

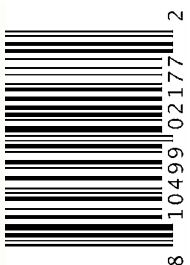


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Southwestern Illinois CTE Program helps students design their future



A delegation of school officials and policy makers met last week at O’Fallon Township High School to tour the school’s Career and Technical Education programs. Pictured from left: Christine Taylor, Julie Knutson, IL State Representative LaToya Greenwood, Cindy Stover, Lee Reese, Westin White, IL Senator Christopher Belt, Gayle Appel, and Jory Houch (O’Fallon Weekly Photo by Tanya Scherschel)

By Tanya Scherschel
Weekly Reporter

O’FALLON - A delegation of school officials and policy makers met last week at O’Fallon Township High School (OTHS) to tour the Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs at both O’Fallon and Belleville Township High Schools. The schools are part of the larger Southwestern Illinois CTE system which falls under the supervision of Career and Technical Education System Director Gayle Appel. There are 54 CTE directors throughout the state.

“CTE is at the heart of what I believe education should be,” said OTHS Superintendent Dr. Darcy Benway at the onset of the meeting. According to the Illinois State Board of Education’s website, “Career and Technical Education programs in Illinois provide instruction for careers in high-wage, high-skill, and in-demand occupations.” The program seeks to increase student technical skills while helping them identify post-graduate plans, including employment, additional training and

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O’Fallon Police host annual Night to Unite



O’FALLON - The O’Fallon Police Department hosted their annual Night to Unite in Community Park on Tuesday, October 4. The event featured food, games, prizes, tours of police, fire, and EMS vehicles, and more. Around 600 hotdogs were cooked and served in two hours, showing the size of the event. The event is designed to give the community an opportunity to connect to their local first responders in a positive way and foster a friendly relationship amongst everyone. (Submitted Photos)

Scott Air Force Base C-21 plays an important role in Air Force mission

By Tanya Scherschel
Weekly Reporter

On a crisp October morning last Friday, members of the media met at Scott AFB Heritage Air Park where they were transported on base to meet the C-21 pilots and get ready for their 10 a.m. flight into downtown St. Louis to view the Gateway Arch as airmen do. “They call it ‘the Cougar,’” said Captain Sam Eckholm, Special Affairs for the 375th Air Mobility Wing, of the C-21. Eckholm said the C-21’s have a threefold mission. First, the plane is used to shuttle high-ranking government and military officials. Second, the craft is used for aeromedical evacuations, transporting up to one stretcher or four ambulatory patients. Lastly, the pilots use the aircraft for training. “It’s



Capt. Johnny Frey, Capt. Sidney Ganison, Capt. Alex Ververis, 1st Lieutenant Nick Felton with the C-21.
(O’Fallon Weekly Photo by Tanya Scherschel)

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Happening Around the Area

Friday, October 14

A Trunk or Treat, sponsored by OFT Local 3939, will be taking place starting at 5:30 p.m. in the OTHS South Building Parking Lot. Come on out for a safe, family friendly trick or treating experience!

Friday, October 14

Lebanon Elementary School is hosting a Trunk or Treat on October 14 from 6-8 p.m. The event will take place in the parking lot at 408 Mary Jane Street in Lebanon.

Help support the junior class of 2024 by entering your vehicle and taking part for only \$15. For more information call (618)537-4423 or email nwaters@lcusd9.org or kfloyd@lcusd9.org

lcusd9.org.

Saturday, October 15

The Horner Park Boosters are hosting their inaugural Pick of the Patch Festival from 2 until 5 p.m. The event features a chili cook off, Halloween Costume Contest, and Pumpkin Decorating Contest. You can purchase a chili tasting wristband for \$10 and that gets you unlimited samples. To sign up or for more information, check out the Horner Park Boosters group on Facebook.

Thursday, October 20

O'Fallon United Church of Christ is hosting their annual Wurstmarkt dinner. Dine-in, carry-out, and drive-thru available. Meal

includes pork sausage, mashed potatoes, sauerkraut and more. You can also pre-order meat from the butcher shop. The dinner runs from 3:30-7:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 22

Auffenberg is hosting a Fall Fest Kid's Day, starting at 9 a.m. The event will feature free pony rides, exotic petting zoo, bounce houses, games, face painting!

Bring your family and join us for a Saturday morning filled with fun! Located in the field directly behind the Kia store in Shiloh, IL.

Food trucks will also be available to purchase from

Sunday, October 23

Corpus Christi Church is sponsoring a Fall Chicken Dinner featuring Home Style Fried Chicken on Sunday, October 23rd. From 3:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the Corpus Christi Parish Center, 206 Rasp Street, Shiloh, IL. Adults: \$15.00, Children (6-10 years old): \$8.00. Raffle tickets on sale to win \$500 Cash, \$100 gift card to Peel, \$5 Gas Card!

Sunday, October 23

A free concert, Bach in the Community: Voices of Praise, will be hosted by St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church in O'Fallon, IL on October 23, 2022, at 4 p.m. The concert is free to attend and registration is required online at bachsociety.org.

The repertoire will cover a wide variety of music

with something for each music lover to enjoy. With an emphasis on sacred works, the concert will feature uplifting music that highlights works spanning centuries. Featuring selections from J.S. Bach's St. Matthew Passion, Handel's Messiah, William L. Dawson, and more.

Voices of Praise is presented by Jim and Kim Sabella of Wolfersberger Funeral Home.

Habitat for Humanity will be hosting the Howling Habitat 5K & Fun Run, starting at 8 a.m., beginning at the Public Safety Building on Seven Hills Road. Come to the Howling Habitat 5K to meet O'Fallon's Habitat for Humanity two newest families whose homes are in the process of being built on Booster

Road. Your participation in the 5K and/or Fun Run helps to make this possible! To register, visit www.Active.com and search for O'Fallon Habitat 5K.

Saturday, October 29

The annual O'Fallon Rotary Children's Halloween Parade takes place in Downtown, O'Fallon, IL. The parade starts at the corner of State and Vine Street.

Parade line-up starts at Noon, costume awards at 1:15 at O'Fallon Station. Stay after the parade and costume awards to go trick or treating at downtown businesses!

Are you planning an event in and around O'Fallon? Let us know about it by emailing details to News@OFallonWeekly.com.

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October 29, 2022

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www.Active.com, O'Fallon Habitat 5K

Costume Contest

- **DEADLINE: October 14** for guaranteed shirt
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Lebanon council addresses property concerns, announces official Trick or Treat times

By Pam Funk
Weekly Reporter

LEBANON - Mayor Cheri Wright announced during the October 10 City Council meeting that Trick or Treat in Lebanon will occur on October 31 from 6-8 p.m. which is the usual date and times.

City Clerk Luanne Holper presented the Zoning Board of Appeals report to the council. The board denied the request for a redesigned set of plans for an addition at 223 Meyer Street due to setback infractions and water shed concerns. Approval was given to the owner to proceed with other types of plans including the addition of a sidewalk and patio if the plans are presented to and evaluated by the city for compliance with city codes.

The board granted a variance to the property at 519 Prairie Street owned by Charles Bennett. The variance addresses the setbacks of existing buildings and other infractions and allows the buildings to exist in their present-day arrangements. If any building or trailer on the property is removed, it cannot be replaced unless the replacement is the only remaining building on the property and its design meets all city codes.

In other action, the council unanimously approved (Alderpersons Mallory Duckworth and Beth Wilkins were absent):

- The Special Use Permit for L&D Wilson Siding to operate a siding, gutter, and awning business out of one side of the duplex and use the other side (502 S. Fritz) for a residence. Restrictions included in the approval include combining the two parcels into one, providing at least five parking spaces, adhering to codes (particularly concerning accessory buildings), moving the A/C unit off city property, and maintaining a three-sided

enclosed area for a dumpster which also must have a lid. Any signage at the property will require additional approvals. The next step in the process is for the City Attorney to draft a resolution and ordinance which will both appear on the October 24 council agenda.

- Lebanon School District #9's request to hold a Homecoming Parade on Friday, December 2. The district will place no parking from 12-3 p.m. signs along the parade route the day prior to the parade. The parade route will begin from the back parking lot at the high school north on Monroe to St. Louis, east on St. Louis to Pearl, south

on Pearl to West Schuetz, West Schuetz to the parking lot. The request included barricades at parade intersections. The city will supply the barricades, but the district must put them in place. It is anticipated that the parade will last 30-45 minutes.

- Starting the process for the city to vacate Plum and Vine Streets, which will include a public hearing. Doug Kittstein plans to develop 13 houses in the SE Quadrant, Block 26 between Union and Prairie Streets and needs footage from both Plum and Vine to widen the existing alley to 60 feet. The new homes will face the widened alley.



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education, or both.

"We have 40 courses in our CTE department," said OTHS CTE Department Chair Julie Knutson. "In business we have 18. In family and consumer science we have six. And in industrial technology and engineering we have 16." The classes are grouped into nine divisions, and several offer a dual credit option. There are 18 full-credit courses in the program, making 50 dual credit hours available in the department.

Students can earn special certifications from CTE courses. O'Fallon offers Microsoft Office Specialist Certification in Word or Excel as well as qualifying exams in

accounting. The department will be offering many new certificates including PowerPoint, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, Adobe Premiere, HubSpot Marketing, and Social Media Marketing. Construction and engineering will be adding certificates in OSHA and Autodesk. "We're continually evaluating and talking with industry leaders trying to find out what certifications they want our students to have, and that's how we're determining what we're going to offer," said Knutson.

Enrollment in O'Fallon's CTE classes is growing. "Since 2018-2019, we've seen a 33 percent increase in our course enrollments, and

for the last two years, we've seen a 20 percent increase," said Knutson. "That's very exciting for us." Teachers and students in the program are also excited about the curriculum. Greg Spencer, who teaches small engines and mechanics, said former students tell him, "I use what I learned in that class so much." Adeline Smith said of her accounting class, "I feel like we're learning really useful information."

To learn more about Southwestern Illinois CTE programs, email Gayle Appel at appelg@oths.us

To learn more about Illinois's CTE program, visit www.icps.illinoisstate.edu/cte

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a fairly coveted role to fly these," said Eckholm. "It's fast, it's fun, and it's sleek."

The C-21 has a twin turbofan-engine. It can carry up to eight passengers and 931 gallons of fuel. The fleet recently underwent a \$38 million dollar "Avionics Upgrade" which included a "glass cockpit" and other improvements to help it meet 2020 global airspace equipment requirements.

Captain Alex Ververis, who has been flying for four and a half years, remarked on the renovations. "It's been a great improvement. We're much more capable. We can go to more fields and to more landing approaches. We have better communications with other aircraft.

It's in compliance with FAA telecommunications, so our aircraft can see other aircraft and other aircraft can see us."

The 35-minute flight to St. Louis flew at 500 feet above Lake Caryle and at 2,000 feet on its pass around the Arch. Abigail Cole, Public Affairs Specialist for the 375th Air Mobility Wing, said she travels commercially, and the flight was her first aboard the plane. "There's no layover, no rental car, no bag check, and no customs," she said. "It's just a quick flight and you're there." The plane is also more comfortable than other military planes. "There's no rope seating," Cole added.

Hannah Swysgood, an

Aeromedical Evacuation Nurse, and Alexandria Ojeda, an Aeromedical Evacuation Technician, talked about their work.

"Our mission is to provide care for not only patients, but we also provide care for joint forces," said Swysgood. "We provide care for international relations. We provide host nation care, humanitarian care, and that's all a part of our mission side. And we are the only Air Force globally that has the reach that we do, so we can go almost anywhere in the world and provide care to whoever is located there."

Ojeda loves her job, adding, "You get to meet people from all different walks of life."

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FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 7, 2022

Global equities rose last week, though those the gains were pared down on Friday by solid US employment and wage data, reinforcing the likelihood that the US Fed would continue with their aggressive rate hikes. At the close of trading on Friday, the 10-year US Treasury yield rose another 6 basis points for the week, finishing at 3.89%. After OPEC+ announced production cuts on Wednesday, the price of a barrel of West Texas Intermediate crude rose \$12.90 per barrel, stopping at \$92.64 on Friday.

The Dow Jones Industrials closed at 29,297, +572 points for the week; the S&P 500 wrapped up at 3,640, +54 points; and the NASDAQ closed up 76 points to finish at 10,652, while the Russell 2000 Small Cap Index stopped at 1,702, gaining 37 points. The Transportation Index and the Utilities Index finished at 12,477 and 863, +419 & -25 points, respectively. The MSCI Global Index, a broad measure of the global market averages, advanced 39 points to finish at 2,418.

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O'FALLON WEEKLY: OCTOBER 12, 2022

O'Fallon-Shiloh Fire Department Calls

Wednesday, September 28

10:29 p.m. - 504 W. Jefferson St., Overheated Sump Pump

Thursday, September 29

12:08 a.m. - 128 Robert Dr., Replaced Batteries In Smoke Detectors
11:00 a.m. - 220 W. Fifth St., Smoke From Cooking
4:51 p.m. - 1013 S. Walnut St., Smoke From Cooking
7:59 p.m. - 8724 Oak Hill School Rd., Lp Tank Leaking

Friday, September 30

6:09 a.m. - Sleep Inn, Malfunctioning Dehumidifier In Pool Mechanical Room
8:06 a.m. - 317 Edna Dr., Malfunctioning Smoke Detector
2:50 p.m. - 1405 Thouvenot Ln. (Front Of), Vehicle Off Roadway (Construction Area)
4:44 p.m. - Frank Scott Pkwy. & Fortune Blvd., Vehicle Crash
6:34 p.m. - 1105

Chatham Dr., Natural Gas Leak At Meter Regulator

Saturday, October 1

12:01 a.m. - 624 Carol Ann Dr., Overheated Ceiling Fan Motor
1:17 p.m. - Mutual Aid To Troy FD (429 Meadow Dr.), Structure Fire
7:35 p.m. - 504 Overbrook Cir, Smoke From Cooking
11:46 p.m. - Memorial Medical Building (310 N. Seven Hills Rd.), Malfunctioning Alarm System

Sunday, October 2

9:53 a.m. - Mutual Aid To Lebanon FD (Int. 64 W. At Mile Marker 21, Vehicle Fire
5:44 p.m. - Extended Stay America, Overheated Washer Motor

Monday, October 3

5:15 a.m. - Sleep Inn, Malfunctioning Dehumidifier In Pool Mechanical Room
7:41 a.m. - Weil Rd. & Ogles Creek Ct., Vehicle

Hit Power Pole / Pole Broke / Lines Down
8:59 a.m. - Laquinta Inn & Suites, Smoke From Cooking
12:35 p.m. - 1025 Grassland Ct., Smell Of Natural Gas In Basement
2:01 p.m. - 1230 Thouvenot Ln. (Front Of), Vehicle Crash
2:26 p.m. - 204 Janus Ct., Trailer Fire
3:51 p.m. - 910 Maces Grove Rd., Assist EMS / Lift Assist
4:05 p.m. - 5700 Old Collinsville Rd (Area Of), Smell Of Natural Gas / Unfounded
4:10 p.m. - 433 Wiegertown Dr., Dust From Construction Work
4:48 p.m. - 1301 Hollander Ct., Structure Fire
6:23 p.m. - 204 Janus Ct., Smoke Detector Sounding From Previous Fire
7:33 p.m. - 215 Meddows Ln., Chain Link Fence Post Too Close To Underground Transformer / Fence Had Electric Charge



O'Fallon Police Department Incident Report

Thursday, September 9

6:57 p.m. - 400 Block Fairwood Hills Rd, Assist Other Agency
7:40 p.m. - Ashland Ave/Oulvey Dr, Fleeing Or Attempting To Elude A Peace Officer
9:17 p.m. - 5700 Block Old Collinsville Rd, Aggravated Assault
9:35 p.m. - N Green Mount Rd/I-64, Driving While Driver's License Suspended/Revoked
11:35 p.m. - 100 Block Venita Dr, Warrant - In State

Friday, September 10

1:15 a.m. - Eagle Ctr, DUI
1:48 a.m. - Simmons Rd/Lakeview Ln, Driving While Driver's License Suspended/Revoked
1:55 a.m. - 100

Block Regency Park, Disorderly Conduct
11:56 a.m. - 1500 Block W Hwy 50, Retail Theft
3:59 p.m. - 500 Block Donna Dr, Citizen Assist
8:26 p.m. - 1400 Block W Hwy 50, Driving While Driver's License Suspended/Revoked

Saturday, September 11

1:02 a.m. - 100 Block N Oak St, DUI
1:47 a.m. - E State St/N Smiley St, DUI
10:55 a.m. - 1100 Block Central Park Dr, Retail Theft
3:24 p.m. - 200 Block Ellen Ln, Pedestrians Under Influence Of Alcohol Or Drugs
4:41 p.m. - W Hwy 50/S Cherry St, Disorderly Conduct

Sunday, September 12

1:54 a.m. - E 1st St/N Oak St, Driving While Driver's License Suspended/Revoked
8:56 a.m. - 1700 Block Frank Scott Pkwy East, Warrant - In State
9:11 a.m. - I-64/N Green Mount Rd, Fleeing Or Attempting To Elude A Peace Officer
11:34 a.m. - 200 Block W 1st St, Driving While Driver's License Suspended/Revoked
12:01 p.m. - W Hwy 50/I-64, Driving While Driver's License Suspended/Revoked
6:12 p.m. - 600 Block Hwy 50, Theft
6:54 p.m. - 1700 Block W Hwy 50, Citizen Assist

Shiloh man charged with domestic battery

For the O'Fallon Weekly

SHILOH - A 23-year-old Shiloh man has been charged with domestic battery after an altercation on his lawn on Sunday evening.

On October 9, at approximately 8:23 p.m., the Shiloh Police Department responded to the 3200 block of Hunter's Way in reference to a male subject described to be acting violently while committing a battery on a female victim outside of a residence. Upon officers' arrival, contact was made with the victim who was treated for non-life-threatening injuries at the hospital and released.

The suspect was taken into custody and treated for non-life-threatening self-inflicted injuries at the scene. The case was forwarded to the St. Clair County State's Attorney's Office for review.

On Tuesday, October 11,

2022, St. Clair County Assistant State's Attorney Mel Kimberlin issued five warrants charging Joshua S. Stelling, 23, of the 3200 block of Hunter's Way with the following:

- Warrant #22CF0156401 for Aggravated Domestic Battery/Strangle, a Class 2 Felony
- Warrant #22CF0156402 for Aggravated Domestic Battery/Great Bodily Harm, a Class 2 Felony
- Warrant #22CF0156403 for Unlawful Restraint, a Class 4 Felony
- Warrant #22CM015604 for Domestic Battery / Bodily Harm, a Class A Misdemeanor
- Warrant #22CM0156405 for Domestic Battery/



Joshua Stelling

Physical Contact, a Class A Misdemeanor

The warrants were reviewed by St. Clair County Judge Robert Haida who set Stelling's bond at \$50,000 with ten percent applying. Stelling is currently in custody at the St. Clair County Jail for want of bond.

All persons are presumed innocent until found guilty in a court of law.

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Honoring National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Tips to take charge of your breast health

For the O'Fallon Weekly

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, a time to reaffirm our commitment to fighting breast cancer and to remind ourselves and others the importance of prevention and early detection.

Breast cancer can develop in women of every age, race, and ethnic group. According to the American Cancer Society, more than 200,000 women will be diagnosed with invasive breast cancer this year, and approximately 40,000 women will die. Breast cancer in men is not as common, but it does happen, affecting about 2,000 American men each year. Fortunately, the death rate for those diagnosed with breast cancer has decreased

significantly due to early detection.

HSHS St. Elizabeth's Hospital encourages women to take charge of their breast health by following these important breast cancer prevention tips:

- **Self-check.** Starting at age 20, women should do a monthly self-breast exam. Visit <http://www.nationalbreastcancer.org/breast-self-exam> for more information.

- **See your physician regularly.** Women ages 20-40 should have a breast exam by a physician or nurse practitioner every three years, and annually thereafter. If you are high risk because of family or personal history, then you should see a physician every six months starting at age 25.

- **Get a Mammogram.** Mammograms should be

done everyone to two years for women age 40 or older and begin at age 30 if you are at high risk.

- **Know your family history.** Women who have a first-degree relative or other close relative who have had breast cancer may be at increased risk of developing these cancers. When determining your risk due to a family history, it is important to look at the number of women and/or men in your family who have been diagnosed and the age at which they were diagnosed. Talk to your physician about your family history and discuss what you should be doing for prevention and screening.

- **Breastfeed.** Women who breast-feed their babies for at least a year in total have a reduced risk of developing breast cancer later

in life.

- **Develop healthy habits.** Eat low-fat foods and lots of fruits and vegetables. Stay close to the weight your doctor says is right for you and exercise regularly. An increased physical activity, even when begun later in life, reduces overall breast-cancer risk by about 10 percent to 30 percent. Limit alcohol intake to no more than one drink a day and refrain from tobacco use.

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Obituaries



Eric Kmetz

December 21, 1979 - October 7, 2022

Eric William Kmetz, a loving son, brother, uncle, and friend to many, passed away Oct 7, 2022 in Chicago, Illinois. He was born to Frank Kmetz and Debra Lowe Smith in Belleville, Illinois, on December 21, 1979. Eric graduated from Gibault Catholic High School, Waterloo, Illinois.

Eric loved his dog Tiny, basketball (he could tell you the stats from any game on any date he played throughout his 4 years of high school), Texas hold 'em, and most of all, he loved his nephews and nieces. Eric was one of the kindest people you could ever meet. A true jolly soul- he came home from the hospital on Christmas morning wrapped in a candy cane made by

nurses. He kept up with St. Nick's giving-spirit all throughout his life; if he was down to his last dollar and saw that someone needed it more than him, he would hand it over without hesitation. His heart of gold will be missed by many.

Eric is preceded in death by his grandparents Francis "Frank" and Christine "Tina" Kmetz, and Harry and Joyce Lowe; and an uncle Eric William Kmetz.

He is survived by his parents Frank Kmetz and Debra Lowe Smith; his sisters Angela Maulding Kmetz and Elizabeth (David) Clubb; brother Anthony "Tony" Kmetz; aunts Deana Lowe Batson, Dianne (Bill) Ahrens, and Kitty Kmetz; uncles John (Donna) Lowe, Alan (Cindy) Kmetz, and Charles (Jan) Dehn; nephews and nieces Andrew, Alexa, Hannah, Ava, and Colton; and several loving cousins.

Sign the guestbook at www.wfh-ofallon.com

Visitation will be at Wolfersberger Funeral Home, 102 W. Washington St., O'Fallon, from 1 – 3 pm, Sunday, October 16, 2022, followed by a Memorial Service to begin at 3 pm. A Reception will follow at the American Legion in O'Fallon, Ill. All are welcome to attend.

Local arrangements entrusted to Wolfersberger Funeral Home, O'Fallon, Illinois.



Larry Scheibel

November 29, 1946 - October 4, 2022

Larry M. Scheibel, age 75, of O'Fallon, born November 29, 1946 in Belleville, Ill., to Leslie and Virginia, nee Hangsleben, Scheibel, passed away October 4, 2022.

A lifelong resident of O'Fallon, Larry was a union carpenter by trade, but dabbled in various types of work, including over-the-road trucker, owner of a fencing company and a local bar. As an ironworker, he was foreman of a crew during construction of the Poplar Street Bridge and a major remodeling project at St. Clair Square shopping mall. Larry loved hunting, boating, water skiing, and chatting with his friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his former wife Barbara Scheibel.

Surviving are his daughter Leslie Ybarra-Rader; his granddaughter Ashley Ybarra; and his sister Jacque (Roger) Scheibel Donaldson.

Memorial donations may be made to the family. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.wfh-ofallon.com.

Visitation: 11 am – 1 pm, Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at Wolfersberger Funeral Home, O'Fallon.

Funeral: 1 pm, Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at the funeral home, with Rev. Tarrah Vaupel officiating. Burial will follow at O'Fallon City Cemetery, O'Fallon, Ill.

Arrangements entrusted to Wolfersberger Funeral Home, O'Fallon, Ill.



Barbara Schneider

November 1, 1949 - September 30, 2022

Barbara Schneider (nee Budlow), 72, born November 1, 1949, in Milwaukee, WI, passed away on Friday, September 30, 2022, at Joe's Place Caring Cottage in O'Fallon, IL.

Barbara graduated from Concordia Seward University obtaining her bachelor's degree and going on to complete her master's degree at Lindenwood University in Belleville, IL. Barbara was the director of human resources at Memorial Hospital in Belleville for over 30 years. Having been raised Lutheran all her life, she was also a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in

Collinsville, IL.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents, Gilbert C. and Marion J. Budlow (nee Martin).

Barbara is survived by her beloved husband, Donald E. Schneider of O'Fallon, IL; his three children, Blake Michael (Julie) Schneider of Belleville, IL, Kevin Carl (Cindy) Schneider of St. Charles, MO, and Sean Patrick (Kristin) Schneider of Collinsville, IL; her three siblings, Gail (Donald) Kempster of Chicago, IL, Carol (Dale) Klessig of Milwaukee, WI, Glenn Budlow (David) Capocci of Seattle, WA; two grandchildren, Colin Schneider, Harper Schneider; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association; <https://www.alz.org/>. Condolences may be extended to the family online at www.schildknechtfh.com.

Visitation was held on Wednesday, October 5, 2022, from 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM at Schildknecht Funeral Home; 301 S. Lincoln Ave., O'Fallon, IL 62269, with funeral services officiated by Pastor Michael Walther beginning at 7:00 PM.

Graveside services were held at 11:15 AM on Thursday, October 6, 2022, at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery; 2900 Sheridan Rd., St. Louis, MO 63141.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Schildknecht Funeral Home O'Fallon, IL.



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Mayor's Column , by Mayor Herb Roach An Open Door to O'Fallon

For the last eight years, O'Fallon has joined together with about 40 other communities in Southwestern Illinois to negotiate for lower electrical rates for our citizens. This aggregation program has resulted in millions of dollars of savings to our O'Fallon households.

Last week, I stated that our consortium was still trying to negotiate lower electrical rates than Ameren's for our homeowners. I'm happy to state that we have been successful after many hours of discussions and following the fluctuating and volatile market in reaching a 22-month agreement with Constellation NewEnergy to be our new municipal aggregation electric supplier.

Our current rate with Homefield Energy will end in December and the new contract will go into effect in February of 2023. Yes, there is a two-month gap which you will then go onto Ameren supplied electric at a rate of 12.236 cents per kwh. Our new rate in February 2023 will be slightly lower at 12.20 cents per kwh but we are anticipating that

Ameren could have another significant rate increase in June as it usually does for the summer rates. This past June, Ameren increased their rate by over 90%.

Over the course of the next few months, we will communicate by our city website, press releases, Facebook, and other means to let you know what to anticipate and what you will have to do to be on the fixed rate with Constellation NewEnergy. During the period between mid-October and January you will be receiving letters from both Ameren and Constellation NewEnergy regarding this transition.

If you want to have Constellation as your electric supplier at the negotiated rate and not with Ameren, you do not have to do anything when you start receiving the notifications in the mail. Your Electric supplier will automatically be switched from Homefield to Ameren for 2 months and then to Constellation NewEnergy in February. If you do not want to participate in this municipal aggregation program and remain with

Electrical Aggregation Rates

Ameren, you will simply return the "Opt Out" card you will receive in the mailing from Constellation NewEnergy scheduled for December 19. Keep in mind, if you do decide to stay with Ameren, there is a 12-month stay requirement before you can switch to another supplier. Under the Constellation NewEnergy agreement, a resident can always make the decision to switch to Ameren or any other 3rd party supplier without any penalty if you wish.

Please feel free to call us if you have any questions and watch for our updates as this transition takes place. There have been many hours of work go into this effort to save you money on your electric rates.

As residents of O'Fallon, you should always be able to reach out to your elected officials and ask questions about what is happening in O'Fallon. Having open communications is important to me and something I care very deeply about. Thank you for reading, and please remember, my door is always open.



Teri Rankin Youth Services Manager

Happy Autumn to you and yours. It makes sense to write about fall and Halloween titles but as I read previous articles by Director Johnson and others, I found that these topics have already been excellently covered. Also, many of the featured titles are currently checked out.

I am going to shift gears and talk about a conference for youth services providers I recently attended. Much of the discussion was on inclusion, diversity, and cultural awareness in books and services for children. For some communities, these words are scary. For some they are divisive. For me, they remind me that the children who walk through the library doors have many experiences in common with me. I remember as a child that I liked surprises (I still do). I loved being in the mountains and I especially liked playing in the streams. I always "accidentally" fell in and as my clothes were already wet, I was allowed to continue to play in the water. I think most children enjoy playing outdoors!

In addition to the experiences that we share, there are also experiences that we don't share. When I was young (1960s), I was not able to read books told from the perspective of



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kids from other cultures or backgrounds because those books were not written. It is good to see that more children's books are being written and produced by people of diverse backgrounds and experiences. Book publishers have been pressured to feature more diverse characters and stories for children – authentically told and presented.

Here are just a few recently published books that follow the criteria mentioned.

• **Amina's Voice** by Hena Khan - Amina has never been comfortable in the spotlight. Except now that she's in middle school everything feels different. Her best friend Soojin is suddenly hanging out with the "cool" girls in the class, and even talking about changing her name to something more "American." Does Amina need to start changing too? Or hiding who she is to fit in? While Amina grapples with these questions, she is devastated when her local mosque is vandalized.

• **Ancestor Approved: Intertribal Stories for Kids - A collection of intersecting stories** by both new and veteran Native writers bursts with hope, joy, resilience, the strength of community, and Native pride. Ages 8-12.

• **Curls** by Ruth Forman - Stars four friends who celebrate the joy of their hairstyles from bouncing curls to swinging braids. Board Book

• **A Different Pond** by

Phi Bao - A fishing trip for a son and father. Between hope-filled casts, the father tells his son about their homeland of Vietnam. Ages 4-8.

• **Holi Hai!** by Chitra Soundar - Gauri is excited to splash colors on everyone for Holi. But when she doesn't get her favorite color, Gauri gets mad. Will she find a way to overcome her anger and join in the festivities? Ages 4-8.

• **Hummingbird** by Natalie Lloyd - When twelve-year-old Olive, who suffers from brittle bone disease and has been homeschooled all her life, finally attends school in person she soon discovers fitting in is not that easy, but if she can find the magical wish-granting hummingbird that supposedly lives nearby, and prove herself worthy, maybe her deepest wish will be granted. Ages 8-12.

• **Zoniz's Rainforest** by Juana Martinez-Neal - Enjoying days spent with animal friends near her home in the Amazon, young Zonia wonders what to do on a day when the rainforest calls out to her for help, in a lushly illustrated story that is complemented by back matter about the Asháninka community. Ages 4-8.

The Youth Services Department is committed to providing books and materials that give us windows into the worlds of others and mirrors to see our own experiences reflected. We all deserve diverse books.

A View of the Past

with Brian Keller
of the O'Fallon Historical Society



This week's view features the picnic area in the western part of O'Fallon Community Park as it looked in the 1940s. The park was purchased with funds raised by the O'Fallon Homecoming and Fall Festival Association - the western part in 1924 and the eastern part in 1950. It's O'Fallon's oldest park, but it wasn't the first. That distinction went to City Park which once existed just east of the Old City Hall at the northeast corner of Lincoln and Washington. (Contributed by Brian Keller, O'Fallon Historical Society)

For more, stop by the O'Fallon Historical Museum, located at 101 West State Street. The Museum is currently open Wednesdays and Saturdays, from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m., and also by appointment.

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Towards the mouth or oral region
5. A way to season
8. North-central Indian city
12. Emaciation
14. Actress de Armas
15. A way to score in basketball
16. Odd
18. Scripting languages on IBM machines
19. A right of local jurisdiction
20. Hard, colorless compound
21. Diving seabird
22. Wild goat of the mountains
23. Not shortened
26. Someone who learns from a teacher
30. Is inclined
31. Still asleep
32. Antidepressants (abbr.)
33. Town in Surrey, England
34. Indian music patterns
39. Birth control means
42. People tend to be on one
44. A way to keep meat moist
46. Home of the Crimson

Tide

47. Pasta type
49. Late 1990s rapper
50. One circuit of a track
51. Surrounded by water
56. Late "Growing Pains" actor Thicke
57. Married couples say it
58. Drool
59. Sicilian city
60. Airline worker perk (abbr.)
61. Grayish-black mixture
62. Systems, doctrines, theories
63. Midway between east and southeast
64. Athletes who get paid

CLUES DOWN

1. Genus of owls
2. Hindu queen
3. Cain and ____
4. Hindu female deity
5. Islamic calendar month
6. Changes posture
7. More stubborn
8. Give work to
9. Round maps of the Earth
10. Gathered fallen leaves
11. Popular credit card
13. Separation of church and state

17. Founder of Sikhism

24. They ____
25. Where you find the milk
26. Institute legal proceedings against
27. The neural structure consisting of the brain and spinal cord
28. Expresses surprise
29. Have a debt to
35. Businessman
36. State on India's western coast
37. Practice of managing financial risks (abbr.)
38. Patty Hearst's captors
40. Put into service
41. 10-year periods
42. Crony
43. Surgical clamp
44. Leave unable to move due to lack of wind
45. Where rockers work
47. Valleys
48. Ancient lyric poem
49. Wise men
52. It lights a room
53. Assert
54. Fifth Roman Emperor
55. Ancient Greek city in Thrace

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And for Dessert...

by Christine Lautner

Mummy Cookies

Perfect Halloween fare, these buttery pecan ball cookies are mummified in vanilla glaze bandages, then watching your every move with beady little chocolate chip eyes. You decide if they are spooky or cute, but you'll definitely agree they are yummy!

Cookie Ingredients and Directions

- 2 sticks unsalted butter, softened
- ½ cup powdered sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 ¼ cups flour
- ¼ teaspoon kosher salt
- ¾ cup finely chopped toasted pecans
- 4 cups powdered sugar
- ½ cup milk, more or less as needed for consistency
- ¼ cup mini chocolate chips

Heat oven to 400 degrees and line baking sheets with parchment paper. In a large mixing bowl, cream together butter, sugar, and vanilla. Blend in combined flour, salt, and nuts until a ball forms. Shape dough into 1 ¼-inch balls, flatten very slightly, and bake for 10 to 12 minutes. Cool completely on wire racks.

While cookies are cooling make the glaze. In a medium mixing bowl, combine 4 cups powdered sugar and milk, whisking until smooth. Glaze should be thick, but be able to flow. For best control, transfer glaze to a plastic squeeze bottle and drizzle onto cooled cookies. Press in mini chocolate chips for eyes. Let glaze set up and store cookies, in a single layer, in a covered container. Recipe makes approximately 48 cookies and may be halved.



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