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## From The Mayor's Desk

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

The Christmas and Holiday Season has always been a special time in Eureka. Friends, family and neighbors have a special realization regarding the true meaning of caring and community.

As I attended many of the events that marked this season, I had the opportunity to witness not just the happy faces of children with Santa but also the patience and warmth that radiated from the adults as well.

Eureka is a community nurtured by many individuals who believe in small town values and concern for those who live and visit here. All year long we receive comments from residents and visitors on the many great things our City has to offer. The unique qualities of Eureka are based in the warmth and compassion of our citizens, schools, churches and organizations. This becomes even more evident during the holiday season.

In the coming year these values will continue to be the guide that directs our growth as a community. With your help our City looks forward to a bright future.

Have a safe and happy New Year!

Sincerely,



Kevin M. Coffey  
Mayor

## Group Fitness Classes Free for Two Weeks

The Timbers of Eureka would like to invite you to attend our free two week session of group fitness classes. This session will begin on Monday, December 22, 2014 and last until Sunday, January 4, 2015. Join this perfect opportunity to participate in some of our invigorating classes and finish out the holidays on a high note.



To find out more about The Timbers or to see a class schedule go to [www.eureka.mo.us](http://www.eureka.mo.us) or call 636-938-6775.

# Guide to Local Services



Eureka City Hall (Water, Trash, Recycling & Sanitary Sewer)	938-5233
Eureka Police Department (Non-emergency)	938-6600
Eureka Fire Protection District	938-5505
Eureka Parks & Recreation (Park info and The Timbers)	938-6775
Eureka Chamber of Commerce	938-6062
Natural Gas - Laclede Gas	800-887-4173
Electric - Ameren Missouri	800-552-7583
Rockwood School District	733-2000
Voter Registration	314-615-1800

**CITY HALL HOURS OF OPERATION**  
Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

City Hall will be closed on the following holiday:

- Thursday, December 25th
- Friday, December 26th
- Thursday, January 1st

# Elected and Appointed Officials

<i>Mayor</i>		<i>Planning &amp; Zoning</i>	<i>Park Board</i>	<i>Board of Adjustment</i>
Kevin M. Coffey	938-4260	Rick Austermann (Ward 1)	Dave Kaiser (Ward 1)	Paul Costello
<b>Board of Aldermen</b>		Jim Scheer (Ward 1)	Anita Thurman (Ward 1)	Dan Capstick
Bob Berry (Ward 1)	938-5590	Bryan Kiefer (Ward 2)	Whitney Walton (Ward 1)	Judy Kitson
Wes Sir (Ward 1)	938-9270	Ed Smith (Ward 2)	Brent Bantz (Ward 2)	Wayne Kissel
Bob Kee, Jr. (Ward 2)	938-4194	Fred Svoboda (Ward 2)	Lorraine Jennemann (Ward 2)	Marty Guise
Marilyn Leistner (Ward 2)	938-4428	Ken Knapp - Chair (Ward 3)	Jennifer Gianino - Chair (Ward 2)	<b>Alternatives</b>
Shannon Britt (Ward 3)	938-5541	Mark Schmiedeskamp (Ward 3)	Dave Pearce (Ward 3)	Charles Gillick
Don Beckerle (Ward 3)	938-4104	Tom Siebenman (Ward 3)	Barb Rechten (Ward 3)	Ty Abbott
<b>Chief of Police</b>		Wes Sir (Aldermanic Rep)	Wes Sir (Aldermanic Rep)	
Michael A. Wiegand				

**St. Louis County Council**  
Greg Quinn  
**State Representative**  
Timothy W. Jones  
**State Senator**  
Brian Nieves

**Governor**  
Jeremiah (Jay) Nixon  
**Lt. Governor**  
Pete Kinder  
**Secretary of State**  
Jason Kander

**Attorney General**  
Chris Koster  
**U.S. Representative**  
Ann Wagner  
**U.S. Senate**  
Claire McCaskill  
Roy Blunt

## M U C H   A D O   A B O U T   E U R E K A

### “Live in Your Neighborhood”

The City of Eureka welcomed Fox 2's morning show on Friday, November 21st. Two live remotes were stationed in Eureka. The first crew was at Santa's Magical Kingdom showcasing their amazing light display (over 3 million lights), Kringle's General Store, photos with Santa Claus and they even had a special appearance from BBQ Extrodinaire Terry Black owner of Super Smoker's, who deep fried a turkey on-site. The second crew started their morning with a carriage ride down Central Avenue, compliments of Brookdale Farms, with Santa Claus and featured a special “sneak peak” tree lighting, a live broadcast at Chick-N-Elly's which was packed with some of their favorite customers. They also took time to visit O'Dell's Irish Pub, who took the opportunity to prepare a special breakfast for first responders. The broadcast ended at the Golden Horseshoe Tac Shop. Crews were out earlier in the week and showed segments of local favorites like Michelle's Cafe, Eureka Screen Printing, The Lavender Farm, Eureka Wine House, the Great Midwest Antique Mall, Art by Grzyb, Kilderkin's Pub, Ben Franklin, the Endangered Wolf Center and the Holiday Inn at 6 Flags.

### 6 Flags Adds New Ride

Speaking of 6 Flags, crews caught up with them just in time to see the demolition of the Scooby Doo ride which is being replaced by the highly anticipated Justice League: Battle of Metropolis. This exciting ride is recruiting new superheroes for the ultimate adventure mission – a 4D interactive dark ride experience! Get ready to match wits against Lex Luthor,

The Joker and his henchmen as you join the JUSTICE LEAGUE Reserve team.

### Annual Tree Lighting Event

The City's Annual tree lighting event was a true partnership with the community this year. Genesis Church provided crafts to the kids while area girl scout troops and St. Francis Episcopal Church went to all the businesses and sang carols. Dance Art took the stage with all their glitter and sweetness to preform holiday dances and then escorted Mayor Coffey and Santa Claus to the tree for the annual lighting event. This year had an extra twist with a wedding engagement! The couple, Ryan Hill and Lexi Bell, are graduates of Eureka High School. Ryan approached the Parks Department about asking Lexi to marry him at a City Event because “Every wonderful thing that has happened to me has happened in Eureka”. Congratulations to the happy couple.

Entertainment also included the Eureka High School Choir and students from Eureka Music. Owners of Eureka Music, Claudia and Olin Erb, led a sing-a-long in front of the Christmas tree leading up to the official lighting ceremony.

### Central Avenue Banner Poles

Arguably one of the best qualities Eureka has managed to hold onto is its small town feel. Although we have seen growth in homes and businesses, when you drive through Old Town it isn't hard to imagine what life was like in our hometown many years ago. This was the guiding principle behind adding poles to hang banners promoting events

throughout the City. Look for more banners to grace the poles in 2015. The poles will also be bricked in the spring and a stone with the year Eureka was founded will be added to make the poles feel like they have always been there. Many thanks to the Old Town Businesses and the Board of Aldermen for seeing this project to fruition.

### Two Unique Statistics

Eureka holds two unique statistics that City officials and staff hope spurs on further development in our area.

First, Eureka is the 11th wealthiest zip code in the St. Louis area, according to a study published by the St. Louis Business Journal.

Second, Eureka is the fastest growing municipality in St. Louis County. “This is very exciting news for Eureka as we continue to make our case to larger retailers who look for greater density and daytime numbers in order to establish stores in the area,” commented Julie Wood, Director of Economic Development for the City of Eureka.

### Candidate Filing - April 2015 Election

Filing for Mayor and Aldermanic positions in Wards 1, 2 and 3 for the April 7th, 2015 election will open at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 16, 2014 and close at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 20, 2015. The minimum age for the position of Mayor is 25 years. The minimum age for an Aldermanic position is 18. Candidates may file for office at City Hall during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. For additional information, please contact City Clerk Ralph Lindsey.

## Spreading Holiday Cheer in Eureka

According to Buddy the Elf “The best way to spread Christmas Cheer, is singing loud for all to hear”. This, of course is true, but witnessing generosity has to be a close second. Eureka is involved in two toy drives; one is Toys for Tots which is spearheaded by the Wallach House and the other is through The Land of Giants. The Land of Giants is a non-profit truck club based out of Fenton. Their goal is to alleviate the needs of our children by soliciting, collecting and distributing through their events which include Toy Drives, Barbecues, Comedy Nights, Parades and Car Shows which provide them with opportunities to support the community. They also receive support from the public and many corporate sponsors. The vision of The Land of Giants is to be recognized as a major St. Louis Truck Club that operates to help our local community in need. Their website proudly states: “Our trucks are an excuse for good people with GIANT hearts to help kids any way we can.”

And at no time is it more evident how truly large their hearts are than during their annual toy drive. On Tuesday, December 9th they delivered a large trailer full of toys to the Eureka Chamber of Commerce. They also made similar deliveries to seven other locations throughout the Southwestern region of St. Louis. It was inspiring and truly amazing to see trip after trip



*Land of Giants Toy Delivery.*

being made from the trailer bringing toys inside the Chamber to be organized and distributed to local families. Kelly Lubker, Executive Director for the Chamber of Commerce, shared, “All the toys brought in will go to local families through the help of Jennifer Werges (Eureka’s DARE officer), local churches and other organizations. I can’t even put into words how much this means to our families, some of them would not have a Christmas without this event.”



*Toys for Tots 2015 Collection*

The Land of Giants, along with Realty Executives Premiere, provides the barbecue for the \$1 ride night on Thursday each year at Eureka Days. The Chamber of Commerce donates a portion of the proceeds back to the group which they use to help purchase some of the toys they deliver. They also host a huge Toy Drive each year at the Fenton Walmart to aid in collections.

Chuck Maher, owner of Realty Executives Premiere, shared, “I met Jeff Hof, the President of Land of Giants, through a Relay for Life event. My wife, Kim, and I became a corporate sponsor of the club and Jeff and I have become very good friends. These last few years, we have partnered with them on food and toy drives. A lot of our agents also donate their time to these events. The Land of Giants do important work in our community and we are happy to support them in every way we can.”

# Eureka Florist & Gifts Now Open

Written By: Michael Kircher *The Eureka Pacific Current* December 2014

Tim St. John has been in the floral business for 52 years. A second generation florist, Tim started at his parent's floral shop at the age of 13. The original St. John's Florist was established in 1949.

Tim was planning to semi-retire and only work part time, but about 6 months ago he moved to Villa Ridge and discovered Old Town Eureka. He started eating at the restaurants, O'Dell's, Chick-N-Elly's, El Nopal, Joe's and his favorite Michelle's Cafe and fell in love with the town. He noticed that there was no florist in town and thus Eureka Florist and Gifts was born.

Eureka Florist is a family affair. His son, Tim, Jr., will help run the Chippewa location and his three grandchildren, Justin, Tyler and Katie will help out where needed.

Eureka Florist and Gifts is a full service florist. They are both FTD and Teleflora. They do weddings, funerals and all other occasions (parents, take note of this for prom and homecoming). you will also find a great assortment of antiques, collectibles, candles and embroidery. Daily delivery is available to Eureka, Wildwood and the surrounding area. They go to St. Louis daily and deliver to all of the hospitals.

You will also find original artwork from local artist, Anita Phillips, with

originals and prints for sale.

Eureka Florist and Gifts is open Tuesday through Friday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and Sunday 11:00 a.m. - 4:00

p.m. Their address is 119 North Central Avenue. They can be reached at 636-549-3705. Check out their website at [www.eurekafloristsandgifts.com](http://www.eurekafloristsandgifts.com)



# New Business Licenses

The following businesses applied for a business license between June of 2014 and now:

Investors Title Company  
54 The Legends Pkwy, Suite 156  
636-549-0566

Friend Acoustical Ceilings Co.  
525 Orchard Lane  
636-587-2266

N Stitches Custom Embroidery  
314-303-0023

Little Dipper Chocolate, LLC  
91 Hilltop Village Drive  
636-273-1249

Creative Wood Concepts, LLC  
314-805-3621

Eureka Lawn Care, LLC  
314-397-1948



Kiersti Merseal, Licensed Massage Therapist 636-938-9310  
Located at Comprehensive Chiropractic, 113 W. 5th Street

Premier Manufacturing, Inc.  
116 Workman Court  
636-537-6823

Yogurt In Love  
98 Legends Pkwy, Suite 104

St. John Flowers & Gifts  
119 N. Central Avenue  
314-393-6546

## Now someone looking to start or expand a business in Eureka?

The City of Eureka's Economic Development Department was created to coordinate the City's economic development activities with potential and existing businesses. Additionally, we coordinate and compile economic data and provide assistance to businesses going through the City's development process.

For more information or assistance, please contact: Julie Wood, Director of Economic Development [jwood@eureka.mo.us](mailto:jwood@eureka.mo.us) or 636-938-5233.

## Eureka High School ranked 3rd in Missouri

The 2015 Niche rankings on the nation's best public high schools have been released and Eureka High School ranked third in the state, just behind Clayton and Kirkwood.

Niche, which also runs the College Prowler ranking site, graded the school districts in eight categories, with academics receiving the most weight in the rankings.

The Best Public High Schools ranking provides a comprehensive assessment of the overall experience at public high schools in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. It uses data sourced from various government and public data sets, Niche's own proprietary data, and 4,625,227 opinion-based survey responses across a variety of topics from 287,560 current students, recent alumni and parents.

- A high ranking in Overall Experience generally indicates that: Students are very happy with their experiences in all respects, including academics, teachers, health, safety, resources, facilities, extracurriculars, sports and fitness;
- The school is an exceptional academic institution in terms of teachers, students, resources for learning and student outcomes;
- The school is made up of a diverse population and fosters an accepting, positive school culture;
- Students are actively involved in a variety of extracurriculars and sports the school offers.

One of the seniors who filled out the survey wrote, "Eureka High School is a good school. The teachers are my favorite part of it." Quite a compliment. Way to Go Eureka.

## The Timbers Provides Programing to Help Parents

"Help, the kids are off school and we need something for them to do!"

The Timbers staff is coming to the rescue with a program that will help busy parents when they find themselves faced with an afternoon off school.



Half Day Hoopla - Visit The Timbers on Rockwood Half Days. Kids, ages 5-10, will enjoy an afternoon of games, crafts, sports and fun activities. The program is from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. on 1/16, 2/13, 4/8, 5/6 and 5/21. Fees range from \$5 to \$7 per child. Stop by The Timbers to enroll. Space is limited. Call 636-938-6775 for more information.

## Little Caesars Pizza - Affordable, Fast & Friendly

Gene Dorenkamp, owner of Little Caesars, opened the Eureka location in May of 2013 and has been "Busy, Busy" ever since. He commented, "Owning



a Little Caesars can be challenging, but it is also extremely rewarding. I love getting the opportunity to meet my customers and to make their life a little easier."

Little Caesars is known for their "Hot and Ready" deals, which features either a pepperoni or cheese pizza that is hot and

ready to be picked up for \$5. The company recently introduced pretzel crust pizza which was only supposed to be around for a short time, but keeps getting extended because of its popularity. Little Caesars also has a full menu including deep dish, custom and specialty pizzas, multiple kinds of wings, crazy bread and soda.

Little Caesars is the preferred pizza caterer for The Timbers of Eureka. They recently supplied the pizza for the City's three 'Pizza with Santa' events. Gene said, "We supplied over 180 pizzas for the event. Needless to say it was an insane experience, we were making a pizza every three minutes!"

Little Caesars is located in the Eureka Pointe shopping center near Schnucks. For large orders or catering events, call Gene at the store and he will take care of you; 636-587-2599.

## City Partners with West County Lions Club

Everyone knows it is spring in Eureka when the Lion’s Club sets up shop on the spur and dishes up some of their delicious BBQ. This year will make the 63rd year the club has been grilling up our favorites with one notable difference; they will be using a brand new concession stand that was built from a public/private partnership between the City of Eureka and the West County Lions Club.

Wes Sir, former Lions President and current Board member, shared, “Randy Waddell and Steve Downes were discussing the need for an upgrade to their barbecue trailer and they came to the club with an idea of building a permanent stand rather than invest in another trailer. It made sense that the City could rent out the concession building and use the additional restrooms with the completion of the Flat Creek Trail, so we drew up a proposal and the project went from there.”

The City of Eureka agreed to pay \$75,000 toward the project. The Lions Club paid all expenses after the City funds were exhausted and took care of being the general contractor. They were able to secure donated labor from businesses like Waddell Concrete, E&M Plumbing, Wired Electric and Gallagher Mechanical. Other individuals contributed time and talents to the project as well.



*The new stand will be open this spring.*

The new concession stand features a stainless steel interior purchased through Serveco, a local St. Louis company. Inside you will find sinks, counter space, a steam table to keep things warm and a walk-in cooler. The building also has a men’s and women’s restroom. The building will serve as the trail-head for Flat Creek Trail and the restrooms will be open year round since the building has heat. The building is owned and will be operated by the City. Non-profit organizations may rent the building by calling the Parks and Recreation Department at 938-6775.

## Frozen Yogurt Coming to Eureka

Eureka’s frozen treats have been defined by businesses like Culver’s and Spooners which are both known for their delicious custard choices as well as other scrumptious fares, but a whole new take on frozen treats will hit Eureka very soon.

The rise of the frozen yogurt craze is largely driven by two factors involving consumers - the self-serve model and the appeal of a healthier snack choice, which consumers find with frozen yogurt, that in many cases are 98% fat free.

Yogurt in Love is a franchise with locations across the United States. When Yogurt In Love first started out, they were all just about the yogurt, its taste, its quality and its health benefits. From the very beginning, they kept a focus on their commitment to using the best tasting all natural ingredients for their frozen yogurt, and nearly a couple of years down the line, it remains the same.



New franchise owners, Keith and April Paszkiewicz, are excited to start this new adventure. April shared, “Keith is more of an entrepreneur than me. We were in Florida and visited a frozen yogurt place practically everyday and started thinking about how special it is to have a place to go with your family that becomes a tradition like that. We came home with the idea and researched companies and Yogurt in Love fit with what we wanted. They are a smaller company that is really supportive and extremely welcoming.”

As for locating in Eureka, the Paszkiewicz family lives in House Springs, so they spend a lot of time in Eureka. They chose Eureka because it feels like a small town rooted with old fashioned family values. They hope to open Yogurt in Love in late January and will be located in the Legends Corporate Center next to Country Doggie Day Spa. Stop by and fall in love with the yogurt and start a tradition of your own.

## Sweet, Tangy & Successful - Eureka hosts its 1st Annual BBQ Competition

The City of Eureka hosted its first barbecue competition and were overwhelmed by the positive feedback from competitors, the St. Louis BBQ Society (SLBS) and the community.

Eureka is no stranger to good barbecue, we are home to one of the local barbecue legends, Terry Black, owner of Super Smoker's BBQ, which won the Memphis in May competition in 2000 (Memphis in May is like the BBQ Olympics).

Barbecue is a time-honored tradition, but it has had its ups and downs on the American Food scene. In the 1980s, regional food culture was on the ropes, a victim of Americans' love of fast-food and chain restaurants. Barbecue fared no better. Restaurants pulled out their wood-burning pits and installed gas-fueled grills. Americans were sold on the naive idea that great barbecue is built on bottled sauces.

But a funny thing happened on the way to the drive-thru. We realized our traditional foods deserve as much respect as any other cuisine. We woke up to honest fried chicken (think Chick-N-Elly's). We acknowledged that



*The Butt Rub-ers preparing their chicken for judging.*

a well-engineered burger is a thing of economy and beauty. More to the point, Americans adopted barbecue as our national folk food.

The worry of past decades—what happens when real barbecue dies out?—is no longer relevant. The new question is, how high can barbecue go? Across the country, restaurants and barbecue enthusiasts alike—are serving up the delicious answer.

And nowhere was this more evident than at our first "Get Your Licks on Route 66" BBQ Competition this past November. 38 teams participated and included heavy hitters like Rippel-Que, Lock Stock & 2 Smokin' Barrels and Bringing the Heat (who finished 1st, 2nd, and 3rd respectively in the SLBS point standing), as well as local favorites like The Butt Rub-ers and Prime Time BBQ. We also had a lot of first time barbecue teams, so it truly was a great mix of teams.

The event was sanctioned by the SLBS and with 38 teams, this was their second largest competition of the year, next to the Wildwood BBQ Bash. By a stroke of genius, or sheer luck, the event is also the last barbecue event of the year, so it is poised to keep growing. Mayor Kevin Coffey remarked, "Our goal is to make this a yearly event and work on ways to grow it both with competitors as well as activities and vendors."

Next year's dates have been secured and will be Saturday, November 7th - Sunday, November 8th. The City is looking at adding two more categories to the event with Saturday evening turn-ins as well as the traditional Sunday turn-ins. "It was my first experience at a BBQ competition, but I was overwhelmed at how generous everyone was. These teams are fierce competitors, but they are also amazing when it comes to helping each other. One of the teams even had their wives helping a new competitor



*Steve and Lori Parker, from Getting Piggy With It.*

with presentation. It was great to see that kind of camaraderie," shared Julie Wood, Director of Economic Development for the City of Eureka. Look for more information about the "Get Your Licks on Route 66" BBQ Competition in Eureka in upcoming newsletters.

### 2014 Winner's Circle

#### **Grand Champion:**

Dead Pigs Tell No Tails

#### **Reserve Grand Champion:**

Lock Stock & 2 Smokin Barrels

#### **Chicken Winners**

1st Place: Bringing the Heat

2nd Place: Lock Stock & 2 Smokin Barrels

3rd Place: Butt Rub-ers BBQ Team

#### **Ribs Winners**

1st Place: Lock Stock & 2 Smokin Barrels

2nd Place: Rippel-Que

3rd Place: Dead Pigs Tell No Tails

#### **Pork Winners**

1st Place: Team Meat Candy

2nd Place: Smokem' All St. Louis

3rd Place: Fireside Smokers

#### **Brisket Winners**

1st Place: Twisted Belly

2nd Place: Dead Pigs Tell No Tails

3rd Place: Rippel-Que

## Eureka's Hannah Long Wins Third Consecutive State Title

By: Warren Mayes *West Newsmagazine* 12/11/2015

Eureka's Hannah Long capped off a brilliant career as a long distance runner for the Eureka High Wildcats by winning her third consecutive state title at Oak Hills Golf Center in Jefferson City last month. And she did it in record-setting fashion.

Long was the medalist with a time of 17 minutes, 38.29 seconds – her fastest time ever on the state course. By contrast, her time as a freshman was 18:29.71.

"My freshman year, I realized how hard that course really is," Long said. "I was 24 seconds behind first (place). I was much better prepared to run my sophomore season as I knew the course and could make a better race plan."

While pressure goes hand-in-hand with trying to win, Long said she was fairly calm at state.

Coach Kally Fischer agreed.

"I really don't think too much pressure was on Hannah going into the state meet," Fischer said. "She has always done well in high profile races. She just had her eye on that state record."

So, they came up with a strategy to make it happen.

"We talked about our plan – keeping a good pace the first mile, then pushing harder as I got further into the course," Long said.

She knew Nerinx Hall, Lafayette, Francis Howell and Blue Springs all had talented runners.

"The field in Missouri was very deep this year, but not really anyone the same caliber as Hannah," Fischer said. "She's really in a league of her own with the top runners in the country."

Still, nothing was taken for granted.

"I planned to run a good first mile and then slowly pick up the pace over the rest of the course," Long said. "The temp was good, but the high winds were not good. It is extremely hard to push the pace against 20 mph winds when I am running all by myself."

At the end of the race, Long was way out in front. The second-place runner, Sophia Racette of Nerinx Hall, finished in 18:09.01.

"I tried to stay focused and keep my form all the way to the end," Long said. "It was a bit sad as I crossed and had to slow down."

Fischer had several emotions going as Long crossed the finish line for the final time.

"Bittersweet," Fischer said, describing how she felt. "A lot of emotion knowing that it was her last state cross country meet and that she is healthy and happy. I am always so proud of her."

While her time was a personal best for the state course and a Class 4 record, it was not her best time ever. That came in the Southern Stampede, where she ran a 16:51 – a course record – breaking Meredith Snow's record by 30 seconds. Snow also was a Eureka graduate and a three-time state champion.

"I have really been blessed to have such a wonderful cross country career at Eureka," Long said. "My coaches have been incredible. They have helped me improve each year and prepared me for entering college. All my teammates are the best. It has been neat to see how they have improved over the years and that many of them have plans to continue running in college."

Long will run track in the spring. She has earned seven medals in the spring sport. She is the two-time defending champion in the 800- and 1600-meter races and is the Class 4 record holder in the 1600-meter. She also was the anchor on the 3,200-meter relay team in the past two seasons.



## Seniors Rule at The Timbers

The Timbers of Eureka serves lunches for the senior citizens of Eureka and the surrounding areas on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of every month at 11:30 a.m. The luncheons cost between \$5 and \$7 which includes lunch and typically some sort of activity or entertainment.

The Timbers is also a part of the SilverSneakers Program. SilverSneakers is for Medicare eligible adults, usually 65+ in age. Eligible participants are offered free memberships to health facilities and SilverSneakers subsidizes the membership fees. The Timbers also offers fitness classes geared toward the program. To obtain more information about either of these programs, please call the Parks and Recreation office Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

# FAMILY NEW YEAR'S EVE BASH

December 31, 2014  
6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
The Timbers of Eureka

**"FREE"**



\*Ring in the new year with party crafts, Spunkybeans balloon art, video game truck, laser tag, inflatables and more!\*

## 2015 Eureka Chamber of Commerce Garage Sale & Swap Meet

March 7th, 2015

@ Six Flags St. Louis

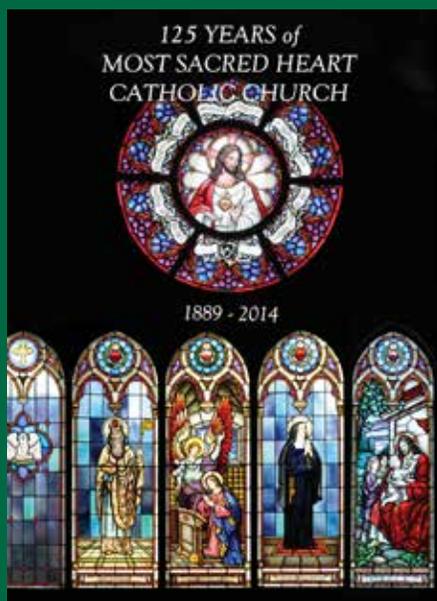
For more information visit  
[www.eurekachamber.org](http://www.eurekachamber.org)



## Most Sacred Heart Catholic Church Celebrates 125 Years in Eureka

It has been a labor of love that began two years ago, when Father Schilli reached out to Eureka resident and parishioner, Shenee Boyle, for assistance in celebrating the 125th Anniversary of the Church.

“Father Schilli wanted a book to capture the rich history of the Church and I was more than happy to help. The key to pulling off large projects like this is to divide and conquer. I recruited volunteers, Committee Chairs and we went to work,” shared Shenee. One of their first orders of business was to find and scan in all the photos that were being stored in the attic. Jane Alice Weber who had been the church secretary for years and Dee Savory, who has lived in Eureka all her life and is considered our resident historian, went through every photo and



organized them according to years. Shenee then enlisted the help of two key parishioners; Susan Zadrozinski a talented photographer and Wayne Kissel an equally talented graphic designer and owner of K1 Creative to help oversee the creation of the book.

The book was divided into seven sections spanning from 1889-2014.

It includes beautiful photographs, personal stories and accounts, a time-line of events and much more. Shenee shared, “It took a village to put this together, but the result is amazing and I am so proud of it and of everyone that lended their time and talents to pull it together. A special thank you needs to go to Wayne, who spent countless hours laying out the book and making the multiple rounds of changes and edits.”

The book was unveiled at services mid-October and was followed by this special message by Bishop Rice who said, “Now our challenge is to take us forward into the future--to celebrate what we will become.”

125 Years of Most Sacred Heart Catholic Church is available for purchase at the Church and at the Eureka Walgreens for \$10. It is more than just a book about Sacred Heart, it captures much of the rich history of Eureka and its residents.

### The Youngsters Who Meowed in Church

*-An excerpt from the 125 Years of Most Sacred Heart Catholic Church*

“One Sunday all of us kids were sitting in our pew - every family had their own pew in those days, you know. This was when Sacred Heart was on Central Avenue, the little white church. I don’t know whose idea it was, but us kids started meowing like cats. Now, Dad and Mom were in the confessional with the priest at the time, so there was no one there to shush us. We thought it was really funny, so we just kept meowing like cats. When Dad came out of the confessional, he didn’t say a word. All the way home in the car, too, he never said a word, so we thought, ‘Whew, that was close!’ We guessed that we were going to get by with it.

When we got home, though, Dad told us to wait in the car while he got a line off the harness, and then as we got out of the car, one by one he started to switch us with that leather strap. We all ran and hid in the chicken house, in the cellar, wherever we could get away from that switch. We never meowed in church again!”

Stanley “Boots” Wallach

(From a 2003 interview with the Wallach brothers)



# Calendar of Events

## JANUARY

- 5th New Session Starts @ The Timbers
- 31st Daddy Daughter Dance @ The Timbers

## MARCH

- 1st Mardi Growl Dog Parade Central Avenue
- 7th Mother-Son Movie Night @ The Timbers
- 7th Annual Swap Meet/Garage Sale @ 6 Flags
- 16-20 Spring Break Camp @ The Timbers
- 28th Arbor Day Celebration @ Drewel Park
- 28th Youth Easter Egg Hunt @ Drewel Park
- 28th Adult Easter Egg Hunt @ Legion Park

## APRIL

- 4th City-Wide Shredding Event
- 16th MLB Pitch, Hit & Run @ Legion Park

## MAY

- 15th Concert on Central
- 22nd Outdoor Movie on the Lawn @ City Hall
- 23rd Outdoor Pool Opens @ The Timbers

## JUNE

- 19th Concert on Central
- 26th Outdoor Movie on the Lawn @ City Hall

## JULY

- 4th Independence Day Celebration @ Lions Park
- 17th Concert on Central
- 24th Outdoor Movie on the Lawn @ City Hall

## AUGUST

- 21st Concert on Central
- 28th Outdoor Movie on the Lawn @ City Hall

## SEPTEMBER

- 7th Outdoor Pool Closes for the Season
- 10th Eureka Days \$1 Ride Night
- 11th Eureka Days
- 12th Lions 5K/10K Run
- 12th Eureka Days Parade

## OCTOBER

- 1-30 Scarecrow Festival Eureka
- 24th Harvest Moon Run @ Route 66 State Park

## NOVEMBER

- 7-8 "Get Your Licks on Route 66" BBQ
- 21st Holiday Tree Lighting

## DECEMBER

- 3rd Pizza with Santa @ The Timbers
- 4th Pizza with Santa @ The Timbers
- 5th Pizza with Santa @ The Timbers
- 6th Knights of Columbus - Breakfast with Santa



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## Keystone IT to Locate Headquarters in Eureka

Eric Humes, CEO of Keystone IT, had a big decision before him. His company, located in downtown St. Louis, was growing and he needed a new space. Downtown offices are great for start-ups, but his company had surpassed that classification with its rapid growth in the IT field since its inception in 2001.

A researcher and information gatherer by nature, Eric had been surveying employees, charting where they lived to determine the mid-point (which was Bowles and I-44) and had visited over 50 available properties in the St. Louis area.

In February he had a colleague, Aaron Jackson and his wife Ann, over for dinner. Eric shared with them all the research he had done and he mentioned that he had found a building in Eureka that had impressed him, but that he wasn't sure what he should do.

Ann responded, "Companies locate in Fenton because they have to; you move to Eureka because you want to, not because you have to."



This really stuck with Eric. Fenton had been on his list and on paper made a lot of sense, but the majority of available space was in the industrial area which didn't line up conceptually with what he wanted for his new headquarters. He wanted Keystone IT located in a place that had trails and bike paths and opportunities to enjoy nature and park land. The building, located at 4835 Hwy 109 (between Jefferson Bank and The Firehouse) also met all the goals he had for his new space. An open floor plan, but more space to collaborate in small groups, quiet areas to work, but with a large conference room space that could have multiple uses. Natural light flowing through the building was also a major desire of his and this building has this in spades.

Family is also a main theme at Keystone IT. The median age of his employees is around 35, so many of them are juggling working full time with being a parent. Eric has four daughters with his wife

Sarah who manages the bookkeeping, so he understands that circumstances arise where bringing your kids to work is the only option. With this in mind, he is dedicating space that will be family friendly featuring an area that kids can hang-out, nursing mothers can have privacy or a sick child can rest.

The large conference room will serve multiple purposes. Keystone IT provides technology consulting and support for the healthcare and education industries. Much of this is done through seminars and educational events that they host for professionals in these industries. They do their part to help physicians provide a higher quality of care to their patients and to help teachers provide a better education to our children. Eric shared, "We believe that these are two of the most important and meaningful ways to help make the world a better place. These are also two things that our employees can relate to. It's what we all have in common...we have been patients as well as students in life."

Keystone IT plans to occupy the new building in February of 2015. The City of Eureka is thrilled that they will be part of our business community and look forward to watching this company flourish. Once you meet Eric and his staff it won't be hard to see why they have experienced so much success in such a short time.

Look for more information on Keystone IT in the next Mayor's newsletter or check them out for yourself by visiting their website at [www.keystone-it.com](http://www.keystone-it.com)



*Keystone IT is hard at work having the building renovated for their new offices.*

## Eureka Sports Association Swinging into New Year

Baseball and softball season is right around the corner. Don't miss the opportunity to play ball this summer in Eureka! ESA is a member of the St. Louis County Athletic Association (SLCAA). The SLCAA baseball and softball season runs April through July.

### Boys Baseball

Boys baseball is open to boys 7U-14U and is governed by the rules of the St. Louis County Athletic Association. Leagues for boys 5U – 6U (Training League) and 4U (T-ball) are also available and operate under ESA's own set of rules and guidelines.

### Girls Softball

Girls Softball is open to girls 7U, 8U, 10U, 12U & 14U and is governed by the rules of the St. Louis County Athletic Association. Leagues for girls 5U – 6U (Training League) and 4U (T-ball) are also available and operate under ESA's own set of rules and guidelines.

To sign up or for more information, visit [www.eurekasports.com](http://www.eurekasports.com)



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## Eureka Police Department Offers Free Loan of Invisible Ink Pens for Property Protection

The holidays is a time when a lot of us invest in electronics and valuables for our home. Law enforcement and insurance companies encourage people to mark their valuables for identification in the event of loss or theft. This indicates proof of ownership so that the property may be returned to the rightful owner. New invisible ink pens permanently mark property with durable, invisible ink that can only be seen under ultraviolet light.

The quick-drying, indelible and invisible ink will allow residents or businesses to mark virtually any surface, including plastic, metal, painted surfaces and even glass. Use it on your CD collection, MP3 player, mobile phone, laptop, PDA, game system and controller, books, tools, artwork, bicycles and TVs.

Eureka Police also advise people to take part in a theft deterrent program, by using markers with invisible ink to identify their property with their driver's license number. Markers are available at the Eureka Police Department, 120 City Hall Drive. Markers and engravers are available to Eureka residents and businesses free of charge for 1 week.

For more information on engravers or invisible ink markers, please contact Chief Michael Wiegand at 636-938-6600.



## Preparing for Snow & Ice

The City of Eureka has 7 salt trucks and 12 plow trucks in its fleet. We plow and salt nearly 100 lane miles within the City limits. One of the best ways you can help during winter weather is to simply park your vehicles in your driveway. Bob Wade, Eureka Public Works Supervisor, said, "Dealing with winter weather can be difficult, but we do the best we can to keep Eureka's streets safe for travel. I appreciate the residents parking in their driveways when we know a storm is going to hit. We are able to get the job done faster and ultimately better if the streets are clear of vehicles."

## Premier Restoration Services Celebrates 25 Years

Since 1989, Premier Restoration Services has served thousands of home and business owners in the St. Louis area when they have encountered insurance related property damage as a result of fire, wind or water. This Eureka-based company is owned by the Roth family.

The Roth's have been a part of the Eureka community since 1972, when Bill Roth and his wife, Jean, first moved to Eureka from Webster Groves. Although their 4 children were sad to leave, they sold their house in 1984 for the development of The Legends. Even though the family relocated to the Wildwood area, they remained part of the Eureka community. In 2003 they decided to return to Eureka and built a home in The Legends. They were happy to be back home with their church family, friends and a great community.

After retiring as Vice President of Operations for Nooter/Eriksen, Bill served as General Manager for one year at Premier Restoration Services. He had the opportunity to purchase the business from his son-in-law in 2009. Bill says, "I saw an opportunity to utilize my family's combined experience and individual talents to take the company to the next level."

Bill's sons are co-owners of the business. Corey serves as General Manager and his wife, Marie, is the Office Manager and Production Coordinator. Bill's other son, Jason, serves as Operations Manager and his wife, Angie, is the company's accountant. Bill's daughter, Andrea, serves as Director of Marketing. This family has over 80 years combined experience in the construction and restoration industry. They also have a dedicated and experienced staff and crew of 15 employed full time.

The company has operated in Eureka since 2001 when they purchased the building at 16 East 2nd Street. They outgrew this location, and in 2009 moved to a 12,000 SF office and warehouse building at 132 Workman Ct.

On October 10th, Premier celebrated its 25th Anniversary with its 1st Annual BBQ Bash. Over 100 guests, including the Mayor, celebrated with great food, drinks and live country music by the Special 20 Band. The event was held in a portion of their warehouse and included a bar and furniture made of hay bales. Everyone is already looking forward to the next year's Bash.



*Attendees enjoying 25th Anniversary Celebration*

Premier Restoration Services is a full-service, residential and commercial restoration contractor who can help with every aspect of a property loss. This includes 24 hour emergency services such as board-up and roof tarp, and water/sewer clean-up and drying. They also have crews available to handle content and structural cleaning and restoration, as well as their own carpenters to handle any repairs and complete rebuilds. This means property owners have the convenience of only having to deal with one company to coordinate and handle the entire job.

Premier has established relationships with most insurance companies and has been selected as a Preferred Contractor for several major insurance companies. They are experienced in working directly with the insurance adjuster throughout the entire process to ensure the job progresses as smoothly and quickly as possible. Premier also provides a valuable service to insurance agents and their insured by providing free inspections and estimates prior to a claim being made.

Premier Restoration Services is proud to be a good-standing and active member of the Better Business Bureau, Institute of Inspection, Cleaning & Restoration (IICRC), Remodeling Industry Association and the Eureka, Washington and West County Chambers of Commerce.

If you ever experience weather related or accidental damage to your home or business, you can reach Premier Restoration Services any time at 636-938-5240. Check out their website at [premier-stl.com](http://premier-stl.com)



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## Local Family Donates Norway Spruce for Governor's Christmas Tree

It's reminiscent of the scene from Christmas vacation when Clark sees the perfect tree all aglow and knows that it is destined to be the family's Christmas tree; the Lennox family knew that their tree would be a perfect fit for the Governor's Christmas Tree.

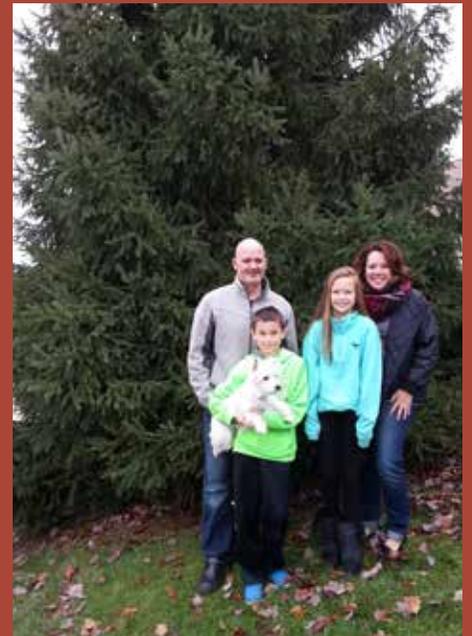
Paul and Beth Lennox planted their Norway Spruce in 1989 in the front yard of their two story brick house in Hilltop Estates. Over the course of the next sixteen years, the tree grew and grew and grew. It was over 40 feet tall by the time the Missouri Conservation Department removed it for its trip to Jefferson City.

Paul, a retired marine and now works for First Choice Landscaping in Labadie, shared, "The tree had grown too large for the area where it was planted and a friend recommended we submit the tree for consideration to be the Governor's Christmas Tree. It is very cool that it was chosen and a blessing since it was going to have to be removed at some point. It's a beautiful tree and I'm glad it is going to be enjoyed by so many people." Paul says the family plans to make a trip to Jefferson City sometime in December to see it on display.



Paul and Beth have two children, Noah, a fifth grader at Blevins Elementary and Madeline, an eighth grader at LaSalle Springs Middle School. Both kids were excited to have the tree picked. The tree was directly outside Madeline's upstairs bedroom and she said that she will miss it, although not during storms as it created a loud rather eerie presence. Madeline said, "The tree was like an apartment complex for nature. Bunnies lived on the ground floor with different kinds of birds habiting in the various branches all the way to the top. I wrote a poem about the tree when I was in CCL."

What a wonderful Christmas memory this will make for this sweet family for many years to come and a beautiful tree for the visitors to Jefferson City for the holidays this year.



*The Lennox Family standing in front of the now famous Norway Spruce.*

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