Springfield to welcome soldiers ‘Home for the Holidays’ Dec. 23

At the annual Mayor’s Tree Lighting Ceremony in downtown Springfield Saturday, Nov. 23, Mayor Ken McClure asked Springfield citizens to join him Monday, Dec. 23 in welcoming hundreds of soldiers currently stationed at Fort Leonard Wood.

The City of Springfield has partnered with Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World, Johnny Morris’ Wonders of Wildlife National Museum & Aquarium, Corwin Automotive of Springfield, Andy B’s, United Way of the Ozarks, Community Foundation of the Ozarks and other partners for the “Home for the Holidays” event for soldiers unable to go home for the holidays.

Fort Leonard Wood typically stands down for two weeks over the holidays, but each year there are several hundred soldiers who, for a variety of reasons, are unable to go home.

The event will include a mayoral proclamation and Welcome Home Rally for the community to welcome the soldiers to Springfield (stay tuned for the location and time), entertainment at various Springfield venues, a “taste of Springfield” buffet dinner and conclude with a musical performance.

Donations to help cover event expenses are welcomed. Show your support by donating today at CauseMomentum.org/projects/homefortheholidays. Visit SGFHomefortheHolidays.org for the full schedule as the event draws near, and join the Facebook event to stay up to date on the details.

United Way of the Ozarks is collecting donations through CauseMomentum.org, the Community Foundation of the Ozarks’ crowdsourcing platform, to help give these service members an unforgettable holiday. Donations are tax deductible.

25th Annual Turkey Trot 5K Run/Walk draws 7,465

The 25th Annual Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot 5K Run/Walk included 7,465 registered participants who walked or ran in Springfield’s Thanksgiving tradition.

Numbers were down slightly compared to 7,598 registered participants in 2018, but turnout was still strong despite a cold, rainy forecast.

The annual event is Springfield’s largest timed 5K race and the largest Thanksgiving Day 5K in Missouri, with proceeds benefiting Developmental Center of the Ozarks and the Springfield-Greene County Park Board Youth Recreation Scholarship Fund. The event also serves as one of the largest one-day food drives of the year for Ozarks Food Harvest.

OVERALL RACE WINNERS WERE:
• Best Overall Female: Rebecca Senn, age 28, at 19:37
• Best Overall Male: Jarod Ozee age 20, at 15:46
• Best Masters (over 40) Female: Rosie Laughlin, 54, at 21:31
• Best Masters (over 40) Male: Toby Dogwiler, age 45, at 18:09

See TURKEY TROT on page 3
More than 2,000 brave the cold for annual Mayor's Tree Lighting

More than 2,000 people braved the cold weather to attend the Mayor's Tree Lighting Ceremony this year.

Thanks to all of the employees and volunteers from Public Information, Public Works, Parks, Downtown Springfield Association and the Downtown Community Improvement District for making the event a success. Special thanks to Environmental Services for donating the cups and stirring sticks for the hot chocolate. We also want to thank Jay and Retha Wasson and Hattie and Collin Carter for spreading holiday cheer through their generous contribution of this year’s tree from a commercial property located near National Avenue and Kingsley Street. A special thanks goes out to Robberson Elementary fifth grader Rowan Gaines for making sure Santa arrived on time.

The show included performances by vocalist Jessie Cowen from the Clay Cooper Theater, Matthew Huchteman and Emalee Flatness, Princesses of the 417, Jennifer Forni from the Springfield Regional Opera and local singers and dancers from Studio VIE, Springfield Little Theatre and the Springfield Ballet. The young at heart were excited to see appearances by Buddy the Elf and, of course, Santa and Mrs. Claus. The finale and official tree lighting occurred just before 7:30 p.m. Plans are already under way for next year’s event.

Fire Chief David Pennington reading ‘Twas the Night Before Christmas during Holiday Storytime, just after the lighting ceremony.

Princesses of the 417

Buddy the Elf and Robberson Elementary fifth-grader Rowan Gaines with Mayor Ken McClure just before Santa’s arrival.

ES donated the cups and stir sticks for the free hot chocolate.

Sugar Plum Fairy, Springfield Ballet

Jennifer Forni, Springfield Regional Opera

Santa, Buddy the Elf and Mrs. Claus

Lisa Smith, PIO, getting the candy canes ready.

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MISSION
We are committed to working with the community to provide ethical and responsible local government so that everyone can enjoy the benefits of living and working in Springfield.

Additional City info is available on our Web site at www.springfieldmo.gov. Videos may be viewed on CityView on the Web or on Mediakom channels 15.1 and 80 and AT&T U-verse channel 99.

SCENE Deadline
December 20, 2019

Please direct your submissions to the Department of Public Information. Submissions and ads via e-mail are preferred: thescene@springfieldmo.gov

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City awarded $21 million BUILD grant

U.S. Senator Roy Blunt’s office announced Nov. 6 that the City of Springfield will receive $20,960,822 to create the Grant Avenue Parkway – major multi-modal transportation improvements, along Grant Avenue in the heart of Springfield. Blunt sent a letter to Secretary of Transportation Elaine Chao earlier this year urging funding for the project. Funding is from a BUILD Transportation Grant. BUILD stands for “Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development” and is a Transportation Discretionary Grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation. This 3.3-mile stretch of “parkway” would create an attractive corridor connecting vibrant Downtown Springfield to the Wonders of Wildlife National Museum and Aquarium, with various neighborhoods, parks, greenway connections and other amenities in between.

“The City of Springfield is so excited about this transformational news. This grant will help the City take a giant step forward in carrying out the City Council priorities of Economic Vitality and Quality of Place. We are extremely grateful for the superb congressional support, which has made this grant a reality,” said Mayor Ken McClure.

The Grant Avenue Parkway is a proposed project to create an off-street pedestrian and bicycle pathway along Grant Avenue between Sunshine Street and Walnut Street, in the heart of Springfield. The 3.3-mile stretch will connect downtown Springfield with the Wonders of Wildlife National Museum and Aquarium (WOW) – linking authentic Springfield experiences for both residents and visitors. The Parkway route would further connect parks and recreation amenities, neighborhoods, schools, and fill a gap in the Ozark Greenways rural trail network.

The Parkway will start Downtown and end at Sunshine Street. It will include bike lanes, a roundabout, various traffic-calming improvements, a grade-separated crossing at Fassnight Creek, bridge enhancement, utility upgrades, fiber connectivity and additional crossing and signal timing improvements.

Downtown Springfield’s renaissance has been steady over the past 20 years. Over one-half billion dollars of public and private investment has been made downtown since 1996. WOW was voted America’s Best Aquarium and Best New Attraction by USA Today readers. Since opening in September 2017, the estimated $300 million private investment has resulted in significantly increased hotel nights and generated hundreds of thousands of visitors. These two destinations generate a tremendous amount of economic activity and are authentic Springfield experiences for both residents and visitors. This project will also alleviate traffic congestion, improve safety and accessibility and reduce environmental concerns – all issues important to our organization.

The City’s Public Works and Planning Departments convened a multi-departmental, multi-agency team to prepare the grant proposal. The City is required to provide a 20% match, roughly $5 million.

For more information visit springfieldmo.gov/grantavenueparkway.

TURKEY TROT from page 1

Race results, including age division winners, are posted at ParkBoard.org/TurkeyTrot.

Medals will be mailed to first, second and third place age division winners. Age divisions are nine and under, then staggered in five-year increments up to 85 and older.

More photos from the event can be found at facebook.com/TurkeyTrotSGF.

The largest Turkey Trot 5K took in place in 2012, with 9,007 participants.

Ned Reynolds with Sydney Needem, Springfield-Greene County Park Board board member
SPD honors and welcomes lateral academy graduates

On Nov. 20, the Springfield Police Department welcomed Officer Natalia Lohkamp, Officer Timothy Buie and Officer Stephan Dopp into the ranks of SPD after graduating from our 18th Lateral Police Academy. The new graduates were honored with a ceremony at the Springfield Regional Police and Fire Training Center, 2620 W. Battlefield.

A lateral officer is an experienced officer who came from another law enforcement agency and attends an abbreviated academy at the Springfield Regional Police and Fire Training Center. During the lateral academy, they receive six weeks (240 hours) of training to become acclimated to Springfield and the Springfield Police Department. After graduation, the officers are assigned to an experienced field-training officer (FTO) for six weeks of on-the-job training. Once that's completed, they will be assigned to SPD’s Uniform Operations Bureau.

Officer Lohkamp comes to SPD from the Greene County Sheriff’s Office, Officer Buie comes from the Little Rock, Arkansas Police department, and before that he was with the Ozark Police Department, and Officer Dopp comes to SPD from the St. Louis County Police Department.

Congratulations to each of our newest officers.

L-R: Officer Natalia Lohkamp, Officer Timothy Buie, Officer Stephan Dopp, Chief Paul Williams

SPD recognizes graduates of Leadership in Police Organizations training

On Nov. 1 the Springfield Police Department celebrated 32 graduates from the Springfield Police Department, Springfield Fire Department and CoxHealth EMS who completed the three-week-long Leadership in Police Organizations (LPO) training. LPO is the International Association of Chiefs of Police’s (IACP) leadership development training program. LPO is modeled after the training concept of dispersed leadership ("every officer a leader") and delivers modern behavioral science concepts and theories uniquely tailored to the law enforcement environment. Although primarily police-focused, we have found that the leadership concepts taught in this course apply to other public safety disciplines and have expanded the offering to include supervisors within the Springfield Fire Department and Cox EMS.

The three-week LPO course explores leadership at different levels in the organization: leading individuals, leading groups and leading organizations. The course teaches students about these levels of leadership using the following methods:

• Applied learning: The course is highly interactive, using small group case studies, videos, role-playing and class exercises to reinforce learning.
• Translation of theory to practice: Participants learn behavioral science theories with real-world application to better understand how to lead change in individuals, groups, and organizations.
• Practical leadership strategies: Participants learn strategies for influencing human behavior to increase motivation, satisfaction, and performance throughout an organization.

At the end of the course, students are able to:
• Understand and apply modern behavioral science and leadership theories that affect human motivation, satisfaction and performance in the achievement of organizational goals
• Learn frameworks to translate knowledge and experience into effective leader actions
• Integrate course content into daily leadership practices
• Inspire a lifelong commitment to the study and practice of effective leadership

Congratulations to:
Sergeant Jon Shuck, Sergeant Ken Browning, Sergeant Tony D’Andrea, Sergeant Dan Simmons, Sergeant John Loe, Corporal Thomas Kelley, Corporal Patrick Lightwine, Corporal Kaylee Friend, Corporal Eric Hawkins, Corporal Cassandra Lightwine, Corporal Justin Lloyd, Corporal Harold Milliron, Corporal Daniel Rowles, Corporal Jacob Miller, Corporal Josh Steele, Officer Anna King, Officer Steve Boehmer, Officer Scott Hill, Officer Eric Dye, Officer Stephen Layton, Officer Jason Kitta, Police Services Supervisor Keith Henry, SFD Battalion Chief Heith Aldridge, SFD Battalion Chief Alex Clark, SFD Captain Jeffrey Prior, SFD Captain Lee Grover, SFD Captain Christopher Roush, SFD Assistant Chief Olan Morelan, SFD Division Chief Kelly Cardin, Cox EMS Regional Manager Ricky Savage, Cox EMS Educator Russell Scanlan and Cox EMS Regional Manager Ryan Verch.

SPD recognizes graduates of Leadership in Police Organizations training
9 employees honored with Honor Walk engraving Nov. 20

Nine City employees were honored or memorialized with an engraving on the Employee Honor Walk Nov. 20.

The following employees were honored for their service to the City:

- Kathy Higbee
- Linda Charles
- Scott Marrs
- Wendell Farr
- Mike Fonner
- Brian Adams
- Charles Parrott
- Karen Stewart
- Charles Steele.

The City of Springfield Honor Walk is a commemorative walkway established to honor City Employees for their service. Engraved brick pavers are available for purchase by City employees, retirees and their family members to honor employees and to commemorate retirements and memorials. Proceeds from paver sales are used to give back to employees through the Employee Crisis Fund. The Honor Walk was created as the legacy program of the CAmp Class of 2014.

City Council hears concept plans for Phase 1 of Jordan Creek daylighting through downtown

City of Springfield Principal Stormwater Engineer Chris Dunnaway presented preliminary concepts for Phase 1 of the daylighting of Jordan Creek through downtown Springfield at a City Council Lunch Workshop on Nov. 19.

Channeled through a series of underground culverts beginning in the 1920s, many visitors to downtown Springfield may not realize the Jordan Creek is flowing beneath their feet. The goal of the daylighting project is to bring the creek to the surface, helping to reduce flooding, improve water quality and provide various outdoor amenities in the heart of downtown.

Phase 1 of the project will involve restoring Jordan Creek to a small natural stream between Boonville Avenue and Main Avenue, along with native landscaping and a new bridge at Campbell Avenue. Sidewalks and a multi-use path will provide pedestrian and bicycle connections, helping to fill in gaps along the Jordan Creek Greenway Trail. Open greenspace, decorative lighting, electrical improvements and other placemaking features will help create an enjoyable natural space for recreation and events.

Funding for improvements to minimize flooding and restore the natural environment around Jordan Creek was approved by voters through the 2017 Level Property Tax renewal. A concept for the project was established via a specialized input process involving multiple city agencies and downtown stakeholders. The top three project priorities identified through the process were flooding and water quality, connectivity and less surface parking, and economic development.

“The improvements and volume of water will look much like stream restoration projects completed along South Creek, Fassnight Creek and along the North Branch of Jordan Creek between Silver Springs Park and Smith Park,” explains Principal Stormwater Engineer Chris Dunnaway. “These improvements help slow down, spread out and filter rainwater, while providing greenspace and trails for the entire community to enjoy.”

Visuals and project features presented are still conceptual, Dunnaway adds. Further public input will be collected as part of the detailed design phase of the project, beginning in early 2020. Construction is anticipated to begin in late 2021.

The project is estimated to cost $6.8 million.

Clay Goddard and inBalance honored at 10th annual Heath Care Champions awards

Springfield-Greene County Health Department Director Clay Goddard was recognized as a top health care administrator at the annual Springfield Business Journal banquet Nov. 14.

The City’s inBalance employee wellness program was honored as the Corporate Wellness Program of the Year at the annual Springfield Business Journal banquet Nov. 14.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Saturday, Dec. 21 is the last day of the calendar year to use floating holidays and exempt leave.
SPD wins Battle of the Badges at Bass Pro Marathon Nov. 3

The Springfield Police Department team won the "Battle of the Badges" division at the Bass Pro Marathon on Nov. 3 for the third straight year with a time of three hours and 21 seconds. The Springfield Fire Department team was only about 10 minutes behind.

L-R: Cpl. Josh Steele, Cpl. Chris Barb, Officer Michael Vogt, Officer Seth Miller, Officer Brody Nolan

Sales taxes renewed by Springfield voters

Springfield voters approved two City sales tax renewals supporting the police-fire pension fund and transportation needs.

The measures passed Nov. 5 with 78% and 80% voter support, respectively. The police-fire pension sales tax is on a five-year renewal cycle, but will end when the fund reaches 100%. The transportation sales tax has a 20-year sunset.

“We are extremely grateful to the voters of Springfield for their continued strong expression of support. The extension of the sales tax for the police-fire pension fund continues to honor the commitment that the community has made to our law enforcement officers and firefighters. The 1/8-cent transportation sales tax, which has been renewed since 1996, will allow the City to continue to meet critical transportation needs in our community. On behalf of Springfield City Council, we extend our deepest thanks,” said Mayor Ken McClure.

CAmP Day at the Springfield Art Museum

By Kamille Barker

November’s CAmP day started with a workshop by Dale McCoy about personality types. Each CAmPer took the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator to learn what their personality types are. Afterwards Dale guided participants through activities where they learned about each of the four quadrants of personalities and the benefits of having each one on a team. CAmPers learned that personality types are similar to their dominant hand and that each personality consists of the eight traits, but some traits are more dominate than others and are used more naturally.

The day ended with a tour of the Springfield Art Museum viewing the collections of both local and non-local artists. CAmPers learned about how the art museum contributes to our city and the different experiences they offer. One popular exhibit was on homelessness and learning the personal stories of those individuals displayed. Many thanks to Dale McCoy, Nick Nelson, and the Springfield Art Museum staff for your help with a fantastic day.

New SGF Parks shirts available now in store and online

The Park Board has launched two shirts, one showcasing beloved Phelps Grove Park and the other Sequiota Park. Your “Love our Parks” purchase helps preserve and protect our local parks for generations to come.

Shirts are for sale at the Park Board Administration office (1923 N. Weller) and in-store and online at 5 Pound Apparel, $28/shirt. Also available at Parks Admin are Love our Parks water bottles, $18, and Love our Parks Sherpa blankets, $45. For more information visit ParkBoard.org/Apparel.
Traffic flow improvements
at Fremont and Independence
completed in time to ease
holiday congestion

Just in time for the influx of holiday shopping traffic, low-budget roadway improvements recently completed at the intersection of Fremont Avenue and Independence Street are expected to have a significant impact on traffic flow through the busy retail corridor.

Completed in early November, the improvement project involved the widening of Independence Street, just east of the Fremont Avenue intersection, to provide dual westbound left-turn lanes. The Fremont Avenue Bridge over James River Freeway was also restriped to four lanes, providing a dedicated northbound right turn lane which allows through traffic on Fremont to funnel around those attempting to turn east onto Independence.

“Fremont and Independence is one of the City’s busiest intersections during the holiday shopping season,” says Eric Claussen, Public Works Traffic Engineer over Operations. “Once we determined these intersection tweaks would be feasible, we were thrilled to be able to complete this project quickly so we could start easing traffic delays prior to the holidays.”

Aiding in turnaround time and budget, the project was able to be designed and constructed using internal Public Works staff. Construction occurred in the overnight hours to help minimize impacts to existing traffic.

The total project cost was approximately $25,000, funded through the 1/8-cent Transportation Sales Tax.

Tickets will be sold starting Monday November 4th through Friday December 13th at NOON!

Contact Nikki Crisp, Anna Mallard or Dori Hammer in Finance to purchase your winning ticket!!

All proceeds to benefit the United Way of the Ozarks

“Congratulations to Ashley House, who was recently promoted to 9-1-1 Shift Supervisor! Ashley House has been with Springfield-Greene County 9-1-1 Emergency Communications for 6 years and previously served as a 9-1-1 Telecommunicator. Thank you, Ashley, for your time and dedication to providing excellent assistance and efficiency through 9-1-1!”

– Zim Schwartze,
director of Emergency Communications
United Way Gift Wrapping Fundraiser
Presented by the Finance Department
Bring your gifts and have the gift wrapping done for you! Drop off your gifts at Finance’s front desk between:

Dec. 9 & 23
Bring your own wrapping paper and bows: $1.00 per gift
Choose from our supply of wrapping paper and bows: $2.00 per gift
"Fancy" bows: $1.00 per bow

All proceeds benefit the United Way

Thank you!
You have made a difference for families in our community this Thanksgiving holiday!

We collected nearly 300 shelf items and cash for the recent 'Drive for the Fairbanks' that was delivered on Nov. 18!

EPIC (Empowering People Impacting Citizens) CAMP Class 2016 proudly supports the Northwest Project and Drew Lewis Foundation @ the Fairbanks

The Courthouse Chorale Cordially Invites You to Our

2019 CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

Thursday, December 12, 12:30 pm
Midtown Library, 397 E. Central
&
Wednesday, December 18, Noon
Historic Greene County Courthouse 940 N. Boonville

BUILD YOUR COMMUNITY. BUILD YOUR CAREER.
DIVERSE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY
MAKE AN IMPACT!
springfieldmo.gov/jobs
Slow View Night: Creating an American Identity: Dec. 5: 6-7 p.m.
Spend one hour with one work of art once a month. In December, we will focus on Susi Steinitz Ettinger's "Stick in Black and White." Meet in the Museum Lobby at 5:50 p.m. Seating will be provided.

Men's Chorus of the Ozarks Songs of the Season: Dec. 7: 7 p.m. & Dec. 8: 2 p.m. The Men's Chorus of the Ozarks perform holiday selections representing several traditions through men's choral music.

Anders Zorn: Etchings: Through March 15, 2020 At the end of the 19th century, Anders Leonard Zorn (1860-1920) was one of the most well-known portraitists in France, England and the United States. His talent, and knack for meeting the right people, led him to paint portraits of international celebrities including three U.S. Presidents, Swedish royalty, American railroad tycoons and renowned artists. Free and open to the Public

1 Million Cups Springfield: Wednesdays, Dec. 4, 11, 18: 8:30-10 a.m.
The third largest 1 Million Cups Community out of nearly 100 national and international communities. The program was created based on the notion that entrepreneurs discover solutions and network over a cup of coffee. Each community uses the same format; two presenters, one hour, lots of free coffee, and asking the generous question of “What can we as a community do to help your business?”

Tai Chi With Dee Ogilvy: Fridays, Dec. 6, 13, 20, 27: 9-10 a.m.
Great for adults of any age and physical fitness level. Requires no special equipment. Relaxed, composed flowing movements that combine strength with gentleness. Beginners are welcome! Free and open to the public at the Springfield Art Museum.
MILESTONES

Promotions

Bradley Stulce
Public Health Resource Manager – Health

John Loe
Danny Simmons
Police Sergeants – Police

Lisa Gateley
Loan Technician – Planning and Development

Michael Endecott
Russell Wright
Senior Computer Technicians – Information Systems

Tyler Jemes
Signal Crew Worker – Public Works

Casandra Lightwine
Michael Walker
Police Corporals – Police

Brandy Osborn
Office Administrator – Police

Deana Box
Senior Court Services Rep. – Municipal Court

Retirements

Gary Hilton
Senior Inspector – Building Development, 25 years

Donald Travers
Golf Course Worker – Parks, 11 years

Jerry Wilson
Airport Maintenance Supervisor – Airport, 25 years

HOW TO GIVE

Donate Directly: Donations may be sent to the Finance Department, Attn: Nikki Crisp. The Finance Department is located in the lower level of the Busch Municipal Building,

840 Boonville. Make checks payable to: City of Springfield Employee Crisis Fund. Donations are not tax deductible.

Payroll Deductions: A voluntary donation can be set up directly from your paycheck. Visit the Employee Crisis Fund tab on CityShare to complete the payroll deduction form.

APPLY
An eligible employee or his/her designee must complete an Employee Crisis Fund Program Application and submit it to the Crisis Fund Administrator.

For more information or to obtain an application, email: employeecrisis@springfieldmo.gov

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

HOW TO GIVE

Need a little stress relief during this holiday season?

Join us for yoga on Mondays and Wednesdays in Historic City Hall (2nd Floor). 11:30 - 12:15 PM

Casses will include a quick warm up combining deep stretches & opening up of the core muscles, followed by a short series of Vinyasa flows & balancing poses. Each class will end with an inspirational quote, along with a relaxing & rejuvenating meditation. No registration required.

Join us on Facebook!
inBalance - City of Springfield Employee Wellness
Do You Know...?
A Q&A of City of Springfield employees.
To suggest a colleague for “Do You Know...?”
e-mail thescene@springfieldmo.gov.

Sharon Smith
Executive Assistant,
City Manager’s Office
Sharon has worked for the City for 16 years.

What's something you've learned since working for the City? City employees are very loyal and passionate about what they do to help make our community a great place to live. If you don't love helping people, a career at City of Springfield may not be for you. All of us play a role in helping to make this city a better place for our citizens.

What's the hardest part of your job? Keeping up with the City Manager’s calendar. It’s very challenging at times to prioritize and juggle and schedule meetings that include staff as well as outside community leaders. Trying to keep my eye on that while keeping track of other things can be challenging. You have to “think outside the box.”

What's the best part of your job? CAmp Springfield! Getting to know the individuals in the class each year is the best thing! I truly feel like I am one of the luckiest employees because I get to work with such a wide variety of employees. So many different personalities – I love it! And seeing the pride that is displayed by the departments we visit – so many truly love their jobs and love the opportunity to show the CAmp class what they do. It's very rewarding!

If you could switch your job with anyone else within the City, whose job would you want? My daughter Kayla! But just for one day. She is a 9-1-1 telecommunicator. I truly admire the entire staff over there so much. They are constantly dealing with citizens at their worst moment. I know I couldn’t do that every day. I’m so proud of her for what she does – she knows Mom couldn’t handle it!

Follow the GOLDEN GOOSE
To: Keisha Woodside, PW
I’m happy to present the Golden Goose to Architect in Training Keisha Woodside. She did an outstanding job coordinating the carpet replacement in the Busch building, as well as the recent redesign of the GIS office space. She was quick to respond when we needed adjustments made to our space and is easy to work with. Thank you Keisha!
– Tyler Moore, GIS

2020 contribution limits for 457 plans announced
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To make a change to your payroll deferral amount for 2020, the 2020 Deferred Comp 457 Change in Deduction form will be available on CityShare and in Human Resources after Dec. 9.

Thanks for the great Spirit Day selfies!
Sonja Dyer from Law
was November’s winner! She won an Andy’s gift card and an extra City Spirit T-shirt.

Don’t forget to snap a pic wearing your City Spirit shirts Fridays, Dec. 6 & Jan. 3 and send it to TheScene@springfieldmo.gov!

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Samsung K950/ZA 500 Watt Sound Bar System with Dolby Atmos. Includes wireless subwoofer & 2 surround speakers. Like new with original box and packing. $800. Contact Marcia at 417-379-8459.

Eight drawer dresser and mirror. Mirror is removable. Would be a great upcycled entertainment center! $100 OBO. Contact Cara B. at church@springfieldmo.gov or 864-1902.


For Sale: World Class German Shepherd Puppies. Imported West German Working Lines. Perfect for Family, Companion, Service, or Working Duty. Health Guarantee, Vet Checked, and First Shots taken care of. Purchase includes AKC Paperwork. Litter was whelped on May 24th. Please contact Mike @ (417) 597-1200.

2 Media Storage Cabinets for cds/dvds/videos. Wood composite with maple finish. 2 fixed and 5 adjustable shelves. 60 1/2" H x 11 1/4" W x 6" D $10 each. 1 Bookcase. Wood composite with cherry finish. 2 fixed shelves and 3 adjustable shelves. 71 1/2" H x 29" W x 11 3/4" D $15. Contact Marcia at 417-379-8459.

Black and Decker tool set, 18v battery powered, drill, reciprocating saw, 10” weedeater, hard surface blower, batteries and charger, $60. A few 1# bags of shelled Georgia pecan pieces, $10/bag. 417-864-1371, ask for Phil.


Ty Original Beanie Babies for Sale: “Barley” (brown horse w/beige mane) w/flat tag $3; “Love to Mom” (Happy Mother’s Day, Lavendar) w/”Play Online!” flat tag $3; “I-H” (Orange w/green 4-H emblem) w/flat tag $3; “Peace Bear” (Blue w/color peace sign on chest) w/flat tag $3; “Inch” (Rainbow colored “worm”) w/flat tag & tag protective cover $3; “Valentina” (“Red” w/white heart on chest) w/flat tag $3; “The End” Black (w/“The End” written on chest) w/flat tag $15. Contact Marcia at 417-379-8459.

Farmhouse Picture Frames made of real wood. You choose your color! City Employee pricing: 8x10 ($25), 11x14 ($30), and 5x7 that holds up to 8 photos ($35). Have a size not listed? Let’s talk! For more info or pictures, call or text Chris at 417-894-2067.

Steve’s Scuba: City of Springfield employees and friends receive $100 off Open Water Certification Class (regular price $450 per person, special price is $350 per person). Save 10% on continuing educational classes; try scuba for $25. For more information, call 417-882-7327 or email itsallgood@stevesscuba.com.

JR’S Handyman Service, 417-343-7772, Licensed & Insured. Services Offered: Tub Refinishing, Home Remodeling, Home Repairs. Also see us on Facebook@JR’s Handyman/ Renewsurfacing.

Interested in Mary Kay products or hosting a party? Contact Maria Sanchez at 417-848-5357 or e-mail at mkmariaisanchez@gmail.com. Also, ask how to receive a free facial.


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Farmhouse Picture Frames made of real wood. You choose your color! City Employee pricing: 8x10 ($25), 11x14 ($30), and 5x7 that holds up to 8 photos ($35). Have a size not listed? Let’s talk! For more info or pictures, call or text Chris at 417-894-2067.

Steve’s Scuba: City of Springfield employees and friends receive $100 off Open Water Certification Class (regular price $450 per person, special price is $350 per person). Save 10% on continuing educational classes; try scuba for $25. For more information, call 417-882-7327 or email itsallgood@stevesscuba.com.

JR’S Handyman Service, 417-343-7772, Licensed & Insured. Services Offered: Tub Refinishing, Home Remodeling, Home Repairs. Also see us on Facebook@JR’s Handyman/ Renewsurfacing.

Interested in Mary Kay products or hosting a party? Contact Maria Sanchez at 417-848-5357 or e-mail at mkmariaisanchez@gmail.com. Also, ask how to receive a free facial.

To: Springfield Fire Department
I want to say thank you for showing up and checking our house after our furnace had problems. You showed up in incredible time and were very thorough with your walk through. Your entire crew were polite and professional. Thank you again.
– Brad Angel

To: Fire Station 8
Thank you for your service to the community! Thank you for your time at our school to train and teach our students!
– Mrs. Bidell, Dayspring Academy Principal

To: Tracy Whipple, 9-1-1
Telecommunicator
On Nov. 9, 9-1-1 Telecommunicator Tracy Whipple took a call from a citizen regarding squatters on a vacant property. Tracy was able to talk the citizen through the ongoing issue. The citizen called back in to thank her for her assistance. Way to go Tracy!

To: Jim Rayle, 9-1-1 Telecommunicator
On Nov. 10, 9-1-1 Telecommunicator Jim Rayle assisted SPD Sergeant Roufs dealing with a suicidal subject. Sergeant Roufs later called back to express his appreciation for Jim’s work on the call. Great job Jim!

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To: Cpl. Marcus Walker
I sent three of our deputies to your recent Major Crimes School, and I have heard nothing but good things about the school and in particular the work of Corporal Marcus Walker. When the opportunity came up for them to attend I told them the course would be challenging, and when I saw Walker was organizing the class, and teaching most of it, I told them “Walker is one of those guys that is good at everything he does.” They told me when they were struggling Walker would be right with them assisting with their issue.
I wanted to share the text that I got from one of the detectives while she was attending the class: “We now understand why you are the way you are. SPD is very professional and they take things seriously, especially high expectations.”
Please pass on to the training staff, and those that taught in the MCI school how much I appreciate their effort in helping us to get to the SPD level.
– David Millsap, Laclede County Sheriff

To: Chandra Arbogast, 9-1-1 Telecommunicator
On Nov. 9, 9-1-1 Telecommunicator Chandra Arbogast assisted a citizen who was involved in a hit and run. The citizen’s vehicle was side swiped and the driver who hit him fled on foot. The citizen later called back to thank Chandra for assisting him during the scary situation. Excellent customer service, Chandra!
On Nov. 12, Chandra Arbogast assisted the City’s Service Center when a large tank leaked at the service center on Chestnut Expressway. Bryan Lundquist, equipment maintenance supervisor at the City of Springfield Service Center, later contacted the department to thank Chandra for her great work and assistance getting the issue resolved.

More on the next page.
To: Springfield Police

Just wanted to say “thank you” to the Springfield police officers who worked our incident on Saturday. They were quick to respond and handled the arrest professionally and with great courtesy to our staff. The immediate presence of your officers made us feel secure within minutes of the 9-1-1 call and Lt. Vienhage was reassuring throughout the gathering of evidence.

Since the suspect was using his van, I don’t like to imagine what further damage he could have done had he not been detained so quickly.

Thanks again to the officers who responded.

– Lissa Hamblen, news director KOLR/KRBK/KOZL

To: David Cook, Chris Risenhoover, Zach Russell and all of Fire Station 5

Thank you for your help with the Smokey the Bear at the Zoo event [at Dickerson Park Zoo Oct. 19], I hope we can do it again only bigger and better than last time.

– Trenton Jones