of raising $10,000 within 45 days using CauseMomentum.org, a crowdfunding platform developed by the Community Foundation of the Ozarks. Find the project at www.causemomentum.org/projects/crenshaw. All donations are tax deductible.

“The crowdfunding model seemed perfect for this acquisition,” **Museum Director Nick Nelson** said. “The museum’s art collection is the community’s art collection. We hope that this campaign will not only provide funding to get the painting, but will provide everyone participating with a sense of ownership of the Museum’s collection. We hope the museum’s art collection can serve as a point of civic pride.”

Major gifts to the acquisition have been made by the Southwest Missouri Museum Associates (Smma), the McQueary Family, and Friends of the Springfield Art Museum (Fosam). The Museum launched fundraising efforts via Cause Momentum Nov. 1 and will host a reception and check presentation recognizing SmmA and other donors from 5:30-7 p.m., Nov. 14 at the museum.

Attendees will be able to contribute to the campaign that evening as well. Those interested in participating can donate anywhere from $1 to $1,000 or more toward the acquisition at www.causemomentum.org/projects/crenshaw.

“These are significant paintings for so many reasons,” says Sarah Buhr, Springfield Art Museum curator of art. “They are historically significant as portraits of Springfield’s first settlers and early city leaders. We hope this installation will give the Crenshaws time to ‘catch up’ from their century-long separation.”
MILESTONES

25 years
James Webb
Project Specialist II
Planning and Development – 11/20/1988

20 years
Kevin Gipson
Director of Public Health & Welfare
Health – 11/1/1993
Louie Morrow
Facilities Specialist
Public Works – 11/22/1993

15 years
Michael Vasso
911 Shift Supervisor
Emergency Communications – 11/2/1998

10 years
Darrel Coney
Police Officer
Ryan Zinter
Harry Owen
Firefighters
Fire – 11/5/2003

5 years
Matthew Roberts
Network Manager

Welcome
Shelby Sears
Community Health Nurse – Health

Ralph Goddard
Marc Becker
Rescue & Salvage Specialists
Fire – 11/3/2003
Jason Emory
Aircraft Services Specialist
Airport – 11/3/2003
Christina Flood
Police Corporal
Police – 11/16/2003
Melvin Waldron
Golf Course Superintendent
Parks – 11/17/2003
Pamela Houston
Custodian
Parks – 11/17/2003
James Dryer
Equipment Technician
Airport – 11/29/2003

Promotions
Patrick Myers
Community Recreation Supervisor – Parks
Timothy Allen
David Eckman
Brian Fick
Dana Hilton
Devon Keene
John Lindquist
Adam Mariage
Tyler Nevins
Tyler Pool
Thomas Shaw
Spencer Thompson
Jeffrey Weeks
Brady Yates
Firefighters – Fire
Bonnie Fassero
911 Telecommunicator
Michael Marshall
Building Maintenance Craftworker – Public Works
Steven Gusa
Ice Park Operations Coordinator – Parks

Retirements
Benjamin King
Police Captains – Police
Kevin Houseman
Airport Police Supervisor – Airport
James Williams
Public Grounds Maintenance Supervisor – Public Works

Jerry Bullinger
Project Specialist Planning and Development – 24 years
Wayne Woods
Police Officer – Police

Follow the GOLDEN GOOSE

Each week, the Golden Goose is presented from one City employee to another as a way to say “thank you” and recognize fellow employees for a job well done.

Rules of the Goose:
1. Present the Golden Goose to a fellow City employee in a different department.
2. You can only keep the Goose for one week.
3. It is highly encouraged that you present the Goose 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. When you give the Goose trophy, please send an e-mail to GooseShepherd@springfieldmo.gov stating to whom you are presenting the Goose and why.

I would like to give the Golden Goose to Randy Villines of the Fire Department. Randy has been my main contact for the fire accreditation project. This project has involved making hundreds of GIS maps. For a period of time I was on the phone with Randy every day with questions regarding map details. Randy was always happy to answer my questions or stop by my desk if I asked him to. I was grateful for Randy’s helpfulness on a project of this size.

Aaron Manuel
GIS Specialist

Now that I have had a week to bask in the glory of proudly displaying the Golden Goose in my office, it only took a millisecond for me to decide on the person I’d most like to give the bird to. Steve Meyer has always reached out to the Fire Department with a helping hand. Whether dealing with the headache of smoke-testing sewers being reported as house fires or his office saving the day to drain a basement full of water in order for fire marshals to complete and investigation, he is a true professional and an asset to the City. Thanks, Steve!

Assistant Fire Chief Randy Villines
Traditional French Dining Room Set; eight chairs (including two captain chairs), rectangular table and three section China hutch. Chairs are covered with cream colored satin in pristine condition. Dining set is darker wood with curved legs. Originally cost $2,300, asking $500 for all. Would make a great Christmas or wedding gift. Call Kathy at 619-5511 days or 881-2591 evenings.

movies, but was known to walk out before the end if one bored him. He was an avid hunter and kept up with technology in his professional life and his personal life.

“He was always the first to have the cool new tech stuff, like the iPhone, and was always researching better ways to do things for the animals,” said Zookeeper Lee Hart. “He was so innovative. There was always something to learn from him.”

Zookeeper Melissa Dickson, who worked with Bradford for nearly 30 years, said his favorite elephant was the zoo’s first, Ol’ C.C. She died in 2010 at the age of 61.

She added that Bradford’s, and other zookeepers’ fascination with elephants stems from their intelligence and ability to interact with humans.

“It’s estimated that elephants have the intelligence of a 4- or 5-year-old human,” she said.

Thompson agreed adding, “Elephants can answer back to you. They let you know when you’re not feeling well, when they’re excited and happy.”

“I love working with them,” added Hart. “Aside from the fact that they’re the largest land animals, there is a definite satisfaction knowing that we’re helping a species that is so magnificent, yet so fragile.”

Hart said that Bradford loved conducting behind-the-scenes tours at the zoo to educate the public about elephants.

“John could turn your everyday zoo guest into an ambassador for elephants everywhere,” he said.

Dickson said the zoo won’t be the same without Bradford, but she knows that he would have wanted his co-workers to continue researching and caring for the elephants.

“A common saying in our area these days is ‘What would John do?’,” Dickson said.
Brenneman named Environmental Public Health Specialist of the Year

Public Health Investigator Lisa Brenneman was named Environmental Public Health Specialist of the Year by the Missouri Environmental Health Association at its annual statewide conference in early October.

Brenneman performs a wide variety of duties for the Health Department. She maintains a large territory of food establishments in the city and county, inspects pools, teaches food safety classes and handles document control. She also developed the recall notification list for 1,400 food establishments, organizing a distribution list of contacts through e-mail, faxes and phone numbers. She spearheaded a movement to develop mass gathering guidelines for large outdoor gatherings in remote areas with limited access to water and sewer and many challenges in food safety.

In 2011, Lisa volunteered her time with the Joplin tornado cleanup, visiting restaurants to verify food salvage procedures.

“Lisa is a go-to person in our team of nine inspectors,” said Karen Prescott, Environmental Health administrator. “If you need help gathering statistics or creating charts and graphs, then Lisa is the person you look for. She is detail-oriented and enjoys researching areas of food safety. She is patient and calm, and works through any situation at hand. She is a highly valued member of our team and a great asset.”

Committees present last 3 Field Guide 2030 chapters

City Council and the Greene County Commission heard reports from the last three Field Guide 2030 committees – Global Perspectives & Diversity, Public Safety and Recreation & Leisure – Oct. 22 at Historic City Hall. Field Guide 2030 is the community’s strategic plan.

The guide contains 13 chapters with four unifying themes – sustainability, civic engagement, regionalism and minimizing poverty – that address the most pressing issues in our community at this time. To learn more about Field Guide 2030, visit www.fieldguide2030.com.

Marty selected for MSU Wall of Fame

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Marty served as vice president for administrative and information services, and later as associate vice president for administrative services. Marty used his U.S. Army experience to facilitate campus master planning for all three Missouri State campuses, improve facilities and resource management, increase security measures and implement great change. During his three years as West Plains chancellor, he initiated the development of a one-stop shop for student services. The Wall of Fame is located outside the ballroom on the third floor of Plaster Student Union.

10 years ago – November 2003

SFD and Lowe’s Team Up

More than 950 smoke alarms were donated by the Lowe’s Heroes Program. The alarms will be installed free of charge by the Fire Department as part of its Free Smoke Alarm Program. This program has been attributed to saving at least 3 lives in the past year, according to Assistant Fire Chief Barry Rowell.

“It’s amazing to realize the number of residents who do not have a working smoke detector.”

20 years ago – November 1993

“Queen City One” to be Presented to Sister City

A signed and numbered print of the “Queen City One” was presented by Fire Captain Jim Cottengim to Mayor “Mac” McCartney.

Mayor McCartney will then present the print to the Mayor of Iseasaki, Japan later this month. Captain Cottengim painted the original “Queen City One” on a canvas that was formerly a fire lifenet.

This canvas is on display at City Hall, next to the Fire Department’s administrative offices. The “Queen City One” and the north Springfield “Rogers” were horse-drawn steam-powered pumps which went into service as the City’s first fire engines. They were used by the City until the 1930’s and had the capacity to pump 700 gallons of water per minute.

Do You Know...?

A Q&A of City of Springfield employees. To suggest a colleague for “Do You Know...?”, e-mail thescene@springfieldmo.gov.

Paul Byer
Park Ranger

What is the most important thing people should know about you?
I am a firm believer in “family first.”

What is your earliest memory?
Putting bubble gum in a girl’s hair in kindergarten.

What was the happiest day of your life?
Marrying my wife of 25 years.

What did you want to be when you grew up?
A police officer.

What do you like most about your job?
Interacting with people and solving problems.

What was your first car?

What is your favorite thing to cook?
Enchiladas.

The SCENIC Route

As part of his Thanksgiving tradition, Building Development Director Chris Straw volunteers at the big box homeless camps.

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To: Public Health Investigators  
Erica Little & Justin Ray

Thanks so much for all of your help with Taste of Springfield and being at the event on Saturday, in the rain! We ended up with all the restaurants showing up and we had hungry participants enjoying the delicious food, even in the rain. We enjoy working with you and appreciate your help with all of our events.

Thanks,
Barb Baker  
Community Improvement District Manager  
Urban Districts Alliance

To: Environmental Services, the Park Board and the Botanical Center

Wow, what a fantastic day you made for the homeschooler audience who joined us for the Earth Stewardship Fair for Homeschoolers, “Harvests & Habitats” at the Botanical Center yesterday! We estimate over 200 people passed through our activities, exhibits, and presentations over the course of the day. You are one of Springfield’s treasures and I am honored to shout that to the rooftops! Please share our outpouring of thanks and respect for the wonderful work you do to educate people about the world around us. Our biggest thanks are owed to Katie Steinhoff, Botanical Center coordinator extraordinaire, who made sure all things worked and every- one’s needs were met.

Warm regards with much appreciation,
Celeste Prussia  
Missouri State University  
Biology Department

To: Fire Chief David Hall

Just a quick note to offer a huge THANK YOU for the offer to send Branson Fire Rescue personnel to the Positive Pressure Ventilation Training last week. We were a little short-staffed to get a crew member there each day, however, Captain Ben Bonner and I were able to attend the presentation on Friday morning. Captain Cardin welcomed us on the training grounds, he did a spectacular job presenting the training – from a safety walk around, to program goals, accountability, and the list goes on. He presented a great training that will benefit our community as well as enhance firefighter safety. We also enjoyed the opportunity to see your burn building and the huge cost-benefit it has for your department. Hopefully in the near future we may be able to fund, build, and use the same training prop here in our community. I think this note should also brag on the entire Springfield FD crew on duty at the training site. They welcomed two strangers on-site (one of them being a fire chief in a white helmet) and integrated us right into their crews allowing us to work and train right along with them. Several of the fire personnel opened dialogue with us and that afforded great discussion as we continue to focus on improving services provided by our departments.

Thanks again!
Chief Ted Martin  
Branson Fire Rescue

To: Heather Ferrier, Animal Control

Thank you for your compassionate understanding and superb professionalism. I was sick when you called to inform me of Peanut being housed at the animal shelter. But after our many conversations, you truly put my guilty conscience at ease. I know you will find her the perfect loving home and this means the world to me. I thought she was provided with a safe and happy environment with her new owner, but sadly, I was wrong. I know that you will be her guardian angel and Peanut will have the family she deserves. I will send her information as soon as possible.

Sincerely,
Jeri Stapp  
Springfield

To: Charles Jackson, Airport

This is to recognize a staff member, John Habibi. I will forever be grateful to him for his immediate and thorough response when my checked bag did not come off the plane (Allegiant Air, LAS to SGF, 10/7/2013). John quickly checked every possibility at SGF ascertained that I had checked in at LAS in plenty of time for my luggage to have made it to the plane, filled out a formal report and checked with LAS. The next day he called to tell me that my bag had been located at LAS and would be sent to my home via FedEx. John Habibi deserves special credit for his promptness, courtesy, persistence and overall excellence in customer service. Thank you again; I am most appreciative.

Sincerely,
Kathryn D. Mikrut  
Flippin, Ark.

To: Police Chief Paul Williams

I had the pleasure of attending the Stop the Violence conference today, and wanted to thank you for your leadership around this issue in our community. In addition to teaching at MSU I have a very small nonprofit called the Conflict and Communication Center of the Ozarks, and, as part of that work I facilitate a domestic violence class in Greene County Jail for the female inmates there. I typically feel very isolated in this part of my work, and so today’s conference was so energizing – to be in the midst of so many who confront this issue in our community, and it was also so heartening to see your leadership and to know that our police department is actively working to educate itself and the community around this problem.

Thank you again!
Caryn E. Saxon  
Missouri State University  
Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice
2014 Open Enrollment Meeting Schedule
No Pre-registration Required
All meetings will be held in the Busch Building, 4th floor conference room.

Health Plan Open Enrollment Meetings
Learn about the new opportunity to enroll eligible dependents for coverage to begin January 1, 2014.

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AFLAC Open Enrollment Meetings
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Deadline for 2014 enrollment for any of these benefits is 5 p.m., November 22nd!