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By John Hoffmann

October 3, 2016

CORRECTION: Last week we ran a list of 20 accidents on Mason Road south of Clayton, many being in the area of hard curves in the road. We reported all 20 crashes were off the road. Police Chief Pat Kranz has contacted us to correct our statement. Only 11 of the 20 crashes were off the road and nine were on the road. Here is a chart of the crash locations and whether it was on or off road.

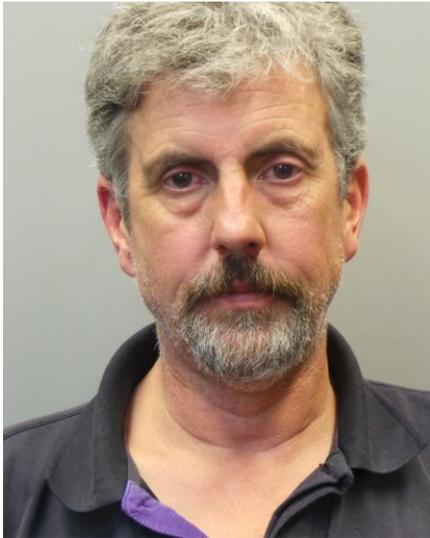
CRASH STATISTICS FOR MASON RD (S. CITY LIMITS TO CLAYTON RD)			
1/1/2014-5/10/2016			
Report #	Date	Location	On/Off Roadway
14-00794	5/5/2014	on Mason Rd after Peacock Farms	off Roadway
14-01042	6/18/2014	on Mason Rd after Clayton	on Roadway
14-01257	7/24/2014	on Mason Rd before Sturbridge	off Roadway
14-01651	9/24/2014	on Mason Rd before Thornhill	on Roadway
14-01776	10/12/2014	on Mason Rd after Blossomhill Ln	off Roadway
14-02078	12/1/2014	on Mason Rd after Blossomhill Ln	off Roadway
14-02079	12/1/2014	on Mason Rd before Buckland Hall Rd	on Roadway
15-00055	1/11/2015	on Mason Rd after Blossomhill Ln	off Roadway
15-00076	1/15/2015	on Mason Rd before Williamsburg Est Dr	on Roadway
15-00479	3/23/2015	on Mason Rd after Thornhill Dr.	on Roadway
15-00776	4/23/2015	on Mason Rd after Peacock Farms	off Roadway
15-01242	7/6/2015	on Mason Rd after Blossomhill Ln	on Roadway
15-01279	7/12/2015	on Mason Rd before Thornhill	off Roadway
15-01770	9/28/2015	on Mason Rd before Van Courtland	off Roadway
15-01857	10/13/2015	on Mason Rd before Park Place	on Roadway
15-02209	12/4/2015	on Mason Rd after Clayton	on Roadway
15-02280	12/18/2015	on Mason Rd at Blossomhill Ln	off Roadway
16-00226	2/15/2016	on Mason Rd at Blossomhill Ln	off Roadway
16-00235	2/17/2016	on Mason Rd before Clayton	on Roadway
16-000609	4/20/2016	on Mason Rd after Blossomhill Ln	off Roadway

ARREST AND TRIAL: We have so many summaries of drunks and thieves being arrested and the judgments against them in Muni and Circuit Courts, our stockpile of stories needs to be reduced. So we are now going to include one or two each week until the backlog of stories is down a bit. We will still post a group of stories on the website for those who are doing research on the Municipal court system that does not dish out much justice, but does reduce serious charges to Illegal Parking and Littering bringing in hundreds of dollars in fines. Here is one of those stories:

ANOTHER DRUNK DRIVER LEAVES THE COURTROOM WITH NO POINTS: In this case he was clearly drunk, weaving on the road and drinking a beer while driving.

On Thursday night October 16, 2014 Town and Country Officer Wilkey was working the overnight shift. At about 11:25 while west of I-64 from I-270 he noticed a Chevrolet pickup truck in front of him weaving from lane to lane. The pickup truck continued to weave as it exited from I-64 onto SB Highway 141, when Officer Wilkey decided to stop it.

He contacted the driver, Jeffrey Alan Heideman, 50, of Queens Bridge Road in Manchester. Heideman said he was coming home from work at FedEx where he was working on new delivery maps. He said he had just "one" beer" (after the BA test it was apparently a 64 oz beer or Mr. Heideman was lying about how many beers he had.) He was also eating a "fast food" dinner as he drove.



Jeff Heideman

Heideman's speech was confused, his eyes were bloodshot, watery and glassy. His breath smelled of booze despite the hamburger he had been eating. He swayed when he walked and had trouble standing still. He was asked to say the alphabet beginning

with the letter "D" and stopping with the letter "W." He stopped at "P" saying he forgot what letter he was suppose to stop at.

A field breath test showed his BAC was above the legal limit to drive a car. He was arrested for Improper Lane Use and DWI.

At the police station Heideman stated he had one can of beer when he left work that he drank in his car before he stopped for fast food. He admitted that he thought he was under the influence of alcohol.

An official breath test at the police station showed his **BA level to be .123%.**

All of his actions leading to his arrest and after his arrest were recorded.

OUTCOME: On July 12, 2016 Pled Guilty to DWI before Judge Joe Dueker of the St. Louis County Associate Circuit Court. He was given a No-Points, No-Fine, No-Record 2-year SIS probation by Judge Dueker. Town and Country prosecutor Ed Sluys reduced the citation for lane weaving from a 2-Point Improper Lane Use citation to a NO-POINTS Parking Violation. He was fined \$250 for a parking violation he did not commit. Heideman, a drunk driver, left the courthouse with no points on his record.

WEST COUNTY EMS & FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FIREFIGHTER /PARAMEDIC DIES OF SUICIDE WHILE ON DUTY: Firefighter /paramedic Sean McMullen, 46, was found dead while on duty Saturday September 24, 2016. McMullen a 14-year veteran with the Fire District was found by fellow firefighters at about 1 pm at Station #2 on Manchester Road near Mason Road.

Fire Chief Ernie Rhodes was quoted in the Post-Dispatch refusing to give a cause of death. "No further details regarding this matter will be released and we ask that you honor the wishes and respect the privacy of our departed brother's wife, children and extended family," Rhodes told Post-Dispatch reporter Jesse Bogan.



Chief Ernie Rhodes



FF/PM Sean McMullen

We called the St. Louis County Medical Examiner's Office where unlike Chief Rhodes they are required by law to release further details. A spokesperson said that McMullin's death is an apparent suicide but they are waiting on toxicology reports that may take six or seven weeks to get back before releasing the final report. However, the preliminary cause of death was suicide by hanging.

There are a number of problems with Rhodes refusing to discuss the on-duty death of an employee. The fire station is a public building owned by the public despite what is on a property deed. The public has a right to know what happens in a public building like a police station, fire station, school or rec center.

McMullen was married and had four young children, including a set of twins. We understand there is a GoFundMe account set up for the family.

BURGLAR WHO TOOK CREDIT CARD FROM UNLOCKED CAR IN OPEN TOWN AND COUNTRY GARAGE IS VERY ACTIVE AND SUSPECT IS VERY PHOTOGENIC.

The crime occurred in the 100 block of Ballas Ct. in Town and Country. Here is a statement from Town and Country Police concerning what happened that was sent to KMOV on Wednesday 9/28 and aired on the noon newscast:

Wednesday September 21, 2016 we were called to the 100 block of Ballas Ct for a report of a theft. It was learned that sometime between September 20th and 21st an unknown subject entered the homeowner's vehicle that was located in his open garage. On September 23rd the homeowner realized his credit card was missing from the vehicle and checked for any fraudulent charges. The card was used on September 21st at a local Wal-mart, Home Depot, McDonalds, and Quik Trip. We were able to retrieve surveillance footage from the Quik Trip (see attached photos). The subject in surveillance is a Black Male driving a black 4-dr Chevy Aveo. If you recognize him or have any information that may lead to an arrest in this case, contact Town and Country Police Department or email huntc@town-and-country.org

You have a stolen high-end credit card with a high credit limit and you use it at McDonalds? Apparently that carton of smokes he bought at the QT was worth giving up some excellent photos. There is a tie for biggest dope in this case. The victim that left a credit card in an unlocked car in a garage with the door open or a suspect using the stolen credit card for the bonanza of a Quarter Pounder, fries and a large Coke and at a QT with cameras in every corner.

Here are the photos of the suspect and his car.



REAL ESTATE: Recently we ran this photo of a house on Nettlecreek in the Thornhill subdivision that is about to meet a bulldozer, despite appearing to have a new roof.



And we now know what they want to replace a traditional 1960 era ranch house with at 1891 Nettlecreek:



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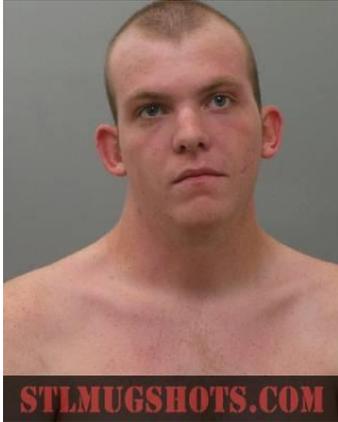


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NINE MONTHS AFTER THE DWI ACCIDENT FELONY CHARGES ARE FILED

AGAINST CHESTERFIELD MAN: On December 6, 2015 Connor Atwood, 20, of 1966 Willow Lake Drive in Chesterfield was driving while extremely drunk, left the roadway on I-44 in Shrewsbury and crashed into a concrete pillar. Atwood was injured but so was his passenger, John Inman, 25, of Villa Ridge, MO. Inman suffered extensive damage to an arm and according to court files nearly had a hand severed.

Blood tests records showed that Atwood's BAC level at the hospital long after the crash was .226%. It was not until September 1 that a felony warrant was issued against Atwood charging him with Assault 2nd Degree by Operating a Motor Vehicle Intoxicated Resulting in an Injury. Atwood turned himself in on September 12.



IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY
STATE OF MISSOURI

-VS-

CONNOR O. ATWOOD
1966 WILLOW LAKE DRIVE
CHESTERFIELD, MO 63017

RACE: White
SEX: Male
DOB: 08/14/1995
HGT: 6'02"
WGT: 170lbs.
P.D.: Shrewsbury
ORI Number: MO09569

Aliases:

Defendant

44W

CHARGES

Count: 01 ASSAULT 2ND DEGREE - OPERATE VEHICLE WHILE INTOXICATED - RESULTING IN INJURY -
CLASS C FELONY

Bond \$25,000
Cash only

COMPLAINT

State of Missouri)
County of St. Louis) SS

NO 10%
Scram,
NO Alcohol

Comes now the State of Missouri by and through the undersigned Assistant Prosecuting Attorney on information and belief that there is probable cause to believe that the above named defendant committed the following crime(s):

COUNT: 01 ASSAULT 2ND DEGREE - OPERATE VEHICLE WHILE INTOXICATED - RESULTING IN INJURY -
CLASS C FELONY

Ian Eigelberger, DSN 0166, Shrewsbury Police Department

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CHESTERFIELD WOMAN WHO WAS JUST PLACED ON PROBATION FOR FELONY SHOPLIFTING CAUGHT AGAIN SHOPLIFTING IN CHESTERFIELD! If you remember in May our Drunks and Thieves Newsletter #1 featured a story about 47-year-old Tammy Albrecht of 1464 Westmeade Drive being a serial shoplifter or kleptomaniac .

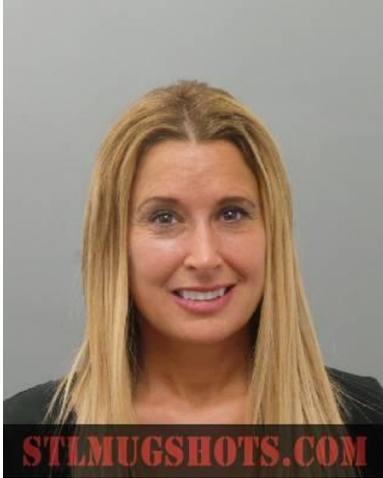


She was charged with a felony of stealing with three or more convictions after she first tried to switch the price tag DVD blue ray player with a soap dispenser at Wal Mart on December 2, 2014.

A year later Albrecht pled guilty before Judge Michael Burton, who paced her on a 5-year probation and strongly suggested she get professional help.

Either she didn't get any "professional help" or it was not working.

On July 26, 2016 Albrecht was back at the Chesterfield Wal-Mart store in Chesterfield Valley. She was arrested after she tried to shoplift two DVDs. She was again charged with a felony.



Not listed on the below court documents was Albrecht's Stealing arrest at the Ellisville Dierbergs, where Ellisville Judge Donald Anderson accepted an amended plea to "Littering." Judge Anderson refuses to identify thieves and makes it harder for law enforcement to do their job.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY
STATE OF MISSOURI

-VS-

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TAMMY L. ALBRECHT
1464 WESTMEADE DRIVE
CHESTERFIELD, MO 63017

Aliases:

Defendant

35 W

RACE: White
SEX: Female
DOB: 11/14/1969
HGT: 5'06"
WGT: 120lbs.
P.D.: Chesterfield
ORI Number: MO0959A00

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CHARGES

Count: 01 STEALING RELATED OFFENSE - 3RD OFFENSE - CLASS D FELONY

COMPLAINT

State of Missouri)
County of St. Louis) SS

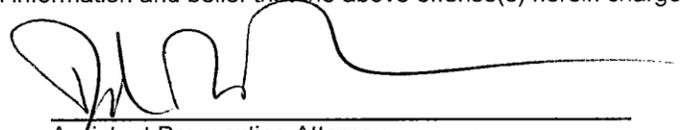
Comes now the State of Missouri by and through the undersigned Assistant Prosecuting Attorney on information and belief that there is probable cause to believe that the above named defendant committed the following crime(s):

COUNT: 01 STEALING RELATED OFFENSE - 3RD OFFENSE - CLASS D FELONY

That Tammy Albrecht, in violation of Section 570.040, RSMo, committed the class D felony of stealing, punishable upon conviction under Sections 558.011, 570.040 and 560.011, RSMo, in that on or about July 26, 2016 at 4:16 PM, at 100 THF Boulevard, in the County of St. Louis, State of Missouri, the defendant appropriated two DVD's, which property was in the possession of Wal-Mart, and defendant appropriated such property without the consent of Wal-Mart and with the purpose to deprive the victim thereof, and the defendant previously has pleaded or been found guilty on two or more separate occasions of a stealing-related offense for events that occurred within ten years of the present offense. The offenses are as follows:

1. On or about December 11, 2015, in the Circuit Court of St. Louis County, the defendant pleaded guilty to the offense of stealing, third offense, for events that occurred on December 2, 2014, and
 2. On or about April 8, 2011, in the Circuit Court of St. Louis County, the defendant pleaded guilty to the offense of stealing, third offense, for events that occurred on October 2, 2009, and
 3. On or about December 18, 2007, in the Municipal Court of the City of Chesterfield, the defendant pleaded guilty to the offense of stealing for events that occurred on September 23, 2007, and defendant was represented by an attorney, and
 4. On or about June 19, 2007, in the Municipal Court of the City of Chesterfield, the defendant pleaded guilty to the offense of stealing for events that occurred on May 11, 2007, and defendant was represented by an attorney.
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The undersigned Prosecutor informs the Court on information and belief that the above offense(s) herein charged were committed.



Assistant Prosecuting Attorney 4436

Date: 8-17-16

I, Matthew Paubel, DSN 0242, Chesterfield Police Department, knowing that false statements on this form are punishable by law, state that the facts contained herein are true. I have probable cause to believe that on July 26, 2016, at 100 THF Boulevard, Tammy Albrecht, White, Female, DOB 11/14/1969, 5'06", 120lbs, committed one or more criminal offense(s).

Count: 01 STEALING RELATED OFFENSE - 3RD OFFENSE - CLASS D
FELONY

The facts supporting this belief are as follows: At the Wal-Mart store in Chesterfield, defendant selected two DVD's from the displays and concealed them underneath her clothing. She walked out of the store without making any attempt to pay for the two items. Defendant was apprehended outside the store and the stolen DVD's were recovered. Defendant admitted to the theft.

Matthew Paubel, DSN 0242, Chesterfield Police Department

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CHESTERFIELD RESTAURANT YA-YA'S HELD UP BY THREE ARMED PERSONS, ONE POSSIBLY A WOMAN. ONE EMPLOYEE WAS PISTOL WHIPPED. The robbery and assault happened on Sunday September 25 after closing.

Here is the Chesterfield Police description on what happened:

On Sunday 9/25/16 sometime after 11pm, 3 subjects entered the restaurant through an unsecured rear door. The restaurant was closed but the manager and some employees were inside conducting some training. The manager was struck in the head with a pistol by one suspect and another suspect was seen holding a long gun. It is unknown if the 3rd suspect was holding a weapon. The other employees saw the masked suspects and ran out of the building. The 3 suspects then fled out the back and left in an unknown direction.

All 3 suspects wore bandanas covering their faces, but one suspect was believed to be a black female. The other 2 were black males. Nothing was stolen. Our Detectives are currently following some good leads concerning this case



As a police detective you never want to assume anything and let the evidence, statements and other facts lead you. However, I'm no longer a police detective and I have to say that this crime reeks of being an inside job orchestrated by a current or former employee.

OVERHEARD AT RECENT CHESTERFIELD MEETINGS:

September 19th City Council Agenda Meeting: The topic of the Parks, Recreation and Arts meeting was briefly mentioned by Councilwoman Barb McGuinness. After she said the word "Arts" **Councilman Bruce DeGroot** blurted out,

"Art. I know it when I see it."

Of course lawyer DeGroot was actually misusing the famous quote of Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart concerning hard-core pornography in a 1964 case.

2nd Quote: September 19, 2016 prior to the Chesterfield Finance and Administration meeting, Councilman **Randy Logan** (3- term councilman voted out of office once) asked Jim Eckrich the following question:

"Who do we talk to at County (County Highway Department) about the Outer Road?"

Logan wanted to complain about a pot hole.

What is amazing about that question is that both the North and South Outer Roads are Service Roads to I-64. All service roads to Interstate Highways are State Highways and under the control of MoDOT. This would not be usual for a resident to ask but for a three term councilman not to know what roads in town are State Highways is pretty amazing.



Randy Logan, a man without a clue when it comes to roads.

TWO FROM CHILE AND ONE FROM COLUMBIA WITH A NEW YORK ADDRESS ARRESTED IN CHESTERFIELD VALLEY FELONY SHOPLIFTING: They are supposed to be in and out of town in a hurry, but this trio of shoplifters were slowed down when Chesterfield Police arrested them around 2 pm on Saturday September 24.

Daniela Corroso-Castro, 23, Juan Cisternas, 33 and Francisco Beiza-Sanmartin, 31, were all arrested and charged with Felony Possession of Stolen Property. The trio from Chile and Columbia, gave the same Flushing, New York address of 98 Fifty Street which appears to be an industrial district.



The three are being held on \$50,000 bond. You and I are also paying for court ordered interpreters in this case. They all claim they cannot speak English.

The Chesterfield Police Special Enforcement Unit, that patrols retail areas with Chesterfield Mall on the east and the Premium Outlet Mall on the west with the Taubman Outlet Mall and 2 miles of THF stores and box stores along Chesterfield Airport Road in the middle as part of their patrol area, made the arrests.



The three thieves were using "booster" bags with metal foil to keep store security sensors from going off.

Employees from The Gap Outlet store at the Taubman Outlet Mall called directly to the Special Enforcement Team with a description of the three and the vehicle they were in. They were stopped at the North Forty Outer Road and Boone's Crossing.

Here is a media statement from the Chesterfield Police:

On 9/24/16 An employee from the GAP observed a male and female take some clothing items and leave without paying for them. The employee called an officer from our Special Enforcement Unit (the unit tasked to patrol the retail business areas). The officer was given a description of the male and female. He observed a male subject matching the description driving on North Outer 40 at Boones Crossing. A traffic stop was conducted and it was indeed the male and female suspects along with a 3rd subject in the vehicle. The items stolen from the Gap were recovered along with clothing stolen from Abercrombie and Fitch, J Crew, Banana Republic, Express, and Polo. There were also items from other stores not located at Taubman (that investigation is ongoing). In total, Officers recovered over \$8300 worth of clothing. The theft occurred just before 2 pm on Sept 24th and the traffic stop was shortly after the theft. All 3 had Felony "Possession of Stolen Property" warrants issued against them with \$50,000 bond for each. They were also issued municipal Stealing charges.

Here is a Probable Cause Statement from the Court Files on Daniela Corso-Castro (but all three Probable Cause statements are very similar in nature):

Date: September 25, 2016

I, Trevor McBride, DSN 5274, Chesterfield Police Department, knowing that false statements on this form are punishable by law, state that the facts contained herein are true. I have probable cause to believe that on September 24, 2016, at Daniela Corso-Castro, Hispanic, Female, DOB 10/19/1993, 5'03", 150lbs, committed one or more criminal offense(s).

Count: 01 RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY - CLASS C FELONY

The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

Police receive word that the 2 defendants Cisternas and Corso Castro just left the GAP store at the Taubman outlet mall. They walked out of the store with a pile of clothes without paying. The GAP LPO contacted Chesterfield police and provided them a description of the suspects. Chesterfield PD observed suspects matching their leaving the mall in their automobile. Police conducted a traffic stop and observed the suspects matched to the description provided by the LPO. Police also observe the suspects in the possession of Under Armour and Children's Place bags. These bags were suspicious because these stores are not at this specific outlet mall. Police observed what they believed to be stolen merchandise within the automobile. Police placed the defendant's under arrest. The car was inventoried prior to tow. Inside the car was thousands of dollars in merchandise of items still with original price tags, alarm sensors and no receipts. These items were stolen from various stores in the Taubman Prestige Outlet Mall. Subsequently police contacted Abercrombie and they provided information regarding stolen items from a store as well as a description of the person who stole the items. The items found in the car matched the items missing from the store. The description provided by Abercrombie of the person who stole the items matched Defendant Beiza San-Martin. Chesterfield PD had a Spanish speaking assist officer speak with the Defendants. Defendant's refused to make any statements regarding the merchandise.

Trevor McBride, DSN 5274, Chesterfield Police Department

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STEALING NO LONGER IS A CRIME IN MISSOURI. TRIO WAS CHARGED WITH POSSESSION OF STOLEN PROPERTY: In August the Missouri Supreme Court ruled that the Missouri Felony Stealing Statute did not cover most felony stealing incidents after it was rewritten and revised by the legislature in 2002.

This year the Legislature met in September for a Veto Session. Why Governor Jay Nixon didn't call a special session to immediately fix this mistake is beyond me. Instead Felony Stealing will continue not to exist until a new legislature is seated in 2017.

In the meantime charges such as "Possession of Stolen Property" and "Stealing with Three Prior Convictions" have to be used.

CITY ATTORNEY'S OPINION IS THAT BAND PRACTICE AT 6:30 AM IS AN "EVENT" AND POLICE CHIEF CAN ISSUE A PERMIT TO ALLOW IT: I'm guessing Interim City Attorney Chris Graville is a morning person. Up with the rooster kind of a guy judging from his recent opinion concerning the Parkway Central HS Band Practice.

Graville believes that daily 6:30 am band practices that are not performed for the public are "events" and being "events" fall into the category where Chief Ray Johnson can issue a permit to allow them.



However he offered another opinion that the practices are not grandfathered since they were occurring prior to Chesterfield being a city. Graville stated grandfathered uses involve "zoning issues" only and the noise ordinance is not zoning.

He did recommend that the City Council amend the ordinance to make it clear to the staff concerning issuing permits and qualifications for "events."

Most attending the Public Health and Safety Committee meeting when this was brought up, including Chief Ray Johnson, seemed to come to a conclusion that band practice was not an "event." Meaning a permit to violate the noise ordinance could not be issued. It turns out according to the City Attorney it is an event.

Here is his written opinion.

**Memorandum
Office of the City of Attorney
Privileged and Confidential Communication**

TO: The Public Health & Safety Committee
FROM: Christopher B. Graville, Interim City Attorney
DATE: September 20, 2016
RE: §21-73 and §21-74 of the City's Municipal Code

I was posed four (4) questions from the PH&S Committee regarding §21-73, titled "Unnecessary noise – Unlawful", and §21-74, titled "Same –Permit for outdoor events", of the City's Municipal Code:

1. Does Parkway Central's morning band practice constitute an "outdoor event" as defined under §21-74?
2. Is the Chief of Police authorized to grant a permit under §21-74 if it is, in fact, an "outdoor event"?
3. Does Parkway Central have a legal non-conforming use in continuing morning band practice prior to 7:00 a.m.?
4. Are the musical instruments played by the band "devices" as set forth in §21-73?

1. Outdoor Event

Regarding the first question, the code does not provide a definition for the term "outdoor event"; therefore, the plain and ordinary meaning of the term must be applied in determining the applicability of §21-73 to the marching band's activities prior to 7:00 a.m. Merriam Webster's online dictionary defines an event as "a planned occasion or activity." Clearly the outdoor band practices are planned and coordinated by the school district or their representatives. This activity occurs outside. There is no question that the band practice is an "outdoor event".

2. Permit from the Chief of Police

Regarding the second question, the delegation of authority by the City Council to the Chief of Police to issue a permit under §21-74 is a lawful delegation of authority. Generally, the City Council cannot delegate their legislative functions; however, they can vest discretion in administrative officials. *Behnke v. City of Moberly*, 243 S.W.2d 549. In order to be a proper delegation of discretion, the Council must establish standards to guide the administrative official so that everyone will be treated fairly. *Id.* (ALSO, please note that when a statute grants a city officer discretion, this standard may not be applicable). Section 21-74 states in pertinent part: “The Chief shall issue the permit if the peace would not be unduly disturbed.” Although the standard of “peace would not be unduly disturbed” is non-specific and difficult to ascertain, this delegation is lawful because it: 1. is impracticable to lay down a definite, comprehensive rule, 2. The discretion granted to the Chief relates to a police regulation and is necessary to protect the public morals, health, safety and general welfare. *Clay v. City of St. Louis*, 495 S.W.2d 672, 675.

Additionally, there is no distinction set out in the ordinance between a single event or a series of events, therefore, under the rules of statutory construction, each individual practice qualifies as an outdoor event for which a permit can be issued by the Chief of Police, regardless of its duration or repetition.

3. Legal non-conforming use

Regarding the third question, whether the Parkway School or student band has a legal non-conforming right to continue practicing, they do not have a vested legal non-conforming use. The term legal non-conforming use means the use of land prior to the enactment of a zoning ordinance. *Williams v. Department of Bldg. Development Services of City of Springfield*, 192 S.W.3d 545, 548. The ordinance in question is an exercise of the City’s police powers and is not a zoning ordinance; therefore, there cannot be a legal non-conforming use granted to the School or the student band. *St. Charles County v. St. Charles Sign & Elec., Inc.*, 237 S.W.3d 272. Furthermore, the ordinance sufficiently describes the nuisance (audibility at a distance of more than one hundred feet) to qualify as a valid exercise of the City’s police power. *Id.*

4. Are musical instruments devices

Regarding the fourth and final question, yes, musical instruments would qualify as devices under the ordinance. Section 21-73 makes it unlawful to operate a “radio, phonograph, loudspeaker, sound amplifier or other device.” The City’s code does not define the term “device” so a plain and ordinary definition of the term must be

applied. Merriam-Webster's online dictionary defines a device as "an object, machine, or piece of equipment that has been made for some special purpose." Clearly, musical instruments are "devices" under the plain and ordinary meaning of §21-73 and would be subject to regulation under the same.



CHESTERFIELD POLICE BLOTTER: Here is what the men and women in blue were doing last week:

CHESTERFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT Media Report September 21, 2016 - September 27, 2016

Time of Occurrence	Generic Address	Business/Location Name	Incident Type
09/27/2016, 0540	18XX GRAYSON RIDGE CT		Stolen Vehicle Automobile
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took victim's truck from front of residence and wrecked it down the street. Further investigation ongoing.			
09/14/2016, 0000 - 09/27/2016, 1142	15XX TIMBERBLUFF CT		Fraud Identity Theft
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's information to open up credit card accounts.			
09/20/2016, 1937	1XX THF BLVD Sam's		Fraud Identity Theft
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's information to open up credit card account.			
08/15/2016, 1200	14XXX SUGARWOOD TRAIL DR		Larceny over \$500 from Residence
Brief Narrative Description: 66 yo female took firearm from victim's room.			
09/27/2016, 1714	21XX COURTTLEIGH LN		Runaway Juvenile
Brief Narrative Description: 15 yo male ran away from home after argument with parent. Later located and returned without incident.			
09/09/2016, 1200-09/10/2016, 1200	14XXX SUGARWOOD TRAIL DR		Larceny over \$500 from Residence
Brief Narrative Description: 66 yo female took fish from decorative pond in rear of residence.			
09/24/2016, 2245	17XX CLARKSON RD Mobil		Larceny under \$500 Shoplifting
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject concealed alcohol and left store without paying. Subject also failed to pay for gas before leaving store.			
09/25/2016, 1900	14XXX CLAYTON RD Briarcrest		Missing Person
Brief Narrative Description: 59 yo male with mental illness walked away from nursing home. Later found in other jurisdiction unharmed and returned to family.			
09/26/2016, 1404	1XX THF BLVD Walmart		Larceny under \$500 Shoplifting
Brief Narrative Description: 34 yo male concealed DVD's and left store without paying.			
09/26/2016, 1414	17XXX NORTH OUTER 40 RD Polo		Larceny over \$500 Shoplifting
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject grabbed clothing and ran out of store without paying.			
09/26/2016, 1500	1XX THF BLVD Sam's		Fraudulent Prescription
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject attempted to fill fraudulent prescription.			
09/26/2016, 1520	23XX BAXTER RD Parkway West Middle School		Larceny over \$500 Person
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took victim's cell phone after it was left unattended in school.			

09/25/2016, 2317 15XXX OLIVE BLVD Ya Ya's **Robbery With Gun**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subjects used gun to rob restaurant. Investigation continuing. Minor injury reported by victim.

09/25/2016, 1147 18XXX OUTLET BLVD Sunglass Hut **Larceny under \$500 Shoplifting**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject concealed sunglasses and left store without paying.

09/10/2016, 1527-09/25/2016, 1200 15XXX BLACK BIRCH DR 1 **Larceny under \$500 from Auto**
Brief Narrative Description: Citizen report of stolen license plate.

06/18/2016, 1200 8XX WOODCOVE CT **Fraud Identity Theft**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's information to open up bank account.

09/24/2016, 0600-09/24/2016, 0700 15XXX PEACH HILL CT 1003 **Burglary Residential - Home**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject entered victim's apartment and took medication.

09/24/2016, 1344 17XXX NORTH OUTER 40 RD Gap **Possession of Stolen Property**
Brief Narrative Description: 22 yo female and 33 yo male in possession of stolen clothing after suspicious vehicle stop.

09/24/2016, 1556 - 1612 18XXX OUTLET BLVD Sunglass Hut **Larceny over \$500 Shoplifting**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject concealed sunglasses and left store without paying.

09/24/2016, 1654 17XXX NORTH OUTER 40 RD Sunglass Hut **Larceny over \$500 Shoplifting**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject concealed sunglasses and left store without paying.

09/24/2016, 1700-1715 15XXX PEACH HILL CT 1003 **Burglary Residential - Home**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject entered victim's apartment and took medication.

09/22/2016, 1755-1802 18XXX OUTLET BLVD Sachs Off Fifth Avenue **Larceny under \$500 Shoplifting**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject concealed sunglasses and left store without paying.

09/23/2016, 1330-1700 1XX CHESTERFIELD VALLEY DR Bar Louie **Larceny under \$500 from Auto**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject entered victim's unlocked vehicle and took a wallet.

09/20/2016, 1200 3XX S WOODS MILL RD Brooking Park **Larceny under \$500 from Residence**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took credit card and money from victim's room.

09/22/2016, 1417 4X THF BLVD Target **Larceny under \$500 Shoplifting**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject concealed alcohol and left store without paying.

09/22/2016, 0700 14XXX TRAILTOP DR **Ordinance Violation Dog Running Loose**
Brief Narrative Description: 70 yo male failed to keep dog secure allowing dog to run free in neighborhood.

09/21/2016, 1900 17XXX WHITE ROBIN CT **Assault Common - Actual Assault**
Brief Narrative Description: 53 yo female threw phone at victim after argument causing minor injuries.

09/20/2016, 2030-09/21/2016, 0645 15XX WESTMEADE DR **Stolen Vehicle Automobile**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took victim's vehicle which was parked in apartment complex parking lot.

09/05/2016, 1200-09/11/2016, 1200 14XXX COBBLE HILL CT **Fraud Identity Theft**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's information to open up credit card accounts.

09/07/2016, 1200 16XXX FOREST MEADOWS DR **Fraud Identity Theft**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's information to open up credit accounts.

09/21/2016, 1200 14XXX CLAYTON RD Phillips 66 **Drugs Possession - Felony**
Brief Narrative Description: 25 yo female in possession of Oxycodone and Xanax without a prescription.

07/01/2016, 0000-07/31/2016, 2359 14XXX STRAUB HILL LN **Fraud Identity Theft**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's information to open up credit accounts.

09/17/2016, 1200-09/19/2016, 1200 1XX THF BLVD Walmart **Property Damage to Vehicle**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject scratched the side of victim's vehicle while parked in parking lot.

09/21/2016, 1445 1XX THF BLVD Walmart **Larceny under \$500 Shoplifting**
Brief Narrative Description: 34 yo male concealed video games and left store without paying. Also in possession of narcotic paraphernalia.

09/19/2016, 1200-09/21/2016, 1200 8 SIR RYAN DR **Fraud Identity Theft**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's information to open up multiple bank accounts.

09/21/2016, 1600 16XX CLARKSON RD The Sound Room **Larceny under \$500 Shoplifting**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject concealed headphones and ran out of store without paying. Headphones recovered in parking lot.

09/21/2016, 1200 10XX CHESTERFIELD POINTE PKY Gardenview **Harassment/Threat Phone**
Brief Narrative Description: 46 yo female making unwanted and threatening phone calls to former employer.

09/21/2016, 0700-1730 16XXX CROSSOVER LN **Stolen Vehicle Motorcycle**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took victim's motorcycle which was parked in apartment complex parking lot.

09/21/2016, 1650-1740 14XXX SOUTH OUTER 40 RD **Larceny over \$500 Person**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took victim's cell phone after it was left unattended in restroom.

09/21/2016, 2239 16XXX CHESTERFIELD AIRPORT RD First Community **Drugs Possession - Misdemeanor**
Brief Narrative Description: 21 yo male in possession of marijuana and paraphernalia after suspicious vehicle check.

09/16/2016, 1234 15XX SCHOETTLER RD **Fraud Identity Theft**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's information to order new iPhone from Apple.

09/21/2016, 1032 6XX SPIRIT VALLEY EAST DR Chesterfield Fence and Deck **Larceny over \$500 Employer**
Brief Narrative Description: 36 and 41 yo males took fencing materials from employer.

LOBBYIST GIFTS TO LOCAL ELECTED CITY LEADERS: We usually look at lobbyist gifts to state reps and state senators, but the Missouri Ethics Commission keeps track of gifts to local elected officials. Here are the lobbyist gifts to city leaders in West County so far in 2016:

Town and Country

Tiffany Frautschi Alderwoman \$0.00 02/18/16 Gina Hakenewerth a lobbyist for Ameren tried to give Frautschi and a number of other officials \$1.50 bottle of water. Frautschi either refused the water or paid for it. Hakenewerth is no longer a lobbyist.

Chesterfield

Tom DeCampi Councilman \$81.65 05/19/16 less than a month after being sworn-in Ameren Lobbyist Laura Page Selby gave DeCampi a \$49 ticket to a Cardinals game and \$32.65 worth of food.

Randy Logan Councilman \$81.65 Logan went to the same Cardinals game as DeCampi and was fed by Ameren Lobbyist Laura Page Selby.

Bob Nation Mayor \$81.65 Mayor Bob Nation joined the two councilmen at the Cardinals game courtesy of the utility Ameren.

Ellisville

Adam Paul
Mayor \$178.50 Mayor Paul got a much better seat from Ameren at the Cardinals game on June 29, 2016. The seat value was \$137. He got more food too, \$40 worth compared to just \$32.65 in May to the people from Chesterfield. Plus, he took the \$1.50 bottle of water.

Creve Coeur

Barry Glantz
Mayor \$ 93.99 Mayor Glantz got the same \$49 ticket to a Cardinal game from Ameren for a May 2, 2016 game. However, he got more food, receiving \$44.99 worth of ballpark food.

The the local elected official taking the most from lobbyists so far in 2016 is:

Liberty



Lyndell Brenton \$958.00 The Mayor of Liberty, MO was also pocketing free stuff for a power utility, except instead of Ameren it was Kansas City Power and Light. On March 12 Brenton accepted two tickets valued at \$800 from KCP&L in the electric company's suite, plus \$28 in food for the SEC Basketball Tournament. On June 17 Brenton got a \$102 Royals Baseball ticket plus **\$28** in food from KCP&L.

Either food at sporting events is cheaper in Kansas City or Mayor Brenton went home hungry or local politicians in St. Louis make pigs of themselves.

Now local elected leaders are suppose to be finding ways to use less electricity and reduce electric bills. So why are they taking free stuff from the electric companies? Isn't that raising the amount of our utility bills?

DEER NOW NUMBER 1 ON KILLER ANIMAL LIST: From information gathered from the US CDC (Center for Disease Control) list of animals most likely to kill humans, Deer are at the top of the list. Of course the number one reason for death by deer is auto crashes.

The list published by the Daily Mail.com included animals and insects. Here is the list :

- 1) Deer 120 deaths per year average
- 2) Bees, wasps, and hornets 58 deaths per year
- 3) Dogs 28 deaths per year average
- 4) Cows 20 deaths per year average
- 4) Horses 20 deaths per year average
- 5) Black Widow Spiders 7 deaths per year

According to the article mountain lions, sharks, crocs, alligators, bears, wolves, rattlesnakes all are around 1 death per year on average or less.



ANOTHER NUMBER ONE FOR ST. LOUIS! WallStreet24/7.com reported last week that according to FBI stats of violent crime per capita, **St. Louis takes over the NUMBER ONE position as the MOST DANGEROUS CITY IN AMERICA.** Last week

we reported that one publication ranked St. Louis as the 11th most dangerous city in the world.

Here are the top ten:

10. Kansas City, Missouri (When I was a cop in the KC MO suburbs in the 1980 s, I always thought Kansas City, Kansas was more dangerous.)
9. Oakland, California (I'm surprised it is only at Number 9)
8. Little Rock, AR (And this is 24 years after the Clintons moved out of town)
7. Baltimore, MD (I was in Law enforcement for 12 years in Maryland. Baltimore deserves a higher ranking.)
6. Rockford, IL
5. Milwaukee, WI (Apparently famous beer towns are dangerous.)
4. Memphis, TN
3. Birmingham, AL
2. Detroit, MI (Dethroned after a long ride at the top of the list)
1. **St. Louis**

Here are the 10 Safest Cities: 10) Thousand Oaks, CA 9) Sunnyvale, CA 8) Temecula, CA 7) Glendale, CA 6) Frisco, TX 5) Naperville, IL 4) Gilbert, AZ 3) Murrieta, CA 2) Irvine, CA 1) Cary, NC



FOLLOW THE MONEY: We are looking at people or groups making \$5,000 and up contributions in September to three elections. The first is the race for governor. The Republican is the the former Navy Seal and Rhodes Scholar Eric Greitens and current attorney general Democrat Chris Koster. Koster has the most in endorsements and he had a nice size war chest early on as Greitens had to spend lots of money in a 4-way primary battle. However with two months to go to the election Greitens is getting some serious campaign contributions.

Contributions in BOLD are from Town and Country or Chesterfield

Contributions highlighted in yellow are over \$100,000

GREITENS:

09/30/16	\$25,000	Gerald Cook Springfield, MO
09/30/16	\$50,000	Digital Monitoring Products Springfield, MO
09/30/16	\$50,000	Jerry Cook Ozark, MO
09/30/16	\$25,000	Emerson Electric PAC Feguson, MO
09/30/16	\$10,000	Ameren Missouri Jefferson City, MO
09/30/16	\$10,000	David Hogan 353 Conway Lake Dr Creve Coeur, MO
09/30/16	\$10,000	Brian Hogan 2740 Turnberry Park Dr Town & Country, MO
09/30/16	\$ 5,001	Midwest Products Group Jefferson City, MO
09/30/16	\$15,000	Kansas City Power & Light Kansas City, MO
09/30/16	\$750,000	Republican Governor's Assoc. Washington, DC
09/30/16	\$ 5,001	Justin French Springfield, MO
09/29/16	\$ 5,001	Paul Melnuk Clayton, MO
09/29/16	\$10,000	Cap Grossman 403 Hawthorne Webster Groves, MO
06/29/17	\$25,000	Loren Cook II Springfield, MO
09/29/16	\$10,000	Mary Bicknell Overland Park, KS
09/29/16	\$25,000	Michael Lukacs Garden City, NY
09/29/16	\$5,001	John DeBlasio Chicago, IL
09/28/16	\$100,000	Herzog Railroad Service St. Joseph, MO
09/28/16	\$ 5,001	Dwayne Holden Springfield, MO
09/28/16	\$ 5,001	Josh Ferguson 8318 Kingsbury Clayton, MO
09/28/16	\$40,000	Richard DeVoss (Amway Founder) Grand Rapids, MI
09/28/18	\$20,000	Daniel DeVoss Grand Rapids, MI
09/28/16	\$20,000	Suzanne DeVoss Grand Rapids, MI
09/28/16	\$20,000	Douglas DeVoss Grand Rapids, MI
09/28/16	\$10,000	Eric Karlovic Des Peres, MO
09/28/16	\$10,000	Bill Bloomfield Manhattan Beach, CA
09/28/16	\$10,000	Tom Stillman 37 Glen Eagles, DR Ladue, MO
09/28/16	\$ 5,001	John Ghirardelli Springfield, MO
09/23/16	\$ 5,001	Sam Coryell Springfield, MO
09/22/16	\$100,000	Carolyn Gold 25 Manderleigh Est. Frontenac, MO
09/22/16	\$100,000	John Hauck 1151 Highland Point Dr Town and Country, MO
09/22/16	\$10,000	Steven Hauck Katy, TX
09/22/16	\$10,000	Ellen Hauck Atlanta, GA
09/22/16	\$10,000	Kathleen Alexander Naples, FL
09/22/16	\$100,000	BET Trust Newport Beach, CA
09/22/16	\$10,000	David O'Reilly (O'Reilly Auto Parts) Springfield, MO
09/22/16	\$ 5,001	Cory Ball Kansas City, MO
09/22/16	\$ 5,001	John Prentis Wildwood, MO

09/21/16	\$ 5,001	Fairfax Pullnow 7 Warson Hills Lane Ladue, MO
09/21/16	\$500,000	David Humphreys Joplin, MO
09/20/16	\$13,000	Michael Blatz 11 Hortense Place St. Louis, MO
09/20/16	\$ 5,001	Sara Hargis Springfield, MO
09/19/16	\$ 7,500	Nathan McKean Breckinridge Industrial Brentwood, MO
09/19/16	\$ 5,001	J. Michael Hannegan St. Charles, MO
09/19/16	\$ 5,001	Hannegan Holdings St. Charles, MO
09/19/16	\$10,000	Craig Porter Kearney, MO
09/19/16	\$50,000	Joe Craft Tulsa, OK
09/19/16	\$750,000	Republican Governors Association Washington, DC
09/19/16	\$250,000	Michael Shannon Denver, CO
09/19/16	\$ 5,001	Beth Berra 3 Clayton Estates Town and Country, MO
09/19/16	\$10,000	Peter deSilva Creve Coeur, MO
09/16/16	\$10,000	Douglas Albrecht 16 Upper Ladue Rd Ladue, MO
09/16/16	\$100,000	Diana and Bruce Rauner (Governor of Illinois)
09/14/16	\$10,000	Hermann Companies Clayton, MO
09/14/16	\$10,000	CV Star and Company New York, NY
09/13/16	\$5,001	Kenneth Meyer Springfield, MO
09/09/16	\$10,000	ELX83, LLC 12935 N Outer Forty Rd Town and Country, MO (This is at Lewis-Rice law firm)
09/09/16	\$10,000	Steve Sarracino New Canaan, CT
09/09/16	\$50,000	Marilyn & Howard Wood Bonne Terre, MO
09/09/16	\$25,000	Digital Monitoring Springfield, MO
09/09/16	\$5,001	Susan Eckelkamp St. Albans, MO
09/09/16	\$5,001	Pat Sechler Springfield, MO
09/09/16	\$5,001	Onder for Missouri Lake St. Louis, MO
09/08/16	\$13,500	Donald Sanders 2700 Covington Pl Town and Country, MO
09/08/16	\$25,000	W. Grant Williams, III 1100 N. Lindbergh St. Louis CO, MO
09/08/16	\$50,000	James McDonnell 40 Glen Eagles Dr. Ladue, MO
09/08/16	\$20,000	Gerald Schwalbach Excelsior, MN
09/06/16	\$25,000	Onshore Technology Macon, MO
09/06/16	\$10,000	Joseph Stieven 4 Lochinvar Town and Country, MO
09/06/16	\$10,000	Jean-Paul Montupet 24 W Brentmoor Park Clayton, MO
09/02/16	\$5,001	Sidney Grossman 437 Greenleaf Kirkwood, MO
09/02/16	\$10,000	Connie and John Johnson Rogersville, MO

KOSTER:

09/29/16	\$15,000	Kansas City Power & Light Kansas City, MO
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09/29/16	\$ 5,001	Marvin Singleton Fayetteville, AR
09/28/16	\$15,000	MHA Health Jefferson City, MO
09/28/16	\$ 5,640	The Carpet Warehouse Joplin, MO
09/28/16	\$10,000	Mark Gardner Springfield, MO
09/23/16	\$35,000	Ameren Missouri St. Louis, MO
09/23/16	\$10,000	Zimmerman Tax Credit Exchange Springfield, MO
09/22/16	\$15,000	AGC (Associated General Contractors) St. Louis, MO
09/22/16	\$10,000	Benjamin Schmickle Attorney Kirkwood, MO
09/22/16	\$10,000	Edelman & Thompson Kansas City, MO
09/21/16	\$10,000	National Health Corp. Murfreesboro, TN
09/21/16	\$10,000	Northport Health Services of MO Tuscaloosa, AL
09/21/16	\$10,000	Baron & Budd Dallas, TX
09/21/16	\$10,000	The Driscoll Firm St. Louis, MO
09/20/16	\$10,000	Robert Blitz 61 Portland Dr. Frontenac, MO
09/20/16	\$10,000	Karen Holland Kansas City, MO
09/19/16	\$10,000	William Gautreaux Kansas City, MO
09/19/16	\$25,000	Elissa Holman Kansas City, MO
09/17/16	\$15,000	Ameren Missouri St. Louis, MO
09/17/16	\$10,000	Enterprise Holdings Clayton, MO
09/15/16	\$10,000	C.H. Parsons Dexter, MO
09/15/16	\$100,000	United Food Workers Washington, DC
09/14/16	\$10,000	Martin Grain Co Bernie, MO
09/14/16	\$10,000	Delta Rim, Inc. Wilson, AR
09/12/16	\$10,620	Democratic Governor's Association Washington, DC
09/12/16	\$20,000	Mallinckrodt Washington, DC
09/12/16	\$10,000	DiPasquale Moore, LLC Washington, DC
09/12/16	\$15,000	Chesterfield Grove Market, LLC
09/09/16	\$10,000	Comprehensive Health Systems Hannibal, MO
09/07/16	\$15,000	Potts Law Firm Houston, TX
09/06/16	\$20,000	McBride & Sons 16091 Swingley Ridge Chesterfield, MO
09/01/16	\$5,489	Teamsters Union Local 600 Maryland Heights, MO
09/01/16	\$18,812	Sheet Metal Workers St. Louis, MO

CIGARETTE TAX INCREASE This battle of tax increases has a local favor as Town and Country Ward-4 Alderwoman Linda Rallo was a consultant and then for several months the executive director of the Raise your Hand for Kids group that wants a 60-cents a pack increase on America's lowest cigarette tax rate (17-cents a pack). It would also require all cigarettes sold in Missouri to pay into the stop smoking education and medical fund. Currently that tax fund only applies to cigarette brands that existed when the agreement was signed in the 1990s. The non-major brands that were started after

the agreement was signed don't have to pay the 67-cents a pack tax and is the reason they can be sold cheaper than name brand cigarettes.

The tax proposal by the Convenience Store group would do several negative things. It would continue to allow the off-brands to avoid paying the education and treatment tax while forcing the major brands to pay. There is a poison pill part of the tax also, where if some group tried to pass a new cigarette tax after the 23-cent tax was enacted, the tax would be eliminated completely.

The one thing that might have voters wanting to vote for this tax measure is that the tax money would go to MoDot for road construction and maintenance. I'm sure many might think it was better to have smokers paying for our roads than having toll roads.

So as you look at the contributions for September, keep in mind that the big cigarette companies want the higher tax that evens out the playing field. While the cheap brands want to keep themselves from paying the stop smoking education tax.

23-cents a Pack Increase Missouri Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Stores

09/29/16	\$90,000	XCaliber International (off-brand Cig Manufacturer) Pryor, NC
09/29/16	\$6,000	J.D. Streett & Company Maryland Heights, MO
09/27/16	\$130,000	Cheyenne International (off-brand Cig manufacturer Grover, NC
09/26/16	\$7,500	Naegler Oil Co. Springfield, MO
09/26/16	\$10,000	Midwest Petroleum St. Louis, MO
09/26/16	\$10,000	MFA Oil Columbia, MO
09/22/16	\$10,000	Western Oil, Inc. Earth City, MO
09/22/16	\$10,000	Ayers Oil Canton, MO
09/21/16	\$130,000	XCaliber International (off-brand Cig Manufacturer) Pryor, OK
09/19/16	\$140,000	Cheyenne International (off-brand Cig Manufacturer) Grover, NC
09/14/16	\$140,000	XCaliber International (off-brand Cig manufacturer) Pryor, NC
09/12/16	\$37,472	Cheyenne International (off-brand Cig manufacturer) Grover, NC
09/12/16	\$125,000	Cheyenne International (off-brand Cig manufacturer) Grover, NC
09/09/16	\$275,000	XCaliber International (off-brand Cig manufacturer) Pryor, OK
09/02/16	\$150,000	Cheyenne International (off-brand Cig manufacturer) Grover, NC

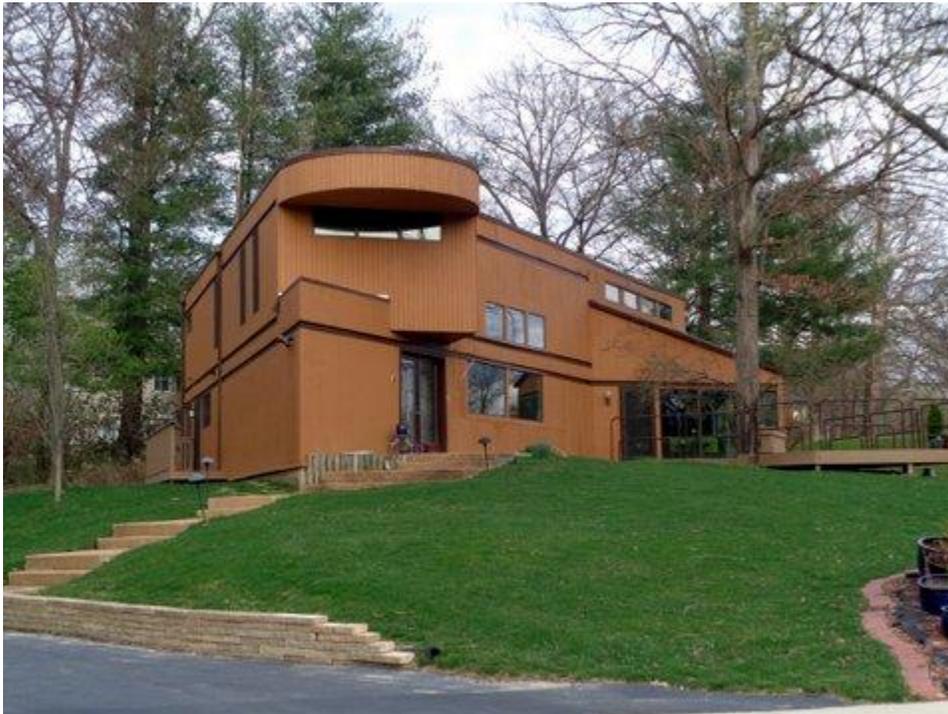
60-cents a pack increase over three years Raise your Hands for Kids

09/28/16	\$100,000	RAI Services (JR Reynolds Tobacco) Winston-Salem, NC
09/23/16	\$1,769,250	RAI Services (Reynolds Tobacco) Winston-Salem, NC
09/26/16	\$265,000	RAI Services (Reynolds Tobacco) Winston-Salem, NC

09/09/16	\$80,000	RAI Services (Reynolds Tobacco) Winston-Salem, NC
09/08/16	\$8,459	RAI Services (R.J. Reynolds Tobacco) Winston-Salem NC
09/01/16	\$25,000	Alison Ferring 4545 Lindell Blvd. St. Louis, MO

PHOTOS: Early last spring we were planning on driving around the area and taking photos of unusual houses or one you just don't see many of. But things got crazy in the world of local politics and we found ourselves using up all the newsletter's space on local politics and crime stories.

So here is where we started in the Pine Tree Lake subdivision. Clearly the first house is unique and unusual. We hear from some realtors we know that standing water on the flat roof can be a problem. The only thing about the second house that made me take a photo was the BIG windows.





The photo below is from the corner of Big Bend Blvd. and Gore Avenue in Webster Groves. This was originally a Gulf gasoline and service station. There used to be five gas/service stations in the section of Webster Groves that we referred to as "Little Webster." The current owner of the building operates a computer website design company called Digital Strike but returned the outside of the building to the old time look as a gas station.



NONE OF THE OBITS I READ REMEMBERED THIS ABOUT ARNOLD: I

remembered Arnold Palmer once being a guest host on the Tonight Show with Johnny Carson. Back in the days before Carson had permanent guest hosts, Joan Rivers and then Jay Leno, different people would fill in for a night or a week as host.

It was on July 17, 1970 and Arnold proved one thing, he was a great golfer, businessman, product spokesman, but an awful talk show host. His guests that night were Vice President and later in life convicted felon Spiro Agnew and tennis player Rod Laver.



RESTAURANT REVIEWS: THE BATTLE OF MAPLEWOOD FRIED CHICKEN: Much to our surprise Porter's Fried Chicken on Big Bend Blvd. just north of the Maplewood/Shrewsbury/Webster Groves border has been in business 40 years. It is located in a small strip center in between a Laundromat and a pool hall.

We were there on a Wednesday night at 8 PM an hour before closing time. When we arrived there was a family in the dining area and two people waiting on takeout orders. Before our food arrived the dad and two kids who were at a table left. Suddenly we were the only inside diners. But that did not mean the place was empty. There was a steady stream of people coming in to pick up go orders.



There is a limited type of table service. You walk up to the counter and place your order. You get your own beverages and there is no booze for sale. When the food is ready the counter person will deliver it to your table. Don't expect any of that fancy stuff like dishes or silver ware. It arrives in a Styrofoam tray with a plastic spork and knife.



I ordered the 2-piece chicken dinner with two sides and a roll (\$5.49). My wife ordered the two-piece fried cod dinner with two sides and a roll. (\$6.49)



We cut one piece of cod in half and using our rolls we created "fish sliders. They were very good. The fish was just right. The fry cook was on his game.

I cut two bites off my chicken breast and while I momentarily looked away, my wife took the rest (and most) of the breast. From what I tasted it was very good. My wife said the same thing.

The mash potatoes and gravy were okay, but the Cole Slaw was great. It is made fresh on the premises. It reminded me of the KFC slaw from 40 years ago. It was sweet and creamy.

Okay it was not like eating anywhere in West County, including at a Sonic or Culver's. But it was very reasonably priced and everything was good and some things were beyond good. My dinner was under \$6 counting tax!

The second contestant in the Battle of Maplewood Fried Chicken was Gus's.

Gus's Fried Chicken moved into the building that was originally a Burger Chef back in the 1960s. It is located just east of Big Bend on Manchester Road.



Gus's is part of a very popular fried chicken restaurant in Memphis. When it opened in Maplewood there were long waits to just get in the door. That appears to be over. It is open from 11 am to 9 pm and 10 pm on the weekends. You have to laugh when you see the sign on the wall near the main door that proclaims "Today's Special CHICKEN." Other than sides, the only item on the menu is chicken. But they do have specials.

The interior is much more inviting than Porter's. When we arrived at 7:35 on a Wednesday night we were told to just pick any table we liked.

The place was not that crowded, but just like Porter's there was a steady stream of people coming in to pick up go-orders. However, in West County after 7:30 or so, many restaurants have seen the peak of their dinner hour. That was not the case at Gus's.

From 7:45 to 8:30 more and more people kept showing up. The place was 3/4 s full when we left at 8:30. It reminded me of being back on the east coast, where due to heavy traffic, rush hour was not over until 7 or 7:30 and restaurants were busy until 9 o'clock.

Plus it was clear we were not in West County. Regular people of different backgrounds were walking through the door all evening. The customers not only included different racial backgrounds, but also tall thin people, short fat people plus young and old. The place had a great friendly urban feel to it.



Most of these tables were full by 8:15.

The building was originally a Burger Chef, but there is nothing Fast Food about it. Your food is cooked to order. Expect a 20 wait for your order. The other thing to be aware of, just like Porter's the chicken arrives hot. The difference is that all the chicken is spicy. It isn't drink three glasses of water spicy, but still if you like to just put a little salt on the chicken, this is not a place for you.

My wife ordered a two piece white meat dinner (\$8.70) with a side baked beans and a side of fried okra (50-cent up charge for the Okra).

I was going to get the 3-piece chicken tenders for \$9.75. Our waitress stopped me and said the special of day would be better for me. (I'm guessing because I'm fat.) The special was a 5-piece chicken tender dinner for \$9.99. I went with the special. The tenders were so big I only ate three that night and had the two others for breakfast the next day. The chicken seemed to be really extra spicy at breakfast.

I asked for our waitress to be our consultant. She said her favorite side was the Mac and Cheese. She added that the Potato Salad was made fresh on the premises as was the Cole Slaw. I went with the Potato Salad and Cole Slaw plus added a Mac and Cheese for my wife and I to try.



All the fried chicken comes out crispy. While the place has charming tablecloths and that intentional low budget look of different styles of chairs at the tables, it did have other things in common with Porter's. Food is served on Styrofoam and you get a plastic fork and knife. The fork was an upgrade from the spork.

My wife liked the chicken, but preferred Porter's from a week earlier. She liked the beans and really liked the Okra. I tried the beans and wasn't impressed.



My tenders were huge. However, besides being hot, they were a little dry. The honey-mustard dipping sauce came in handy. The potato salad and Cole Slaw were great.

The first couple of bites of the Mac and Cheese were good, but after the third and fourth it started to taste average at best. My wife agreed.

We were too full to try the pies.

Porter's had the rolls plus fish and catfish nuggets so if you are Catholic you can put it on your Friday Lent list. We preferred the chicken at Porters. But, we really liked the charm of the inside of Gus's.

In Chesterfield Smitty's Wednesday fried chicken is better than both of these places. However, you can only get fried chicken on Wednesday's at Smitty's. But, Smitty's hand breaded chicken tenders are available 7-days a week. I preferred them even to the giant ones at Gus's.

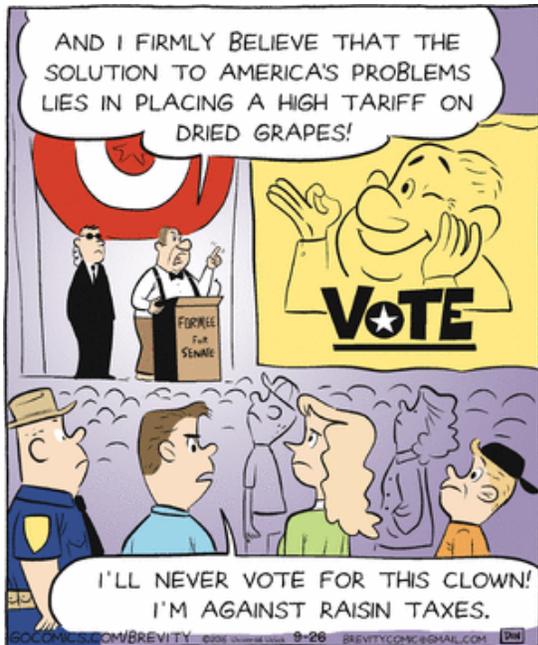
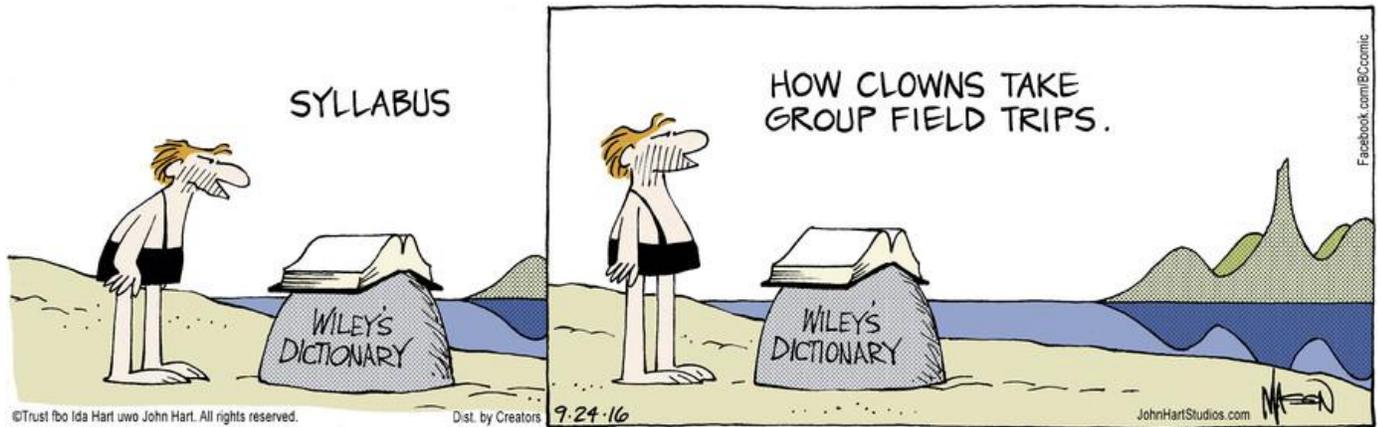


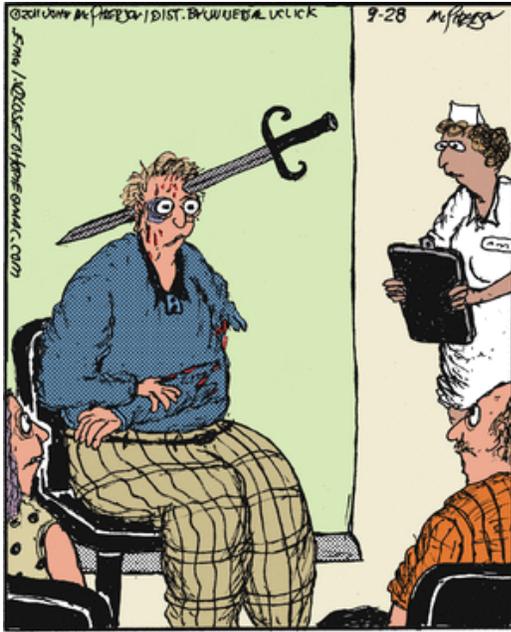
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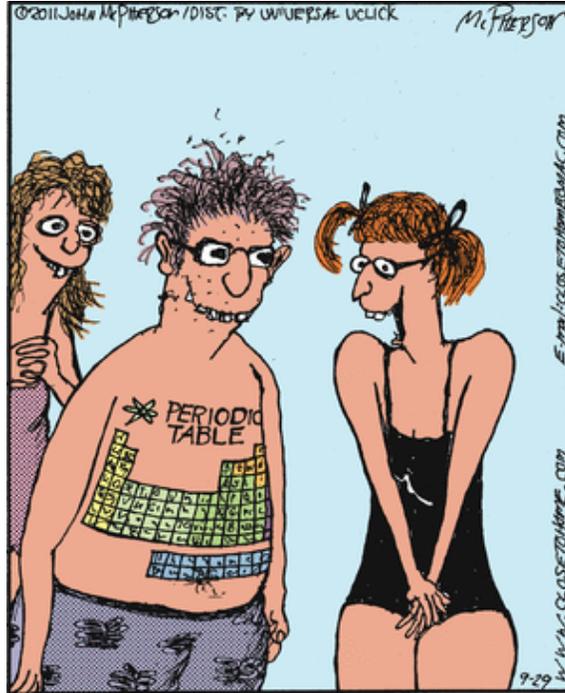
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As a talented Hollywood makeup artist, Leo always made sure that he got quick service at the ER.



Geek tattoos.



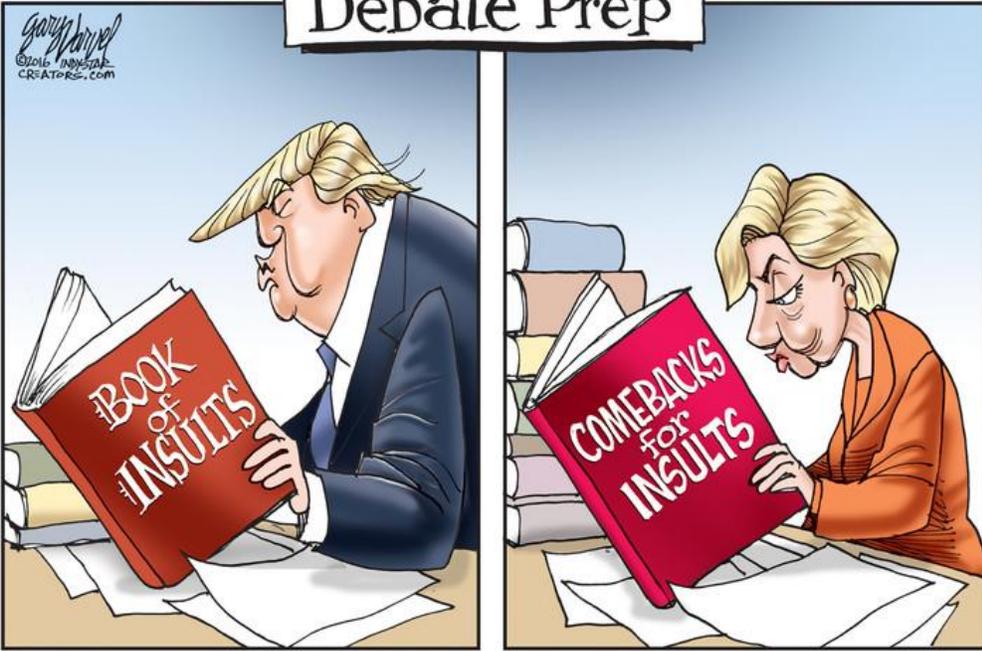
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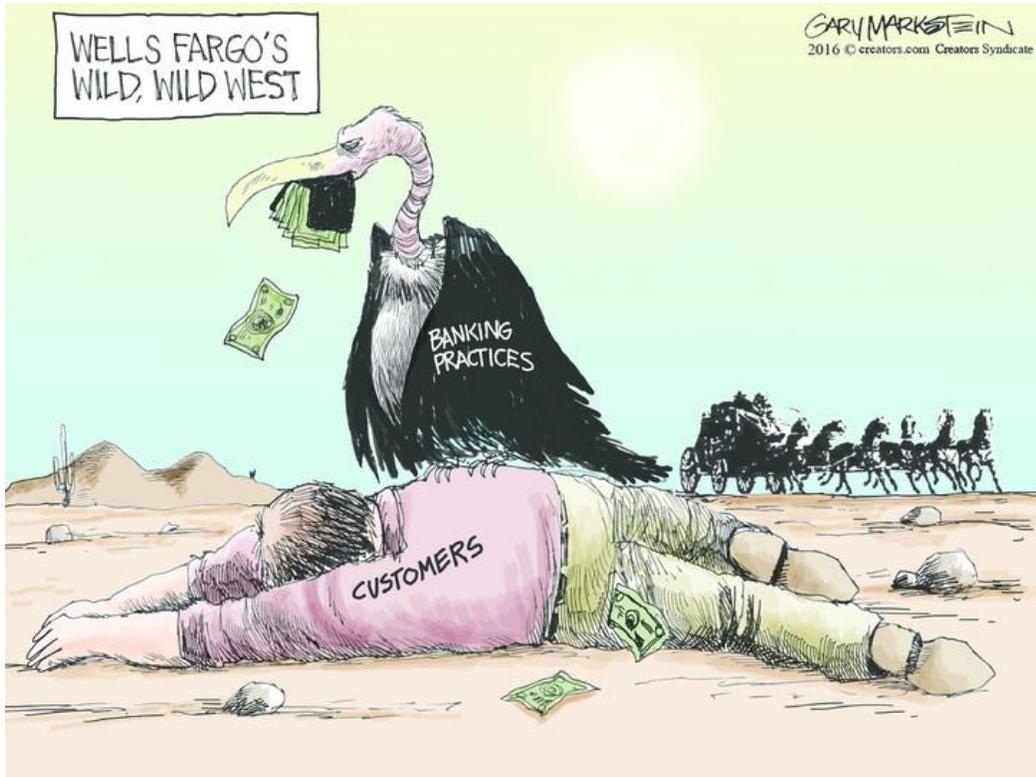
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