

EX ALDERMAN NEWSLETTER 228 AND CHESTERFIELD 173



By John Hoffmann

June 6, 2016

ALDERMANIC COMMISSION ASSIGNMENTS MADE: At the May 23 Town and Country Board of Aldermen meeting Mayor Jon Dalton made his selections for commission chairs for 2016-17. Many stayed the same.

The changes included:

Gussie Crawford was the chair of the now-defunct Community Relations Commission and liaison with the Fire District. She is now the Chair of the Police, Fire and EMS Commission. While Gussie is now in her 80s she still has a very accurate internal Bull Shit Detector. I just hope she will speak up when it goes off, which she has been reluctant to in the past.

Dalton, who is a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission but never shows up, made sure the meetings would continue to be as long as possible by reappointing the city's Official Windbag, Ald. Fred Meyland-Smith to the Commission.

Linda Rallo stays with the Finance Commission under a new name of "Ways and Means" which has pissed off several members who claim it sounds too much like the bloated Federal Government.

Ways and Means: Linda Rallo

Parks: Lynn Wright

Police, Fire & EMS: Gussie Crawford

Public Works and Storm Water: Tiffany Frautschi

Horticulture, Environment and Wildlife Lindsey Butler

Planning and Zoning: Fred Meyland-Smith

Art: Skip Mange

Architecture Review Board: Jon Benigas

Tiffany Frautschi stays as the chair of the Public Works and Storm Water Commission. It is interesting that Lindsey Butler, who ran on a reform platform got the old Conservation Commission, now titled Horticulture, Environment and Wildlife Commission. This has stuck the fairly conservative Lindsey with the biggest collection of liberals on any of the commissions.

Skip Mange, the person with an engineering degree and doesn't know the difference between a lake and a pond, was replaced by Butler. However Mange replaced Lynn Wright as the chair of the Art Commission. It will be interesting to see how long it takes Skip to want to waste large sums of tax money as the chair of the Arts Commission.

Lynn Wright stays as the chair of the Parks Commission and Jon Benigas stays on the Architecture Review Board.

APRIL TOWN AND COUNTRY DEER REPORT: In April of 2015 there were six deer killed in vehicle crashes. That number dropped by one in April of 2016. Also YTD through April there were 14 deer-vehicle encounters compared with 20 in 2015.



Here are where the crashes occurred in April 2016:

04/15	8:23 PM	NB I-270 at Clayton Road	Ward 1
04/20	2:26 AM	SB 141 south of I-64	Ward 4
04/23	3:21 AM	SB I-270 s of Clayton Road	Ward 1
04/26	3:24 AM	SB Hwy 141 at Ladue Road	Ward 4
04/27	10:41 PM	I-270 and I-64	Ward 1



2016 Deer Accident Locations Jan-April

I-64 Ballas to Mason 1 Wards 1 and 2
I-64 Mason to Hwy 141 1 Ward 4
I-270 South City Limits to North CL 3 Ward 1
Mason Road (Clayton to south city limits) 1 Ward 2
Clayton Road (Mason to Woods Mill) 2 Ward 3
Woodsmill Road 1 Wards 3 and 4
Highway 141 5 Wards 3 and 4

FLAT TIRE CAR CHASE GOES TO I-44: It was not a high speed pursuit. It end as a low speed pursuit by the Town and Country Police after a call to the dispatch center from a motorist in Creve Coeur who saw a car drive off the road on Olive Blvd and Tempo and hit something on Thursday evening May 26. The car continued south on I-270.

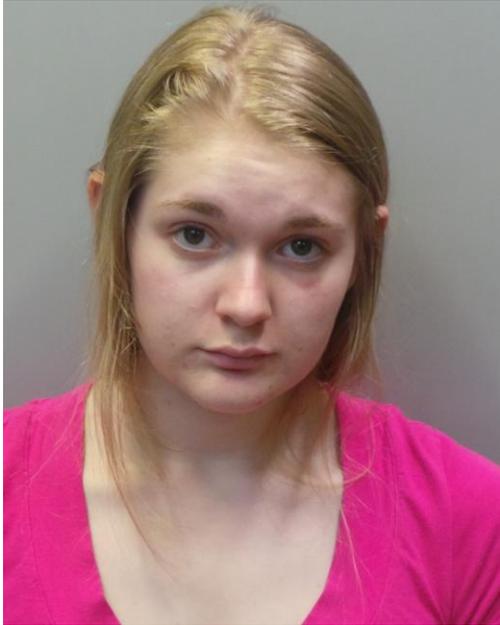
I noticed the car stopped on SB I-270 almost at I-44 with a Town and Country police SUV behind it and a Des Peres, Kirkwood and Sunset Hills police cars also there. I was taking I-270 to Watson for our usual Thursday night Trivia at Fuzzy's Tacos in Webster Groves, hosted by Chesterfield resident and retired school superintendant Tom Brynes. The next day I asked about the event.

The call that reported the accident on Olive with the car and a fixed object that had shredded a front tire, but the car drove onto I-270. Here are the dispatch notes:

Call Type **C&I VEHL - C&I VEHICLE**
Description **Notes:**
EB ON OLIVE PASSING TEMPO FORD FUSION TEMP TAGS NO FRONT TIRE
SB 270 FROM LADUE
APPROACHING 40
CALLER WITH HAZARDS ON IN A RED MALIBU
PASSING TC CITY LIMITS SIGN 73 MPH APP MANCHESTER
PASSING MANCHESTER
DRIVING ON SHOULDER
GETTING OVER ONTO SHOULDER
S OF MANCHESTER
ALMOST HIT GUARD RAIL

Sgt. Walker of Town and Country got behind the car, but the driver would not stop until I-44.

The driver was Ashlyn Gravatte 18 of Oakleigh Woods Drive in Ballwin.



Gravatte was arrested and taken to Mercy Hospital for a blood draw to check for alcohol and drugs. No formal charges will be issued until the lab tests are back. On April 12 Gravatte was cited by the County Police for failing to drive on the right side of the road.

SHAKE UP AT WESTMINSTER: We learned that headmaster Tom Stoner, his top assistant, Noah Brink and Athletic Director Todd Zell all left the school at the end of the spring semester in May and the school is now being run by a committee of three. This follows April when the WCA Head Football Coach Cory Snyder quit to take over as head football coach at Francis Howell High School. The head basketball coach Doug Coleman, also quit to take over the reins of the Hannibal HS program.



Headmaster Tom Stoner.

Zell announced he was leaving WCA in February taking a job in July 2016 with the Missouri State High School Activities Association. In 2015 at hearings involving Westminster's application for lights at the football field, Zell made the rather hard to imagine statement if there were lights at the football field WCA could draw 10,000 fans per game to a high school game in a weak conference.



Todd Zell who quit, but at one time expected 10,000 to turn out for Friday night football at WCA. I think he was delusional and somehow thought he was in Texas.

Word seeping off the campus is that WCA is having money problems. There is a split between the parents for the football lights and those against it as they have spent well into six figures in legal bills with the Husch-Blackwell law firm to sue the city.

There is also talk that some of the faculty was upset with the management style of Stoner.

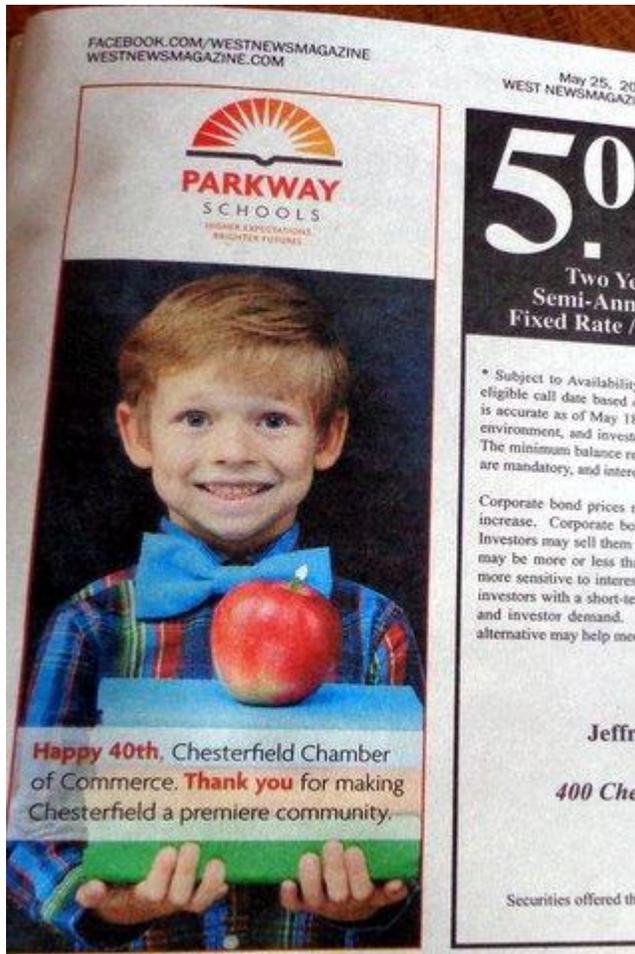
If there is a money problem and even if WCA would beat the odds and win the lawsuit over the football lights, one has to wonder how much they will be willing to spend on legal fees if Town and Country appeals.

WHY ARE YOUR TAXES HIGH? HERE IS A REASON: PARKWAY SCHOOL DISTRICT SPENDING TAX MONEY FOR AD CONGRATULATING THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. In the May 25 edition of West Magazine there is an ad from the Parkway School District congratulating the Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce on its 40th anniversary.

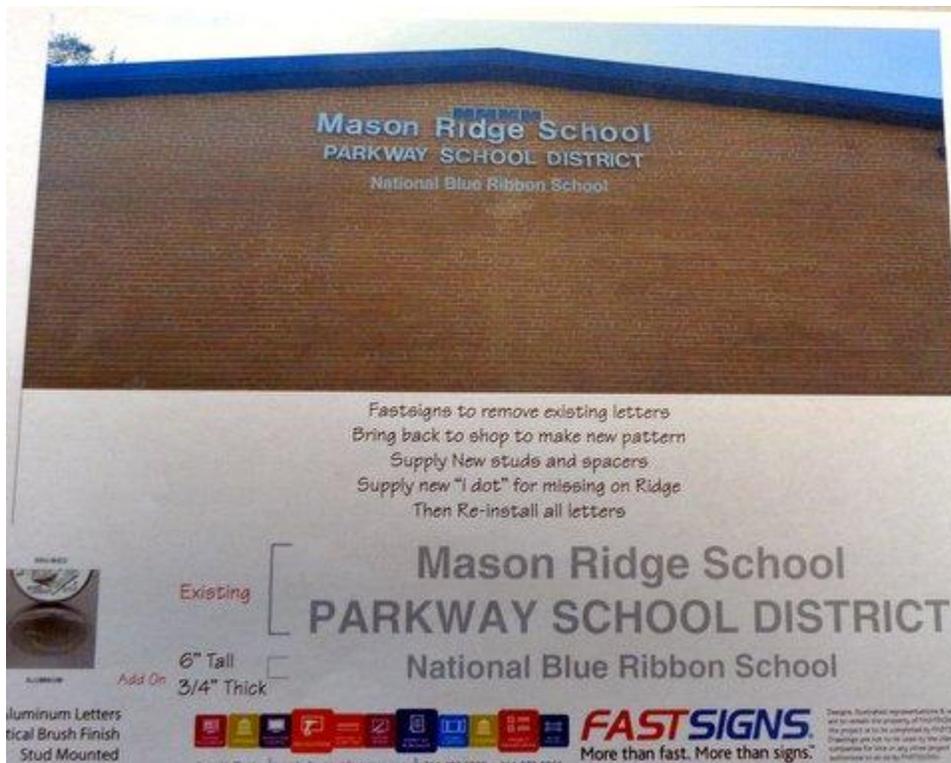
When I saw this ad I immediately thought it was a terrible waste of money. I made a request with the school district to find out how much the ad cost. The price tag was **\$460**. I mean couldn't someone have picked up the phone and called the Chamber and congratulate them? How about send an E-Mail or maybe go to a grocery store get a card plus stamp and you are out \$3.50-to-\$5.

What really gets me is that in 2016 over half of the Chesterfield Chamber is located in the Rockwood School District.

I know some will say that \$460 is nothing to a huge government subdivision like the Parkway School District. But what I see is that someone there thought wasting \$460 was a fine idea. Does that same person think wasting \$4,000 is a good idea or how about \$40,000. A waste of money is a waste of money regardless of the size.



MASON RIDGE WANTS PERMISSION FOR A NEW/OLD SIGN: No the school is not coming back trying to get an LED message board sign. They want to move the sign on the north side of the building facing the South Outer Forty Road to the south side of the building where it would be facing Masson Ridge Road.



FAMILIAR NAME INVOLVED IN FATAL CAR CRASH ON I-64 AT BALLAS: At 5:45 Wednesday afternoon June 1 a 2002 Chrysler Town and Country exiting WB I-64 at Ballas lost control and crashed into an embankment killing the passenger.

The driver is someone I used to arrest regularly when I was a cop and detective in Rock Hill, MO. Former Town and Country City Administrator John Copeland used to work with me also had regular run-ins with the driver, Darryl Ingram. Darryl was the younger brother to Chris and Gary Ingram, both felons who had served time. Gary did over 20 years for a murder that was connected to a arson fire he started. Darryl was also a thief and served time for stealing offenses.

I remember one time stopping a 17-year-old Darryl, who had been active in breaking into cars. He was driving a large GM product like a five or 10 year old Oldsmobile or Buick with bad license plates. A search of the car found nothing until we open the hood and there was a dent puller secured on the inside of a fender. Dent pullers are used in body shops to pull out dents. There were used by criminals to pull out car door locks.

Darryl had his license suspended and then revoked shortly after he received it. I never remembered it being valid. His license was revoked at the time of this accident and he had an outstanding active arrest warrant from St. Louis for felony Chronic DWI.

The passenger that Darryl killed on Wednesday was his mother, Barbara Ingram, 81 of the family homestead at 121 Almentor in Webster Groves, a HUD home built in 1975 when the Ingrams left 310 Lithia in Rock Hill.

Here is some of Darryl's arrest record, but not nearly all of it, especially those charges in the 1970s and 1980s and all the case in various municipal courts.

03/02/82	Felony Stealing (guilty) 90 days jail	
11/07/86	Felony Stealing (guilty) 6 months jail	
04/02/89	DWI (guilty) 14 days jail	
04/02/89	Driving While Revoked (guilty) 14 days jail	
09/23/89	DWI & Driving Revoked (guilty) 14 days jail	
03/02/90	Unlawful Use of a Weapon & Peace Disturbance (guilty) 6 months in Jail	
04/16/90	2 counts stealing 1 ct Tampering with Utility Meter (guilty) 1 year jail	
07/26/90	DWI felony persistent offender (guilty) 1 year jail	Brentwood PD
09/19/92	Felony Stealing (guilty probation)	Maplewood PD
02/26/94	Driving While Suspended (guilty) 2 days jail	St. Louis PD
04/08/94	Interfering with an Arrest (guilty) 90 days jail	Webster Groves PD
05/26/94	Poss of Gambling Device (guilty) 90 days jail	Webster Groves PD
07/28/95	Felony First Degree Assault (guilty)	Maplewood PD
11/10/95	DWI Felony persistent offender (guilty) 1 year jail	St. Louis Co PD
05/03/07	Driving While Revoked (guilty) 90 days jail	St. Louis PD
07/24/07	Careless & Reckless Driving (guilty) 90 days jail	Missouri Highway Patrol
07/24/07	Driving While Revoked (guilty) 90 days jail	Missouri Highway Patrol
02/16/16	Felony Chronic DWI (warrant issued 4/29/16)	St. Louis PD

Darryl and his mother were transported to Mercy Medical Center where she was pronounced dead at 6:25. He was admitted in serious condition.

We will be checking his case for charges over the next few months.

UNAPPROVED CHESTERFIELD NEWSLETTER 173



June 6, 2016

CHESTERFIELD PARENTS GO ON VACATION AND 35-YEAR-OLD SON INVITES HIS PROSTITUTE AND HEROIN SUPPLIER TO MOVE IN. When you randomly pick cases to follow and obtain police reports you never know what you are going to get. This had to be one of the best in recent years. If this wasn't bad enough having a hooker-drug dealer move into your parents home the idiot son calls the cops to get the hooker-girlfriend removed from the house and then gets arrested.

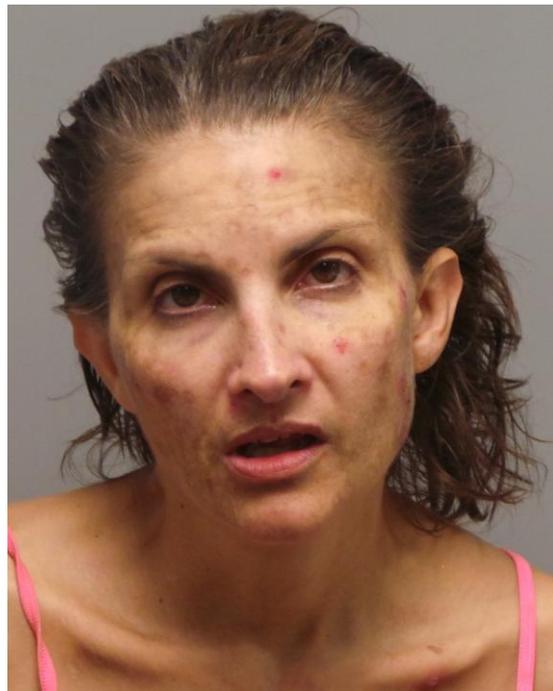
On Sunday morning August 23, 2015 Ryan Michael Leeman, 35, of 13493 Coliseum Drive in Chesterfield shot up some heroin and passed out. The heroin was supplied by his prostitute Christian Michele Duvall, 40. Duvall in attempt to revive Leeman slapped him around a little and then got ice and frozen vegetables from the freezer to apply on his face. When he came around he called the cops at 6:24 AM to remove Duvall from the condo.

Eventually the whole story came out. It was something that would make Leeman's parents proud. Sometime in May Leeman responded to an escort ad posted by Duvall on Backpage.com. The ad quoted prices as \$100 for 30-minutes, \$150 for an hour and dinner or an all nighter was between \$300 and \$500.

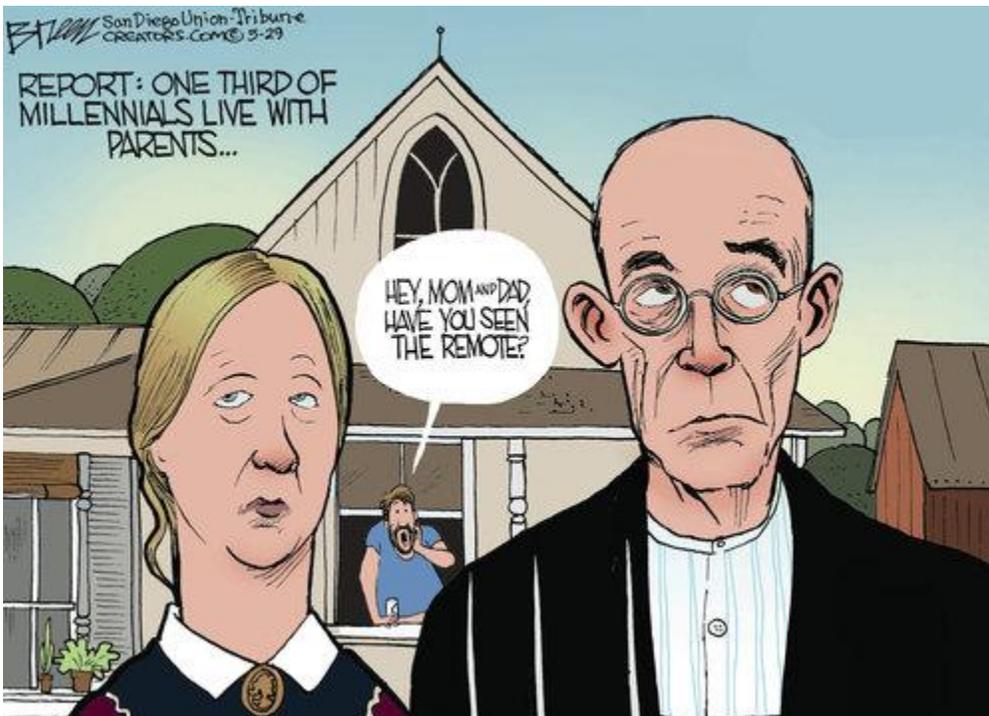
Her ad is still up on Backpage.com. Here is one photo of the five posted.



Backpage.com



Chesterfield Mugshot



Beginning in May 2015 Leeman and Duvall had a regular hooker-client relationship. Then in August Leeman's mother and stepfather went on an extended vacation. This caused Leeman to invite Duvall to move in to the condo on Coliseum Drive. According to statements Duvall continued to charge Leeman for sex.

This is from Officer Cordia's report.

When I arrived at the Chesterfield Police Department, I took the suspect, Leeman, to the Chesterfield holdover interview room to conduct an interview. When I spoke with Leeman about his relationship with Duvall, he eventually admitted that he met Duvall through her Backpage advertisement where she was soliciting for prostitution. Leeman said he met Duvall through her Backpage advertisement in May of 2015, and has been using her services since then. Leeman said her ad on Backpage promoted her services as follows:

1/2 hour - \$100

1 hour - \$150

dinner and a date or all-niter - \$300 to \$500

While I spoke with Leeman, he said he and Duvall had developed a somewhat friendly relationship over the past three months, but he was still paying for her sexual services. Leeman said he told Duvall approximately three weeks ago that his mother and stepfather were going on vacation, and he knew she was having problems with a living/working location. Leeman said he offered to have Duvall live at his home while his parents were on vacation.

I attempted to conduct an interview with Christian Duvall, but she said she had no information relative to the charges that would be of assistance to me. Duvall admitted that she has been a multiple drug user for the past six years, with Heroin being her drug of choice. Duvall said she also uses Methamphetamine, Crack, Marijuana, alcohol and any other drugs which are provided to her for free by her customers. Duvall admitted she pays for her drug addiction while working as a prostitute.

Leeman was charged with Patronizing Prostitution and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Duvall was charged with Prostitution and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

After Duvall's August arrest she managed to get arrested again. Here is her record that we could find:

09/29/15	Prostitution	Kirkwood PD
	PG on 02/22/16	sentenced to six months in County Jail, but placed on 2-year probation.
08/23/15	Prostitution & Poss of Drug Para	Chesterfield PD
07/09/13	Unlawful Use of Drug Para	Jefferson County Sheriff's Office
	PG 04/07/15	120 Days Jail, but placed on 2-year probation term

08/29/08 Probation violation warrant issued on 04/01/16
 DWI Arnold PD
 PG 09/08/10 120 days jail, but placed on 2-year probation term

There is another drug addict by the name of Jennifer Ashley Griffin who has used the alias Christian Duval and has served time for Drug Dealing.

OUTCOME: Things seem to go better for the Chesterfield resident's 35-year-old son than it did for the hooker. Leeman on 01/19/16 pled guilty in Chesterfield Municipal Court to a reduced charged from Patronizing Prostitution to Peace Disturbance and was fined \$375.50. The drug charge was reduced to "Littering." Leeman pled guilty and was fined \$300.50.

Duvall was back with her boyfriend/client on January 19 in court. No one reduced her charges. She pled guilty to the Prostitution charge and was fined \$150.50. She also pled guilty to the drug charge and was fined \$250.50.

Of course if Judge Brunk had made the fines any higher for Duvall, he would have been patronizing prostitution, because the only way she could have paid for them was find more "johns."

APRIL CHESTERFIELD POLICE CRIME AND ACTIVITY REPORT

Crime	April 2016	2016 YTD	April 2015	2015 YTD
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Crimes Against Persons

Non-Force Rape	0	1	0	0
Forcible Rape	0	1	0	0
Other Sex Offense	1	2	0	4
Robbery	1	2	0	5
Assault	13	74	8	68

BURGLARY

Residential	2	2	9	9
Business	0	3	0	3

LARCENY/THEFTS

Felony	32	83	11	76
Misdemeanor	28	155	35	135
Auto Theft	1	6	1	5

Arson	1	1	0	1
Checks/Frauds*	22	95	352	698*
Vandalism	10	53	7	36
Drug Violations	20	49	10	31
DWI	13	42	10	50
ARRESTS				
Adult	133	483	108	487
Juvenile	11	63	10	50
TRAFFIC				
Crashes	200	619	153	534
Injury Crashes	34	113	33	98
Parking Tickets	20	100	23	80
Warning Issued	541	2452	279	1358
Traffic Summons	665	3062	732	3140
Recovered Vehicles	0	1	1	2
Radio Assignments	4488	17252	4261	16499
Alarms	120	495	120	510

* 2015 Chesterfield PD was taking IRS Income Tax Fraud reports. In 2016 they are no longer taking crime reports on these offenses as they occurred somewhere else. They do take courtesy report that are not counted in the crime stats.

CHESTERFIELD POLICE BLOTTER PART 1: We are still catching up from being out of town and having the three editions of Drunks and Thieves replacing regular newsletters. Here is our first of two Chesterfield Police Blotter installments this week.



CHESTERFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT Media Report May 11, 2016 - May 17, 2016

Time of Occurrence Generic Address Business/Location Name Incident Type

05/17/2016, 0600 - 0705 14XXX CLAYTON RD 24 Hour Fitness **Larceny under \$500 from Auto**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject entered victim's unlocked vehicle and took a backpack and blanket.

05/16/2016, 1500 - 05/17/2016, 0930 9XX PEACH HILL LN **Larceny under \$500 from Auto**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject entered victim's unlocked vehicle and took a GPS unit.

05/16/2016, 1902 17XXX NORTH OUTER 40 RD Tubmann Outlet Mall **Possession of Stolen Property Clothing**

Brief Narrative Description: 24 yo female and 27 yo male in possession of stolen clothing after stealing investigation.

05/15/2016, 1630 - 05/16/2016, 0840 20XX COUNTY CORK DR **Larceny under \$500 from Auto**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject entered victim's unlocked vehicle and took a GPS unit.

05/15/2016, 1200 - 1600 17XXX CHAISE RIDGE RD **Larceny over \$500 from Residence**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took antique items during estate sale.

04/27/2016, 1050 1XX THF BLVD Walmart **Assault Common - Actual Assault**

Brief Narrative Description: 31 yo female struck victim in the face after argument causing no injuries.

05/16/2016, 1230 2XX CHESTERFIELD MALL Chesterfield Mall **Possession of Stolen Property Clothing**

Brief Narrative Description: 38 yo male in possession of stolen clothing. Further investigation also showed he was in country illegally.

05/15/2016, 1420 17XXX NORTH OUTER 40 RD Sunglass Hut **Larceny under \$500 Shoplifting**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took sunglasses and left store without paying

05/14/2016, 1930 - 2330 6XX HIGHLAND PARK DR **Burglary Residential - Garage**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject entered victim's unlocked storage area and took an air compressor.

05/15/2016, 1900 - 2100 1XX LONG RD Domino's **Property Damage to Vehicle**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject damaged victim's vehicle while it was parked in front of his business.

05/12/2016, 1800 - 05/14/2016, 1040 15XXX WILSON WOODS CT **Burglary Residential - Home**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject broke out basement window but did not take anything from inside.

05/14/2016, 1230 - 1330 16XXX LYDIA HILL DR City Park **Larceny over \$500 from Auto**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject broke out window on victim's vehicle and took a purse.

05/14/2016, 1230 - 1330 6XX VETERANS PLACE DR City Park **Larceny under \$500 from Auto**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject broke out window on victim's vehicle and took a purse.

05/14/2016, 1455 17XXX NORTH OUTER 40 RD Soltice **Larceny under \$500 Shoplifting**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject concealed sunglasses and left store without paying.

05/13/2016, 1030 20XX COUNTRY FIELD DR **Animal Bite Dog**

Brief Narrative Description: Resident reporting minor dog bite from neighboring dog. Notifications made.

03/12/2016, 1200 12XX BLUFFVIEW RIDGE DR **Fraud Identity Theft**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's information to open up credit card accounts.

05/13/2016, 1701 I-64 HWY E & TIMBERLAKE MANOR **Possession of Stolen Property License Plates**

Brief Narrative Description: 23 yo male in possession of stolen license plates after being stopped for a traffic violation.

05/13/2016, 0930 - 2055 14XX WILSON AVE **Burglary Residential - Home**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject forced open rear door of residence and took a firearm.

05/05/2016, 1830 - 05/11/2016, 1300 1XX LONG RD Meineke **Larceny under \$500 Employer**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took cash from business deposit.

05/12/2016, 1134 1XX CHESTERFIELD MALL Dillard's **Larceny over \$500 Shoplifting**

Brief Narrative Description: 47 yo male concealed clothing and left store without paying.

05/12/2016, 1507

05/12/2016, 1507 1XX THF BLVD Walmart **Larceny under \$500 Shoplifting**

Brief Narrative Description: 28 yo male and 18 yo male concealed cell phones and purse and left store without paying. Also in possession of narcotic paraphernalia upon arrest.

05/12/2016, 2123 14XXX GREENCASTLE DR **Assault Common - Actual Assault**

Brief Narrative Description: 40 yo male and 14 yo male punched each other after argument causing minor injuries.

05/12/2016, 1930 - 2210 17XXX NORTH OUTER 40 RD Chesterfield Ballfields **Larceny under \$500 from Auto**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject broke out window on victim's vehicle and took a GPS unit.

05/12/2016, 2357 I-64 HWY E & SPIRIT OF ST LOUIS **Drugs Possession - Misdemeanor**

Brief Narrative Description: Two 18 yo males and one 17 yo male in possession of marijuana and alcohol after being stopped for a traffic violation.

05/10/2016, 1900 - 05/11/2016, 0700 15XXX CHEQUER DR **Larceny over \$500 from Auto**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject entered two unlocked vehicles and took a laptop computer, wallet, and phone charger.

05/11/2016, 1215 2XX CHESTERFIELD MALL Children's Place **Larceny under \$500 Shoplifting**

Brief Narrative Description: 49 and 26 yo females concealed clothing and left store without paying. Both subjects also in possession of stolen clothing from other stores and prohibited theft devices.

02/01/2016, 1200 - 04/22/2016, 1200 14XXX GREENCASTLE DR 2 **Fraud Identity Theft**

Brief Narrative Description: 29 yo female used victim's information to apply for credit card accounts.

05/11/2016, 1345 - 1425 14XXX CLAYTON RD Briarcrest **Larceny under \$500 from Residence**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took medication from victim's apartment.

05/11/2016, 1823 17XXX BONHOMME RIDGE CT **Property Damage to House**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject damaged garage door handle on house under renovation.

05/11/2016, 2305 CLARKSON RD & DREW STATION SHOPPING CTR & LEA OAK DR **Drugs Paraphernalia**

Brief Narrative Description: 23 yo male in possession of marijuana paraphernalia after being stopped for a traffic violation

The interesting thing about this week's report was there were more car break-ins than calls for shoplifters, 7-to-6.

GUESS WHO IS CUTTING THE GRASS ON THE LADUE ROAD/GREEN TRAILS SUBDIVISION MEDIAN? If you remember from last year how high grass on the Ladue Road medians in Green Trails Subdivision made it impossible to see oncoming traffic for turning drivers. The city said it was up to the trustees to cut the median, while the subdivision claimed since the City took over the road from the State it was the city's job.

I maintained that those medians with high grass that created view obstructions for motorists and made the road unsafe, making it the city's job. Ward 1 Councilman Barry Flachsbart was vehement that the city should not cut the grass.



This year the grass was getting tall. The city was threatening to issue citations to the trustees. Then suddenly the grass got cut. Who did it?

It turned out that Councilwoman Barb McGuinniss was paying her home lawn service \$30 a month to cut the grass on the two medians.

"I get \$500 a month. Well, \$450 after taxes. I figured I could afford to do this for a while. But this does not solve the problem in the long term," said McGuinness.



AN EXECUTIVE SEARCH COMPANY IS HIRED; AND IT IS NOT THE ONE SOME WANTED TO HIRE AT THE FIRST MEETING IN MAY: In April Councilman Barry Flachsbart and others were ready to hire a Texas Executive Search firm after one open meeting telephone interview. They were going to throw out the work they had assigned a city hall staffer directed to get information on executive search firms. We wrote how this was amazingly backwards and sophomoric. I'm sure our opinion had little effect, but Flachsbart put the immediate hiring of SGR on hold.

Two weeks later the council did an about face and hired Novak Consulting Group out of Cincinnati, Ohio. Novak is run by two women.

Julia D. Novak is the president. She is the former city manager of Rye, New York and assistant city manager in Rockville, Maryland. She claims 16-years experience as a city manager but does not list everywhere where she worked.



Julia Novak

Catherine Tuck Parrish is another lead person at Novak. Parrish was was an assistant to the County Executive of Fairfax County, Virginia, a 1,000,000 population suburban county outside of Washington, DC. She replaced Novak at the assistant city manager in Rockville when Novak took the city manager in Rye, New York.



Catherine Parrish

Neither Novak nor Parrish had any newspaper online articles describing firings over ethical issues like members of SGR did. In fact a brief article about a former city manager replacing Novak in Rye on an interim basis mentioned that Novak was the one with an ethical concern over how the city was being operated and resigned over that concern.

Special Meeting On May 31 there was a closed Executive Session of the City Council to meet with members of Novak Consulting. That was all that was posted. Included among topics was the review of internal candidate Mike Geisel. We understand that someone tried to pull a fast one in the meeting by making a motion to vote on a matter. Since the meeting was posted as only consultation such a vote would have been a violations of the Sunshine Law. Violating the Sunshine Law is something the Chesterfield City Council has a long record in doing.

FOR THOSE POTENTIAL CANDIDATES APPLYING FOR THE CHESTERFIELD CITY ADMINISTRATOR JOB AND A GOOGLE SERCH FOUND THIS WEBSITE: Forget it. The handwriting on the wall is like 8-foot graffiti on a water tower. They already have three votes to hire Mike Geisel immediately and you are wasting your time applying unless you enjoy the practice.

CHESTERFIELD POLICE BLOTTER PART 2: Here is what went on I Chesterfield from May 18-to- May 24:



CHESTERFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT Media Report May 18, 2016 - May 24, 2016

Time of Occurrence Generic Address Business/Location Name Incident Type

05/23/2016, 1940 16XXX EAGLE BLUFF CT **Ordinance Violation Dog Running Loose**
Brief Narrative Description: 52 yo male failed to secure dog causing dog to jump up on victim resulting in minor injuries.

05/23/2016, 0535 - 1330 3XX S WOODS MILL RD Brooking Park **Larceny under \$500 from Person**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took money from victim's purse after it was left unattended in office.

05/23/2016, 1138 BLACK BIRCH DR & SCHOETTLER VALLEY DR **Drugs Possession - Misdemeanor**

Brief Narrative Description: 17 yo male in possession of marijuana after being stopped for a traffic violation.

04/28/2016, 1200 - 05/23/2016, 1851 15XXX CANYON VIEW CT **Fraud Identity Theft**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's information to open up loan accounts.

05/20/2016, 1600 - 05/22/2016, 0850 7XX AMOLAC DR **Burglary Residential - Home**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject entered unoccupied residence through attic door and drank alcohol while inside.

05/21/2016, 1700 - 05/22/2016, 0730 N. OUTER 40 & LONG **Larceny over \$500 Business**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took utility trailer from construction site.

05/21/2016, 0730

05/21/2016, 0820 14XXX CLAYTON RD 24 Hour Fitness **Larceny under \$500 from Person**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject entered locked gym locker and took a coat, wallet, and keys. All items except cash in wallet was later recovered inside building.

05/21/2016, 1641 14XXX CLAYTON RD Shell **Larceny under \$500 Gas Drive Off**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject pumped gasoline and drove out of gas station without paying.

05/21/2016, 1640 17XXX NORTH OUTER 40 RD Sunglass Hut **Larceny over \$500 Shoplifting**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject concealed sunglasses and left store without paying.

05/21/2016, 1701 2XX CHESTERFIELD MALL Chesterfield Mall **Ordinance Violation**

Possession of Theft Device

Brief Narrative Description: 28 yo male in possession of prohibited theft device after being stopped for a suspicious person check.

05/20/2016, 1720 2X THF BLVD Golf Galaxy **Larceny under \$500 Shoplifting**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject concealed clothing and golf balls and left store without paying.

05/21/2016, 1200 - 05/21/2016, 2100 17XXX NORTH OUTER 40 RD Polo **Fraud Counterfeit Bills**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject passed counterfeit currency to business.

04/15/2016, 1512 1XX THF BLVD Sam's **Fraud Credit Card**

Brief Narrative Description: 38 yo male and 26 yo female used cloned credit cards to make purchases.

05/19/2016, 2100 - 05/20/2016, 0830 14XXX PARLIAMENT DR **Larceny under \$500 from Auto**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject entered victim's unlocked vehicle and took a purse. Purse later recovered in neighborhood.

05/20/2016, 0940 3XX N WOODS MILL RD Parkway Central High School **Assault Common - Actual Assault**

Brief Narrative Description: 46 yo female struck victim in face after argument causing minor injury.

05/19/2016, 2330 - 05/19/2016, 2340 14XXX CLAYTON RD Zengel Flowers and Gifts **Property Damage to business**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject broke out front window of business.

05/20/2016, 1345 18XXX OUTLET BLVD Sunglass Hut **Larceny under \$500 Shoplifting**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject concealed sunglasses and left store without paying.

05/20/2016, 1030 1 CHESTERFIELD MALL Sears **Fraud Counterfeit Bills**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used counterfeit currency to purchase cell phone.

05/20/2016, 0730 - 05/20/2016, 1440 15XXX COUNTRY RIDGE DR **Burglary Residential - Home**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject forced open front door of residence and took a humidior cigar holder and cigar box.

05/20/2016, 1748 N WOODS MILL RD & OLIVE BLVD & WOODS MILL RD **Drugs**

Paraphernalia

Brief Narrative Description: 40 yo male in possession of marijuana paraphernalia after being stopped for a traffic violation.

05/16/2016, 1730 - 1800 1 CHESTERFIELD MALL Sears **Larceny under \$500 from Person**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took victim's I Pad after it was left unattended in store.

05/20/2016, 2141 14XXX GREENCASTLE DR 3 **Assault Common - Actual Assault**

Brief Narrative Description: 30 yo male pushed victim after argument causing no injuries.

05/20/2016, 2145 OLIVE BLVD & WHITE PLAINS DR **Property Damage to Vehicle**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject broke out window on victim's vehicle while she was driving.

05/18/2016, 1900 333 CHESTERFIELD CENTRE Hyatt **Harassment/Threat Texting**

Brief Narrative Description: 33 yo female sending threatening text messages to ex-boyfriend.

05/19/2016, 1425 I-64 HWY E & CLARKSON **Drugs Possession - Misdemeanor**

Brief Narrative Description: 27 yo male in possession of marijuana after being stopped for a traffic violation.

04/19/2016, 1200 23XX MANOR RIDGE DR **Fraud Identity Theft**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's information to open up loan account.

05/19/2016, 1430 17XXX CHESTERFIELD AIRPORT RD Buffalo Wild Wings **Fraud Credit Card**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used fraudulent credit cards to buy gift cards.

05/17/2016, 2100 - 05/18/2016, 0730 2XX CROWNRIDGE DR **Larceny under \$500 from Auto**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject entered victim's unlocked vehicle and took a wallet.

05/18/2016, 1626 2XX THF BLVD Lowe's **Larceny under \$500 Shoplifting**

Brief Narrative Description: 62 yo male took door knob from store and returned it for store credit.

05/18/2016, 1615 1XX THF BLVD Best Buy **Larceny under \$500 Shoplifting**

Brief Narrative Description: 37 yo male concealed cell phone case and left store without paying.

05/16/2016, 0900 15XXX HIGHCROFT DR **Larceny under \$500 from Residence**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took wall hanging decoration from victim's residence.

What we noted in this report were the unusual burglaries. One where the suspect stayed in the house and drank liquor. Another were just cigars and cigar accessories were taken and another one where a single wall hanging was stolen.

ASSAULT AT PARKWAY CENTRAL HS. At 9:40 AM on May 20, police were called to Parkway Central High School reference an assault. No arrests were made. The incident was between two employees. Here is what we were able to obtain from the Chesterfield Police about the incident:

The report involved two co-workers who became involved in a verbal altercation involving name calling, and dropped papers. One participant alleged the other one grabbed some papers from her hand and shoved them toward her cheek, frightening her. The other party said there were only dropped papers, and there was no physical confrontation.

No arrest was made, referred to municipal PA for review.

BUSINESS:

REPLACEMENT FOR MILLER'S CROSSING: A reader alerted us to a new eatery moving into the vacant Miller's Crossing on Olive Blvd; the Stackhouse or Stackhouse Pub and Grille. Last week we snapped a photo of the sign announcing the soon to be change.



CINCO de MAYO HAS COME AND GONE WITH NO NEW MEXICAN RESTAURANT IN DES PERES. In February we wrote about a new Mexican restaurant being built in the Des Peres Square Shopping Center at the location of the old Casa Gallardo. Originally the place was supposed to open by Thanksgiving 2015. Steve Peterson, Director of Services in Des Peres wrote us and said the new launch date was Cinco de Mayo in 2016.

The restaurant is Rosalita's which is located on Washington Avenue in the City of St. Louis' shooting and carjacking entertainment district. The main restaurant is still open, but nothing much has happened in Des Peres.

Here is how it looked on February 5:



And here is how it looked on June 1



Peterson tells us that Rosalita's is now hoping to open in September. They had some trouble in excavating and have to replace the plumbing and much of the electrical system. I'm thinking maybe Cinco de Mayo in 2017.

SAY GOODBYE: Zydeco Blues has closed in the Des Peres Square, apparently over the Memorial Day weekend. Des Peres officials say another restaurant is already planning to move in to the place that few people can find.



MORE RESTAURANT NEWS: The turning of the old Mongolian BBQ (alleged buffet and restaurant) into drive through St. Louis BreadCo store is now underway. (Panera for our out of town readers)



Work on May 31.



Plans

And now for the bad news, the horrible Mongolian BBQ and Buffet is still in business and has reopened in a store front in the Four Seasons Shopping Center just east of the old location. Apparently if you make it cheap enough people will come regardless of the quality.



SUDDEN CLOSURE: We here this restaurant in Chesterfield Valley suddenly closed last week:



MEDIA WATCH: COULD THE POST-DISPATCH GET IT ANY MORE WRONG? I swear things at the Post-Dispatch are getting to the point where they are beyond embarrassing.

In a printed and online article that appeared on Thursday June 2, education writer Elisa Crouch got an "F" in geography. Writing about how the Miriam School would locate a school for high school students with special needs at the Parkway United Christian Church in DES PERES.

A private high school for children with learning disabilities will open this fall inside Parkway United Church of Christ in Des Peres until a more permanent site is found for expansion.

Of course this church is not in Des Peres but has been in Town and Country since T&C was incorporated as a Village in 1950. The church borders Missouri Baptist Medical Center. The church is closer to Creve Coeur and Frontenac than it is to Des Peres.

Crouch used to be a transportation writer at the P-D but kept getting the location of major intersections confused. She was moved to the education beat, where she has the same problem. If a reporter can't correctly report where something is, why should I believe anything else in that article?

THE POST-DISPATCH CONSIDERS GRANTVILLE GEORGIA AS BEING LOCAL

Also in the online version of the June 2, 2016 Post-Dispatch under the heading of LOCAL, the P-D reprinted a piece from the Atlanta Constitution concerning a woman in Georgia being fined more than \$1,000 for having a dirty license plate in Grantville, GA. Of course Grantville is local to the St. Louis area. It is only 595 miles and nine hours and 17-minutes from St. Louis.

Local

Dirty license plate leads to \$1,590 fine for Georgia motorist

- The Associated Press
- 3 hrs ago
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THE POST-DISPATCH TRIPLE THREAT: In the same online edition the headline claimed guns and ammo were stolen from a small Missouri Police Department. The story was about a theft from the Sparta, Missouri police station at a time when all the officers had resigned. Sparta is a town of 1,756 that has had up to a 3-officer police department. Ozark is a town of 18,000 residents with a police department of 29-officers plus clerks and dispatchers. However in the article the Post-Dispatch used a photo of a patch of the Ozark Police Department. The story was not about the Ozark Police.

Law and order

Two men charged with stealing guns, ammo, gear from small Missouri police department

- The Associated Press
- 2 hrs ago



OZARK, Mo. • Two southwest Missouri men are charged with breaking into a small police department and stealing firearms and other law enforcement gear.

The thefts in February at the Sparta police station came when the building was not staffed because all the town's police officers had resigned.

Christian County prosecutors on Wednesday charged Dylan McGinnis, of Sparta, and Rhyan Bower, of Springfield with first-degree burglary and three theft counts.

KYTV-TV reports the thieves took AR-15 rifles, ammunition, bulletproof vests and several uniforms.

A probable cause statement doesn't say whether investigators recovered the stolen weapons.

After relying on the Christian County Sheriff's Department for several months, Sparta has had its own police force for a couple of months.

While this story was about the Sparta, Missouri Police below is a link to an interesting piece from the Springfield News-Leader about how screwed up the Ozark Police Department is.

<http://www.news-leader.com/story/news/local/ozarks/2015/06/19/pokin-around-world-turns-ozark-police-dept/29014513/>

A RESPONSE TO THE DWI ARTICLES: A friend of mine who is retired, but served as police chief in cities in California and Colorado sent me the following after reading the last three editions of Drunks and Thieves and the ridiculous sentences being handed down in Chesterfield and Town and Country.

: RE: drunks and thieves part 3

You have a very screwed up "system." How come there seems to be no public push-back on these plea bargains? Do you have what we had in Edgewater-community court watchers, retired folks (usually) who sat in court and just monitored judgments. If not, maybe it should be suggested by someone. Scares some judges who have to run for re-election.

I have made suggestions to MADD that they need to have court monitors. They just keep handing awards to cops who arrest drunk drivers and ignore judges who let them go. I'm surprised readers of this newsletter have not called local elected officials demanding Municipal Court Reform.

VACATION PHOTOS PART 2:



A Sunday afternoon on the beach in Wrangell, Alaska.



I'm a sucker for old fire trucks Sitka, AK. With a population near 10,000 Sitka has three gas stations and one antique fire truck. .



I love driving back roads with no tour buses



Views from the road.

The Downtown Sitka Bear



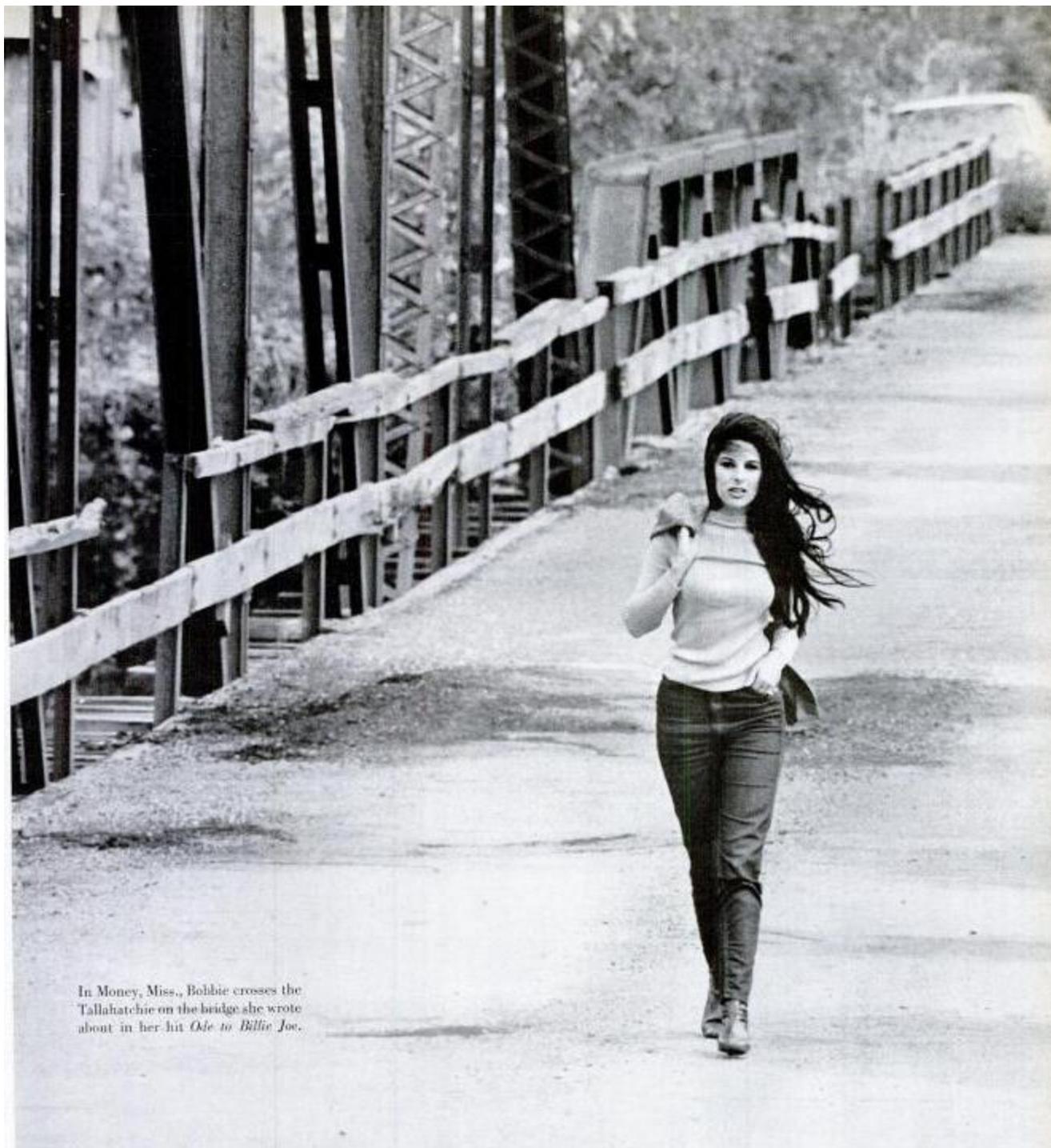
The tourist season had just started but while I watched there was no break of people taking photos of loved ones about to be mauled by a bear.

Next week we look at seldom seen Wrangell, Population 2,000.

For the complete review of our trip check out my Cruise Critic Review at:

<http://www.cruisecritic.com/memberreviews/memberreview.cfm?EntryID=535036>

BILLY JOE MACALLISTER MEMORIAL DAY: On June 3 I was shopping at Dierbergs. It was not another sleepy, dusty Delta day. It was a drizzling overcast day. I told the lady in the Deli, "Happy Billy Joe MacAllister Memorial Day." She immediately got it and said she has relatives in Mississippi and has driven over the Tallahatchie Bridge a number of times. Now Amanda, 19, at the checkout was a different story. She asked who Billy Joe was and when told of the hit song from 1967 she replied that she had not been born yet. I asked her if she knew White Christmas or Jingle Bells and when she said she did I mentioned that they were both written before she was born. So next June 3 keep the memory of Billy Joe and songwriter/singer Bobbie Gentry alive and be sure to mention it to someone.



In *Money, Miss.*, Bobbie crosses the Tallahatchie on the bridge she wrote about in her hit *Ode to Billie Joe*.

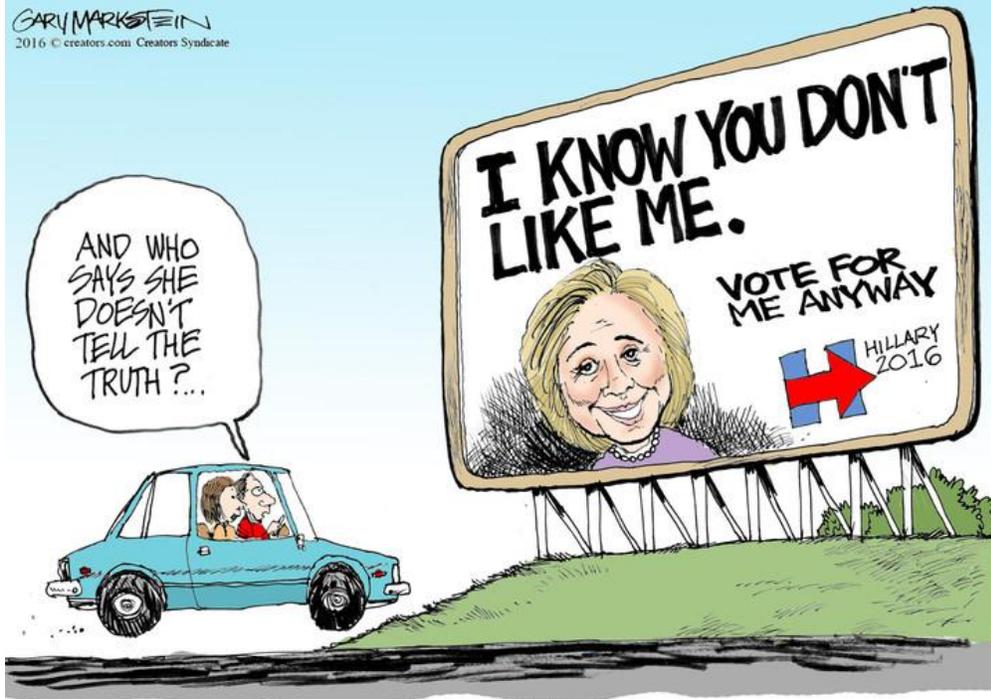
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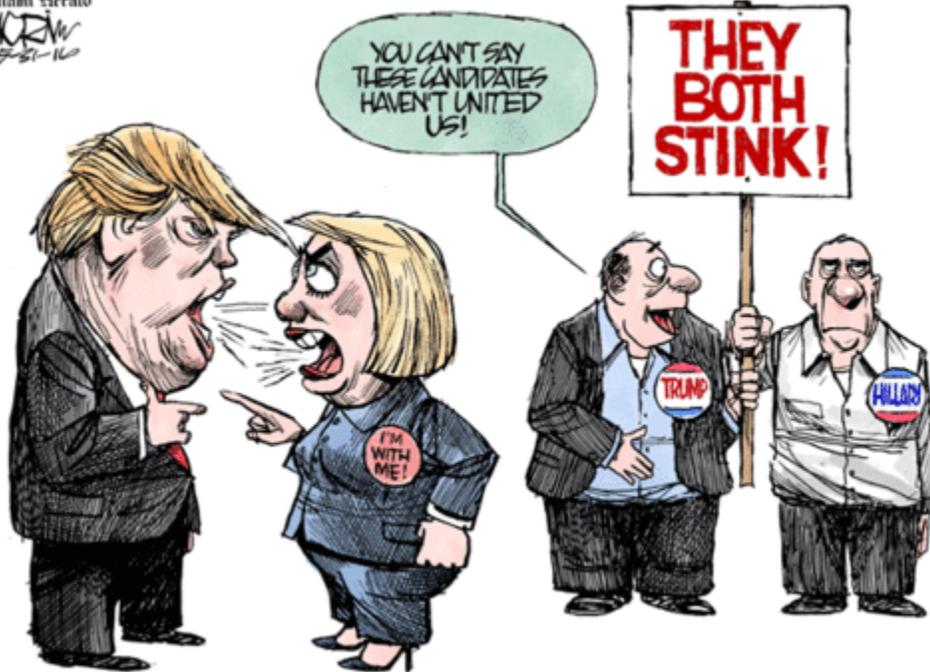
Apparently they never heard Art Van Damm in Treetops City.



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