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Featured Photographer
By Tanya Scherschel
Weekly Reporter

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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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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.

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.

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.

O’Fallon Habitat for Humanity
Howling Habitat 5K

October 29, 2022
O’Fallon Public Safety Building, 285 N Seven Hills Road, O’Fallon, IL

Register:
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Costume Contest

• DEADLINE: October 14 for guaranteed shirt
• FREE Breakfast post-race, courtesy of Jennifer Mueller Memorial Foundation
• Race timing performed by Toolen’s Running Start
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 Kittkestein 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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CTE at OTHS

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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.

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Scott’s C-21

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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 Vereris, 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.”

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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 300 block of Hunter’s Way in reference to a male subject described as 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, a Class 2 Felony
• Warrant #22CF0156402 for Aggravated Domestic Battery/Great Bodily Harm, a Class 2 Felony
• Warrant#22CM0156403 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.

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/L-64, 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
3:24 a.m. - 200 Block Central Park Dr, Retail Theft
1:55 a.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

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 Cooking

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

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

While Driver’s License Suspended/Revoked

Fire Prevention Week

In honor of National Fire Prevention Week Oct 9-15, O’Fallon Fire Rescue will be hosting our Annual Fire Prevention Open House. It will be held at Station 4 (1215 Taylor Rd) on 10/11, 10/12 & 10/13 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. We would like to invite you and your family to attend. Events include safety demonstrations in the smoke house, live fire behavior demonstration, bounce house for the kids, our antique truck and more!

*** Parking is limited around fire house 4. Please consider carpooling, or plan to walk from the Sports Park. ***
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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:


- **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.

If you are diagnosed with breast cancer, your physician will likely recommend a combination of treatments depending on the type of cancer, the stage of the cancer and your overall health. Common ways of treating breast cancer include surgery, radiation therapy, chemotherapy, hormone therapy and immunotherapy.

To schedule your mammogram at any of St. Elizabeth’s three, convenient imaging locations, call 618-222-4639 or use our easy, online scheduling tool through MyChart (https://www.hshs.org/StElizabths/MyChart) to make an appointment. You can also learn more about the women’s health services offered at HSHS St. Elizabeth’s Hospital at www.steliz.org.

To learn more about breast cancer prevention, visit https://www.cancer.org/breastcancer.
Eric Kmetz
December 21, 1979 - October 7, 2022


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 water skiing, and chatting with his friends. He 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) Chubb; 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 Wolfsberger 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.

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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.

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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/.

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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 Southern Illinois to negotiate lower electric 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 12-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 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 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.

### Electrical Aggregation Rates

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 service 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 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.

- **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 wing-sprouting hummingbird that supposedly lives nearby, and prove herself worthy, maybe her deepest wish will be granted. Ages 8-12.

- **Zonia’s Rainforest** by Marc Johnson - “It’s time to visit the rainforest!” Young Zonia exclaims. 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.

### Keep up to date on what’s going on in O’Fallon and Shiloh

Join us every Friday morning for a snapshot of what’s happening in the O’Fallon and Shiloh (Illinois) area right now. We’ll give highlights of new developments and projects, details of upcoming events and report on good news happening in our community! This podcast is a production of the O’Fallon-Shiloh Chamber of Commerce and the O’Fallon Weekly.
PHYSICAL THERAPY WORD SEARCH

CLUES ACROSS
1. Towards the mouth or oral region
2. A way to season
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
12. Emaciation
13. Separation of church and state
14. Actress de Armas
15. A way to score in basketball
16. Odd
17. Founder of Sikhism
18. They
19. A right of local jurisdiction
20. Hard, colorless compound
21. Diving seabird
22. Wild goat of the mountains
23. Not shortened
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
30. Is inclined
31. Still asleep
32. Antidepressants (abbr.)
33. Town in Surrey, England
34. Indian music patterns
35. Businessman
36. State on India’s western coast
37. Practice of managing financial risks (abbr.)
38. Patty Hearst’s captors
39. Birth control means
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
46. Home of the Crimson Tide
47. Valleys
48. Ancient lyric poem
49. Wise men
50. One circuit of a track
51. Surrounded by water
52. It lights a room
53. Assert
54. Fifth Roman Emperor
55. Ancient Greek city in Thrace
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
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Perfect Halloween fare, these buttery pecan ball cookies are mum-mified 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 1¾-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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**And for Dessert...**

by Christine Lautner

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**Do you own a business in O'Fallon or Shiloh? Are you a member of the Chamber?**

Contact the O’Fallon-Shiloh Chamber of Commerce for more information.

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**Bon Appétit**