‘Giving Big’ theme for 2014 United Way campaign

“Giving Big,” is the theme for the City of Springfield’s 2014 United Way campaign, and the Employee Activities Committee hopes that the additional fundraisers planned will inspire employees to do just that.

The City is the third-largest donor to the local chapter of the United Way, said United Way of the Ozarks Director of Resource Development Shellie Jones.

Last year, City employees donated $104,652 via individual pledges and $8,494 via fundraising activities for a total gift of $113,146. This year, the goal is to collect at least $118,803.

“Special events generate a lot of interest from employees, so we wanted to extend the United Way campaign this year by spreading it out over eight weeks,” said Finance Director Mary Mannix-Decker, who helps coordinate the City’s annual United Way campaign. “We’ll keep the traditional department fundraising activities such as BDS’ bake sale, Public Works’ ice cream social, Finance’s ‘Tower of Tickets,’ and IS’ ‘Split the Pot,’ but we’re adding some City-wide fundraising events that should blend really well with what we’ve traditionally done at the City to raise money for the United Way.”

The Employee Activities Committee, along with the Department of Public Information, is spearheading the City-wide fundraising events, which will include the Employee Walking/Running Challenge Sept. 15-26; a “Support Your Team,” fundraiser, in which employees will donate to the United Way in exchange for wearing their favorite fan gear Sept. 29-Oct. 3 and enjoy a tailgate party on Oct. 3; the Silent Auction Oct. 20-24; and a Tricycle Drag Race between members of City Council and CU leaders, date TBD.

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### Tim Smith sworn in as Deputy City Manager

Former Greene County Administrator Tim Smith joined the City of Springfield Aug. 25 as deputy city manager.

A former stormwater engineer, Smith’s key duties include the completion of an integrated plan proposal for meeting environmental standards. He will provide direction to the departments of Building Development Services, Public Works, Planning and Development, Environmental Services, Information Systems, Parks & Recreation and the Office of Emergency Management departments.

Smith comes to the City from Greene County.

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#### Do You Know?
- **Golden Goose**
  - See who got the award last month.

#### Be Civil Be Heard
- Speak out with courage
- Express yourself with honor and conviction.

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**Day of Caring 2014**

Find out what City employees did to help others on Aug. 21.

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**Volunteers needed for Partners in Ed event**

The 25th annual Partners in Education “Treasures of the City” will be Tuesday Oct. 7. The Public Information Department is looking for volunteers to help with this night of learning for Springfield third-graders.

The night begins at 4:30 p.m. with a pizza dinner and is typically done by 8:30 p.m. If you would like to volunteer, contact Nii Abrahams at 864-1118 or nabrahams@springfieldmo.gov.

**Fall Family Fun Sept. & Oct. at Rutledge-Wilson Farm**

Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park’s annual Fall Fest opens Saturday, Sept. 20, kicking off six weekends of fall-themed family fun at Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park, 3825 W. Farm Rd. 146. Meander through the corn maze, pick your own pumpkin, and more Saturdays, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., and Sundays, noon-6 p.m., through Oct. 26. Admission is free, but some activities have a small fee.

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2014 United Way goal: $118,103

United Way events will appear each week in the Monday Morning Announcements. As in years past, United Way pledge cards will be distributed to the departments by their department heads.

After the United Way campaign concludes, focus will turn to funding the Employee Crisis Fund, which has already helped at least two employees.

Currently, the crisis fund balance is low and the committee is seeking donations.

The Employee Activities Committee is planning an Employee Bazaar Nov. 6-7 and a used book sale in January. Proceeds from book sales and from booth space rented to bazaar vendors will benefit the crisis fund. Employees interested in participating in the bazaar should contact Kara Daniel in Purchasing for a registration form. Employees interested in contributing to the crisis fund may send a check or cash to Finance. Checks should be made out to City of Springfield Employee Crisis Fund.

About the Employee Crisis Fund

City employees are often the first to step forward to help their fellow co-workers in times of crisis. That generous spirit led the creation of an Employee Crisis Fund in 2014. The fund provides an avenue for employees to give to other employees in need, and for those in need to seek assistance.

The Employee Crisis Fund is held in a bank account, separated from City funds and managed and audited by the City’s Finance Department. Recipients must be current active employees who are experiencing a one-time crisis. It is not meant to replace other avenues of assistance, but can serve as an immediate form of help in times of urgent need.

The decision on dispersing funds will be determined through an application process where the employee or grantee’s eligibility, needs, and circumstances.

An Employee Crisis Fund Committee appointed by the City Manager and coordinated by the Department of Public Information oversees the application process.

How does it work?

An application must be completed by the employee or designee. The application remains confidential and requires specific information to determine if the applicant qualifies. The application is reviewed by the Committee to determine if the applicant qualifies.

Hints from the Help Desk

How to view multiple Excel worksheets at the same time

1. Open the workbook or workbooks that contain the worksheets that you want to view at the same time.
2. Do one of the following:
   • If the worksheets that you want to view are in the same workbook:
     1. Click a worksheet that you want to view.
     2. On the View tab, in the Window group, click New Window.
     3. Repeat steps 1 and 2 for each sheet that you want to view.
   • If the worksheets that you want to view are in different workbooks, continue with step 3.
3. On the View tab, in the Window group, click Arrange All.
4. Under Arrange, click the option that you want.
5. To view sheets only in the active workbook, select the Windows of active workbook check box.

Tip: To restore a workbook window to full size, click Maximize Button image at the upper-right corner of the workbook window.
Day of Caring 2014

Successful Route 66 Festival showcases community pride

by Cora Scott
Director of Public Information & Civic Engagement

When I saw someone use the hashtag #westaritedall with a photo of the Route 66 Festival concert in the Square, I did a little dance. She was referring to the fact that Springfield is the Birthplace of Route 66.

The hashtag, which is a symbol used in social media to identify messages on a specific topic, can illustrate a theme that is in the hearts and minds of a group of people. #westaritedall carried with it a sense of community pride. And that is exactly what we are trying to build in our city. There are so many things about our community to be proud of, and Springfield’s heritage of being the Birthplace of Route 66 is just one of them.

About 2,200 people came down to Park Central Square for the free concert the city simulcast from the Gillioz Theatre. It was the last event of a jam-packed two-day festival. Mark Bilyeu and Cindy Woolf, Powder Mill and the Ozark Mountain Daredevils all performed to a sold-out crowd of 1,000 in the Gillioz. Their generosity in allowing us to broadcast their performances, at no cost, was phenomenal.

This came after about 400 people attended the dedication of the Birthplace of Route 66 Roadside Park and 250 at a “drive-in” movie Friday night, followed by 4,000 spectators venturing downtown throughout the day Saturday to check out some very cool classic cars and learn more about Springfield’s connection to the Mother Road.

Organizers were overwhelmed in a good way by the outpouring of support of this festival. The recurring message I continue to get from folks is “What are you doing next year and how are you going to top it?”

We don’t know yet, but we are open to suggestions. Please visit the city’s new Web site at Springfieldmo.gov and click on the “Share your ideas” button on the home page. Here, you can create an initiative under the “Community Activity Ideas” category to provide us your input.

You may have other ideas for economic development, neighborhood enhancements, environment, or quality of life improvements. There are plenty of ways to participate in helping shape your community.

To reach me directly with your ideas, feel free to email me at cscott@springfieldmo.gov or call 417-864-1009. I hope to see you next August at the festival!
**MILESTONES**

**30 years**
Jonathan Chamberlin  
Community Recreation Coordinator  
Parks – 9/24/1984

**25 years**
Steve Mincks  
Airfield Maintenance Worker  
Airport – 9/10/1989

**20 years**
Grant Dorrell  
Police Lieutenant  
Police – 9/26/1994
Ben King  
Police Captain  
Police – 9/26/1994
Patrick Haenni  
Thomas Luellen  
Randall Ragar  
Todd King  
Bryan DiSylvester  
Police Sergeants  
Police – 9/26/1994
David Stretch  
Christopher Johns  
Jonathon Bartel  
Mark Riggin  
Police Officers  
Police – 9/26/1994
Steven Hosiner  
Robert McPhail  
Market McDowell  
Police Corporals  
Police – 9/26/1994
Scott Lambeth  
Rescue & Salvage Specialist  
Fire – 9/11/1994

**15 years**
Robin Allen  
Airport Customer Service Representative  
Airport – 9/27/1999

**10 years**
Thomas Dyer  
GIS Analyst  
Buddy Hubbard  
Building Maintenance Craftsworker  
Public Works – 9/7/2004
Lisa Harley  
Administrative Assistant  
City Clerk – 9/7/2004
Charles Alexander  
Police Officer  
Police – 9/7/2004
Robin Funkhouser  
Custodian  
Parks – 9/20/2004
Sterling Jones  
Craftsworker  
Public Works – 9/20/2004
Roger Evans  
Building Maintenance Worker  
Public Works – 9/27/2004

**5 years**
Justin Shaffer  
Maintenance Worker  
Environmental Services – 9/12/2009

**FOR SALE**

- **FREE** sand to give away to anyone who wants to pick it up. I recently have turned my son’s old LARGE sandbox into a garden. There is at least one ton of sand available. Call 880-1139.

- Full length mink coat, honey brown color, and also an opera shawl mink coat the same color. Both were purchased at McDaniel Furriers-Springfield. Asking $300 for full length and $50 for shawl.

- Full length black fox coat and also a hip length black fox coat purchased at McDaniel’s. Asking $200 for the full length and $150 for the hip length. All coats kept in air-conditioning, in excellent condition. Call Kathy at 619-5511.

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- Lift Chair for sale. Was over $2500 new, asking $550. Text 417-830-8236 and I will call you back.

- **WELCOME TO THE CITY**

**Retirements**
Caryn McAdoo  
Public Health Program Representative  
Health – 18 years
Artie Monier  
Wastewater Sludge Truck Operator  
Environmental Services – 34 years
James Rushing  
Building Maintenance Craftsworker  
Public Works – 22 years
Nancy Weems  
Accounting Technician  
Workforce Development – 25 years

**Promotions**
Melissa Dickson  
Senior Keeper – Parks
Chad Eutsler  
Police Lieutenant – Police
Mark Schindler  
Police Sergeant – Police
Teresa Stevens  
Office Administrator – Human Resources

**Welcome**
Paul Duffy  
Street & Sewer Construction Inspector  
Public Works
Lisl Hufford  
Zoo Keeper – Parks
Zhuoqun Amanda Livingston  
Accounting Services Representative  
Workforce Development
Madeline Tate  
Police Services Representative – Police

**James White**  
Equipment Operator II  
Public Works – 38 years
SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Paul Duffy  PW
Savanna Gann  PRK
Rick Garner  BPS
Riley Grinnell  PW
Nathan Haire  PW
Joshua Harrison  PRK
Tristin Jackson  PW
Clint Musser  PW
Teresa Wells  PW

2 Charles Cullen  PRK
Eric Schroeder  PW
William Shoge  PRK
Kevin Stephens  PW
Joshua McMullin  PRK
Doug Stone  PW

3 Chris Bersted  PRK
Samuel Gipson  PW
Sterling Jones  PW
Nancy Laursen  PRK
Jennifer Meloy  PW
Logan Miller  PW
Zane Schmeeckle  PRK

4 Brian Adams  PW
David Eckman  PW
Leree Mays  PW
Daniel Miller  PW
William Newlon  PW
Jeff Volker  PW
William Walters  PW
Scottie Wilson  PW

5 Kristine Duncan  PRK
Ken Harmon  PW
Rebekah McTeer  PW
Alex O’Quinn  PW
Kelly Patton  PW
Sara Vieira  PW
Jeff Volker  PW
William Walters  PW
Scottie Wilson  PW

6 Brian Adams  PW
David Eckman  PW
Leree Mays  PW
Daniel Miller  PW
William Newlon  PW
James Rayle  PW
Lauren Smith  PW
Earlene Adams  PW
Grant Beezley  PW
Kenneth Browning  PW
Paul Buescher  PW
Tony D’Andrea  PW
Michael Flowers  PW
Robin Funkhouser  PW
Vickie Lancaster  PW
Jacob Miller  PW
Eric Rogers  PW
Joseph Seastrom  PW
Katherine Sistrunk  PW
William Sistrunk  PW
Charles Steele  PW
Brenda Walter  PW
Jamie Williams  PW

7 Melissa Barton  PW
Andrew Clark  PW
Miguel Franco  PW
Dayton Graves  PW
James Jordan  PRK
Rhonda Lewis  PRK
Christopher Mann  PRK
Nichole Plowman  PRK
Matthew Robinson  PRK
Phillip Rolewicz  PRK
Sarah Buckley  PRK
Hank Hopkins  PRK
Glenda Hudson  PRK
Audra Marion  PRK
Terry Pearcey  PRK
Malissa Peters  PRK
Lance Scott  PRK
Eric Wester  PRK

8 Penny Holmes  PRK
Leah Kidwell  PRK
Laura Whiffen  PRK
Sheena Seeber  PRK
James Smith  PRK
John Smith  PRK

9 Jamie Williams  PRK
Eric Rogers  POL
Jacob Miller  POL
Vickie Lancaster  PRK
Robin Funkhouser  PRK
Michael Flowers  PRK
Paul Buescher  AIR
Sandra Wilson  POL
Brian Thompson  FR
Zane Schmeeckle  PRK

10 Brenda Walter  HL
Charles Steele  PRK
Katherine Sistrunk  PRK
Joseph Seastrom  PRK
Jamie Williams  PRK
Eric Rogers  POL
Jacob Miller  POL
Vickie Lancaster  PRK
Robin Funkhouser  PRK
Michael Flowers  PRK
Paul Buescher  AIR
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Brian Thompson  FR
Zane Schmeeckle  PRK

11 Thomas Beckenholt  PRK
David Hatch  PRK
Amanda Landolt  PRK
Natalie Oberbeck  PRK
David Pratt  PRK
Casey Quinn  PRK
Reggie Roepke  PRK
James Sieber  PRK
Nicki Woods  PRK

12 Thomas Beckenholt  PRK
David Hatch  PRK
Amanda Landolt  PRK
Natalie Oberbeck  PRK
David Pratt  PRK
Casey Quinn  PRK
Reggie Roepke  PRK
James Sieber  PRK
Nicki Woods  PRK

13 Dustin Gainer  PRK
Sandy Goddard  PRK
Cody Helvey  PRK
Jessica Hendrix  PRK
Barbara Jones  PRK
David Manes  PRK
Alma Price  PRK
Lisa Schlientz  PRK

14 James Felin  PRK
Amy Fritz  PRK
Tasia Hatz  PRK
Andrea Kendrick  PRK
Lisa Lee  PRK
Carolyn Milne  PRK
Jenelle Smith  PRK
Robin Thomas  PRK
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15 Dana Brandt  PRK
Lucas Dean  PRK
Jason Dill  PRK
Stacey Laney  PRK
Susan McLeod  PRK
Phillip Robinson  PRK
Nikki Sullins  PRK
Timothy Wartick  PRK

16 Shevelle Clair  AIR
Thomas Killion  AIR
Brandy Osborn  AIR
Austin Sanders  AIR
Patricia Schuman  AIR
Lana Shoemaker  AIR
Jessica Sobieralski  AIR
Albert Tiller  AIR

17 Nellie Ball  PW
Roger Chism  PW
Kimberly Moore  PW
Amy Werland  PW

18 Phoebe Egessah  AIR
Gabrielle Garrison  AIR
Cassi Hilton  AIR
Dennis McMan  AIR
Jack Stinson  AIR
Nicolas Waldron  AIR
Sharon Winklepleck  AIR
Sheryl Worrell  AIR

19 John Knoth  PW
Clinton Laws  PW
Adam Meador  PW
Marti Moore  PW

20 Josh Bagley  PW
Pamela Boyce  PW
Lauren Duquette  PW
Tommy Irvine  PW
Brian Phillips  PW
Jerry Witt  PW
Terry Wyatt  PW

21 Julia Buchli  PW
Shawn Clemens  PW
Dean Freeman  PW
Chris Koester  PW
Vaunda Logan  PW
Duane Mumm  PW
Sue Murphy  PW
Jeffrey Owings  PW
Ellen Painter  PW
Shaun Sigrest  PW
Frankie Starks  PW

22 Peggy Holmes  PW
Leah Kidwell  PW
Laura Whiffen  PW
Sheena Seeber  PW
James Smith  PW
John Smith  PW

23 Richard Baldenegro  AIR
Robert Friend  AIR
Cady Goble  AIR
Steven Hosiner  AIR
Kelby Johnson  AIR
Brian Smithson  AIR

24 Ryan Bowling  FR
Kelsey Hornback  FR
Nancy Lucas  FR
Wanda Young  FR

25 Russell Hargrave  FR
Della Miller  FR
John Saunders  FR
Dana Schenkel  FR
Zachary Schlup  FR
Jessica Tidwell  FR
Misty Trent  FR

26 Dylan Hollister- Graham  PRK
Licia Horton  WD
Gregory McKinney  WD
Susan Provan  WD
Roxanne Sharp  WD
Richard Stowell  WD
Natalie Tipton  WD
Matthew Walters  WD
Sandra Werbitzky  WD

27 Cynthia Keltner  WD
Timothy Panique  WD

28 Wesley Harbin  WD
Rana Jenkins  WD
Brandon Lockhart  WD
Kip McCubbin  WD
Landon Nash  WD
Matthew Roberts  WD
Shannon Ryan  WD
Brady Taylor  WD
Bryan Wulford  WD
Joseph Woods  WD

29 Julia Bumberry  MC
Cody Davis  MC
Robert Decker  MC
Robert McVay  MC
Brian Steen  MC
Randy McVay  MC

30 Tari Redd  MC
Amy Squires  MC

SCENE
Join inBalance for September gardening classes, activities

Here’s a list of upcoming programs, brought to you by inBalance.

inBalance University
Join us for our September class: “Square Foot Gardening 101,” presented by Rinda Dunn and Cathy Gaw of the Health Department. Interested in gardening? Learn how to grow your favorite produce: in a small space, on a small budget, with minimal maintenance!

- **Wednesday, Sept. 10, 9:30 a.m.** West Side of Bengsch Building at the Health Department.
- **Tuesday, Sept. 16, 9 a.m.** West Side of Bengsch Building at the Health Department.
- **Thursday, Sept. 11, 3 p.m.** Springfield Police/Fire Training Center (2620 W. Battlefield)

Register on Sharepoint. Family welcome!

Battle of the Boot Camps
It is with our deepest regrets that the “Battle of the Boot Camps” will have to be cancelled for the 2014 challenge. After many efforts of the committee, some major conflicts arose which could not be overcome in order to make this great event happen this year. Do not fear though, it will be back next year bigger and better than ever so keep your workout efforts up so the traveling trophy can be awarded to you and your team.

Walking Challenge
inBalance will once again be holding a city-wide walking challenge Sept. 15-26 to raise money for the United Way. Help us reach our city-wide goals of collectively walking 15,000 miles and raising $1,500 for the United Way. Gather your teams of 2-8 people, then decide which of 3 divisions your team belongs: Desk, Field, or new this time, the Running Division! Visit springfieldmo.gov/inbalance/WalkingChallenge for full details and to register your team.

CODE 3 Boot Camp Class #5
inBalance will soon be accepting applications for the fifth class of CODE 3 Boot Camp sponsored by the Springfield Police Department. This program has been wildly popular among City employees and each class has shown improvement in fitness and body composition. Open to all fitness levels and age groups! Watch for more details coming soon.

Follow the GOLDEN GOOSE

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.

Drew demonstrated teamwork and was a problem solver for us. Drew assisted us in removing over 200 gallons of gas from the bed of a suspect’s truck. Drew provided the equipment and guidance needed to transfer/dispose of the gas.

Lt. Scott Kamykowski
Police

Front (L-R): Chief Paul Williams, Gena Cecil, Jonna Welch, Cassandra Smith, Melissa Peters, Karla Parker, Kolby Helms.

Middle: Mychal Adamson, Laura Cordes, Josiah Thompson, Seth Miller, Sean Martin, Logan Miller Trenton Terry, David Dees.

Back: Aaron Cottengim, Keith Wright, Jacob O’Quinn, Matthew Gardner, Robert Douglas, Matthew Thomas, Chad Hartman, Nick Peterson Nicholas Havice.
Smith joins City from Greene County

TIM SMITH from page 1.

where he served since 1992. He became Greene County administrator in 2008. At the end of 2013, Smith scaled back to part-time hours and half pay in an effort to help the county deal with a budget shortfall.

As deputy city manager, Smith will play an important role in helping the City through the continued economic recovery, said City Manager Greg Burris.

“We are extremely fortunate to have Tim join our team of talent. His skills and background will allow us to continue our momentum of re-engineering our development process and leading our cutting-edge environmental stewardship,” he said.

“Tim emerged from a strong pool of applicants. His experience and knowledge of the community make him a great fit. He hit the ground running without missing a beat.”

A native of Indiana, Smith earned his bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute in 1975.

His experience includes design and construction, plan review, regulation and administration and stormwater management.

Smith is past president of the Missouri Floodplain and Stormwater Managers Association and is the current chairman of the Solid Waste District “O” board of directors. He is a member of the State Solid Waste Advisory Board, the American Society of Civil Engineers and Ozark Greenways.

“Tim has proven his skill time after time in working with difficult situations and tight budgets. Given what Springfield will be facing over the next several years, his skill sets will be quite valuable to the taxpayers and to our general community. In addition, his experience with the County will help keep the very strong lines of communication open across Central Street,” said Mayor Bob Stephens.

Smith said he looks forward to getting to know and work with City employees.

“The City of Springfield is an excellent organization. I am excited about being here, and hope to make a positive contribution to the City’s team,” he said.

In Brief

Construction for Government Plaza parking lots project begins

As part of the Government Plaza parking lot project, City Utilities Gas & Water started gas relocations Tuesday, Aug. 26. The Public Works Department will provide more information as to when construction will begin and will notify all employees when the employee parking lot will be unavailable. Employees with special needs should contact Jonathan Peitz at 864-1994.

Donate items for United Way silent auction to PIO

The United Way silent auction will be held Oct. 20-24. All bidding will take place online through SharePoint in an “eBay” style of bidding. Donations of new, used, and “white elephant” items are being accepted in the Department of Public Information. Auction items will be available for view in the weeks leading up to the event in the Busch Municipal Building lobby, and can also be viewed on-line, with new items being added as they come in. All proceeds from the auction will be donated to the United Way. For more information, contact: Sharon Spain 864-1105 or sspain@springfieldmo.gov.

Animal Shelter offering new ‘Take a Dog to Lunch’ program

Want to play with a shelter dog over your lunch break? You supply the lunch and the Animal Shelter will supply the dog, toys, treats and clothing protection. Please e-mail hferrier@springfieldmo.gov to reserve your spot. Openings are 12:30-1:30 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. The shelter is located at 4002 N. Farmer Road.

IS/PIO to host monthly Web site workshops

IS and PIO will host monthly CivicPlus Web site contribution workshops 1-5 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of every month in the Busch L-16 computer lab. If you are not yet set up as a Web contributor, please contact Nichole Plowman so she can give you access prior to attending a workshop.

Wilma Eubanks
Clerk/Typist, Municipal Court

Wilma has worked for the City for 11 years this go-round. She worked for the City from 1978 until 1990, then retired. At 90, she is the City’s oldest employee.

What was your favorite TV show as a child?
TV – what’s that?!

What are you most proud of?
My family.

If a movie was made about your life, who would portray you?
That “Driving Miss Daisy” woman.

What is your favorite thing to make in the kitchen?
Apple pie and homemade ice cream.
To: Tami Kashirsky and Jillian Wokurka,
911 Emergency Communications
Telecommunicators; Heather Morrison,
911 Shift Supervisor

On July 22, SPD Officer Brandon Keene, called in to thank Emergency Communications for all the help he received regarding a call pertaining to a non-parental abduction. Tami was the call-taker, Jillian was the dispatcher and they were assisted by Supervisor Heather Morrison.

Officer Brandon Keene
Springfield Police Department

To: Dana Brandt, Lisa Donaldson,
Denise Ruble, Tina Saunders, Jessica Tidwell, Tracy Whipple, 911 Emergency Communications Telecommunicators
Bill Blevins, 911 Shift Supervisor

On July 27, we received a complimentary email from Greene County Deputy Randy Foster regarding the quality of communications during a vehicle pursuit.

“The dispatcher was calm, collected and managed the situation very well. I appreciated the smooth coordination with other agencies to get the truck spiked, as well as the extra effort taken to alert us to sudden/sharp curves or other roadway hazards as we approached them. The dispatcher’s efforts were an important factor in bringing such an inherently dangerous situation to a swift, safe conclusion, for all involved.”

Deputy Randy Foster
Greene County Sheriff’s Office

We received this email regarding the same vehicle pursuit from Sergeant John Tinsley, Republic Police Department, advised “they really appreciated being notified so quickly by dispatchers about the pursuit coming towards the city. Their quick thinking gave Republic Police the opportunity to find a secure and safe place to successfully deploy spikes. The telecommunicators’ quick actions and quick thinking helped the officers and deputies get these dangerous people off the street.”

Sergeant John Tinsley
Republic Police Department

To: Dana Brandt, Amy Davis, Jarrod Field, Cinnamon Fuller, Dave Garrett, Tami Kashirsky, Tif Keim, Leigha May, Sara Meier, Jim Rayle, Maria Sanchez, Stacey Watson, 911 Emergency Communications Telecommunicators;
Lisa Jump, Kevin Patton, Kristina Scott, and Mike Vasso, 911 Shift Supervisors; J. R. Webb, Assistant Director and Chuck Collins, CAD Operations Coordinator

On Aug. 8, from approximately 3-6 p.m. we experienced a Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system failure. Those working in the Operations Room went into “backup” mode to continue dispatching all calls for service to our police and fire agencies. We received an email from the SPD’s South Side Squad thanking all of those who were in the Operations Room today during this failure.

South Side Squad 9
Springfield Police Department

Greene County Commissioner Harold Bengsch sent an email to Director Schwartzke stating he was proud of the professional manner the recent CAD failure was dealt with.

“The true measure of a skilled professional is not revealed in how well he or she perform their day to day duties but rather by how well they meet unexpected circumstances with challenge the very being of their skill, perseverance and professionalism.” In his book, 911 ECD gets an A+.

Harold Bengsch
Commissioner, Greene County

To: Kevin Lovell and Dana Brandt,
911 Emergency Communications
Telecommunicator

On August 12, a 911 caller called us back and complimented Emergency Communications and the Springfield Police Department for responding to her prowler call. She said everyone was very nice and really appreciated officers responding and searching around her house. Kevin Lovell was the call-taker and Dana Brandt was the dispatcher. The SPD officers were Jacob O’Quinn and Michael Ramsey.

Sue, 911 Caller
Greene County Citizen

To: Springfield Park Board

I just want to tell somebody at the Springfield Greene County Park Board how much I LOVE Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park now that I have a toddler. We have been there three times in the past month! It’s perfect… My 19.5-month-old loves all the animals and watching the ducks waddle down to the pond, and the playground is great. (It has shade!) We’re loving it. I want to high five the park board every time we go. :)

Katie Pollock Estes
Editor, 417 Magazine

To: Barbara, Tana, Kimberly, Ashley, and Rose at the Environmental Resource Center

Thank you so much for hosting our volunteers last Monday night. They enjoyed the tour and learned a lot by the interactive way you planned the activities. I love active learning! Most had never been to the center before, and, I believe it’s accurate to say, that most had never even heard of the facility. Now they know about all the great services you provide to the community and can put a face with the names they’ve heard me mention so frequently. I just can’t say enough about what great hosts you were—so patient with our tardiness (my sincere apology again for that), so gracious with your facility, so generous with your snacks, and so enthusiastic with our volunteers. You all make a terrific team are simply the best role models for the rest of us.

Thank you again!
Linda F. Chorice
Nature Center Manager
Looking for an Attorney? The @Life Program can help!

There are times when you might have a legal question or concern, and you’re not sure what to do. That’s a great time to call the @Life Program.

We know that finding and retaining an attorney who can help you with personal legal concerns can be a time-consuming, expensive undertaking. To assist you with this, the @Life Program offers a no charge telephonic legal consultation (30-60 minutes) with an attorney who specializes in the area of your concern.

The plan covers a wide variety of legal concerns including issues involving family and domestic law, wills, power of attorney, medical directives, motor vehicle questions, civil issues, criminal situations, elder law matters and estate planning. The service does not provide assistance for any work related problem.

If after you’ve talked with the attorney you choose to retain them, you’ll receive a 25% discount off of the regular fees.

There’s no limit on the number of times you may use the service each year for different issues, and just as with the other @Life services, legal consultations are confidential.

You might also want to call us for one-on-one support from an EAP counselor to help you with any related concerns.

When to Consult an Attorney?

* Estate Planning, Retirement Planning, Creating/Changing a Will
* Birth of a child, or Planning for a child with special needs
* Divorce and/or Custody Issues
* Change in Health Status (for POA and other document creation)
* Real Estate Purchase