



WHISPERING HILLS

HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

SUMMERTIME 2014

President's Message

Every time I hear "summertime," I can't help but think of the great song the great George Gershwin wrote for his opera, "Porgy and Bess." It starts out, "IT'S SUMMER TIME AND THE LIVIN' IS EASY, THE FISH ARE JUMPIN', AND THE COTTON IS HIGH..." Well, there is no cotton growing around here, but "easy livin'" is still a great part of life in St. Louis.

The weather is generally pleasant, adequate public transportation is available, and there are many free or relatively inexpensive things that an individual or a family can do here that fits the "easy livin'" moniker.

Apart from the wonderful recreational facilities right here in our own subdivision (indoor and outdoor swimming pools, and well-maintained tennis and volleyball courts), St. Louis boasts one of the most-visited city parks in the nation – Forest Park: ONLY FIVE PARKS IN NEW YORK CITY, SAN DIEGO, SAN FRANCISCO AND CHICAGO EXCEED FOREST PARK'S 12 MILLION ANNUAL VISITORS!

Located within its 1,293 acres are a (free) zoo (#2 IN USA TODAY'S 2014 READERS' CHOICE 10 BEST US ZOOS),

a (free) world-class art museum, a (free) award-winning history museum, and a (free) equally prized science center. Did we mention the (free) admissions?

Yet Forest Park is just one of many well-kept metro-area parks where folks have access to outdoor cooking facilities so they can enjoy a picnic (as well as exercise, music and other activities) with family and friends.

I cannot neglect to mention our nationally recognized botanical garden (free) before noon every Wednesday and Saturday... nor the awesome 4th of July fireworks and concerts at Fair St. Louis (MOVED THIS YEAR, TO THE ART MUSEUM GROUNDS TO CELEBRATE ST. LOUIS' 250TH BIRTHDAY)... be sure to bring blankets, lawn chairs and coolers, and take it all in.

Life doesn't get much better than that... like the song says, "the livin' is easy." Well, I won't say any more, but sometimes it's important to stop for a moment and realize just how lucky we are to be able to enjoy the blessings we have.

John Schembri

President and Trustee

[Click here to go to our website.](#)

WHISPERING HILLS NEWS

On Honey Grove Court

Neal & Dori Wilbert

When Neal and Dori part for work each day, Neal dons the first of many hats he wears as his own boss in Real Estate Development... and Dori heads to her job as a Market Manager at Sam's Club.

Neal's education was furthered at SLUH and Oklahoma State University, and Dori's at Schafer in Michigan and Michigan State University... plus, raising two children to adulthood surely qualifies as an education unto itself!

They moved into 12739 Honey Grove Court in June this year. (We all wish Mike and Susan Rockwell well on their departure.)

Welcome to the neighborhood!

On Whispering Hills Lane

Robert Scheinkman's Rose of Sharon Offer

I have Rose of Sharon plants free to our neighbors. They're at least "\$4-size." They grow beautifully at the corners of property or as hedges, and are in their flowery glory during our long falls.

Rose of Sharon drop their seed and in short-order you'll have many more plants, to transplant, if you wish.

I'll dig them up. If you want one or more to be dug and planted, I'll arrange that for you with my gardening handyman.

12633 Whispering Hills Lane

314-434-2348

Thank You!

WHISPERING HILLS NEWS

She's Earned It!

Lauren Millikan

This young lady graduated in May from Bradley University.

Her mother, Cecilia, is so very proud that Lauren graduated with a double major in International Business and Spanish, and a minor in Marketing...

and did so Summa Cum Laude!

Summa is the highest of "Latin honors" bestowed on graduates finishing with a total grade point average of 3.99+.

Kudos to Daughter & Mother!

Are You an Avid Traveler?

Cecilia Millikan

Tells us that she is a world traveler, and wonders if we want to hear from her when she returns from her imminent trip to Italy....

We say "Yes!" to all our neighbors' traveling stories. Send us the highlights of your trip, including a few photos.

Don't forget "lessons learned," don't-miss attractions, and traveling tips.

Bon Voyage!

WHISPERING HILLS

Shared Facility Updates & Announcements

POOL

The indoor pool was emptied and all walls and surfaces were power washed. Many areas will need new plaster in the next 3 to 5 years. Bi-state also replaced the drains in the pool which is required every 3 years.

Minor repairs: return air vents in the indoor pool were sanded clean and painted; a panic bar was replaced on the pool pump exit near pool; the womens bathroom's shower stall was recaulked, and its shower curtain was replaced.

Still unsure if the vinyl drywall covering above each in-door pool door entrance will be replaced.

TENNIS COURT

Replaced the Whispering Hills mesh sign. (Made in 3 sections and was ripped in many places).

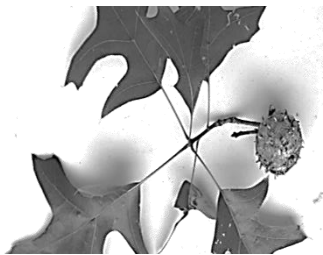
SOCIAL EVENTS

- 1) Adult Friday Night Social is scheduled for September 12th (tentative date).
- 2) We are discussing a Food Truck Night. Unsure of date yet. We will invite the homeowners. The only expense should be water, soda, and maybe beer (it may be a non-alcoholic event.) We are hoping for a Monday or Tuesday evening.

Our Resident family event is scheduled for Saturday 7/12/14.

Submitted by Jeannette M. Roscoe, Whispering Hills Apartments Property Manager





It's called "horned oak gall," and its irregular woody mass attached to a woody stem can reach 2 inches or more in diameter. Leaf gall also appears along the leaves' veins. Both galls belong to the lifecycle of horned oak gall.

Most shade trees can tolerate galls with no apparent injury except esthetics. However, **horned oak gall**, caused by **the wasp, Callirhytis cornigera**, weakens and disfigures pin oak trees, sometimes killing them. (Fortunately, this wasp does not sting humans.) The gall's name is attributable to the external projections of the larval chambers.

What's that Funny Growth on My Pin Oak Trees?

The two-stage lifecycle begins with the larval chambers pushing out of the gall tissue after about 22 months, where a single wasp has developed in each horn. The emerging wasps, apparently all female, appear in early May, rarely fly, and walk along branches and twigs. Each female carries about 200 eggs, and deposits her eggs into new oak buds. The eggs develop into tiny leaf galls along the leaf veins.

The second stage is the emergence of both sexes in mid-July. They mate, then the female lays her eggs into the oak's twigs. (It is thought that the *gall* develops the following year, with the *larvae* completing their development

and emerging two years after the egg is laid.

At this time, it is considered impossible to stop or reverse twig gall development once the gall begins to develop. Therefore, it is suggested that developing twig galls be pruned out and destroyed when the galls are small and few in number. There is also no effective chemical control.

Natural resistance may exist, or there may be other reasons why some trees are not infected even when growing next to an infected one.

Those Pesky Deer!

Odor Deterrents

There are many deer deterrents, and effectiveness varies largely on how quickly your particular deer adjust to them. It's typical for many techniques to work for only a few days. Some common deterrents to spread around the plants include:

- mothballs
- thorny branches
- hair
- blood meal
- garlic
- fabric softener
- processed sewage
- repellent plants

Other Deterrents

- floodlights
- noisemakers
- flags
- whistles
- electric wires
- hidden fishing lines
- sprinklers

Once deer discover your yard is a delectable deli, they will hop fences, ignore scare tactics, and show up like clockwork to devour plant after plant. They'll trot right up on a porch to chomp off the roses or stretch high to nibble the clematis you thought was safe on an arbor. **Hungry deer will eat almost anything -- including occasional forays into the foods listed on our "won't eat" list.** It partly depends on what else is available and how hungry the deer are. Deer in different regions have different palates. And the deer in your backyard might be the only one in the neighborhood that enjoys gobbling morning glories. **Sprays.** There are deer-defying sprays for the plants, such as rotten-egg and water, soap spray, hot-pepper spray, and many types of commercial sprays. **Some people even try to lure deer away by planting the animal's favorite foods in a remote part of the property, far from gardens and flower beds.** **Fences.** The most effective technique may be a fence around the garden. To keep deer out, a fence should extend partly underground and not have gaps bigger than 6x6 inches where deer can squeeze through or crawl under. **Enclose the entire garden or deer will go around the fence.** And a fence should be at least 8 feet high. Some deer can clear an 8-foot fence unless obstacles (such as angled netting, tree branches, or thorny shrubs) prevent a clear take-off or landing place. Or try two 4- or 5-foot-high fences placed 3 feet apart. **You'll** have to fight to keep deer out of your yard. Use an effective fence around your prized plants, wherever possible feature plants low on the list on the deer menu, and maybe try a deterrent tactic or two. **Your yard may become so much work to deer, or of so little interest, that they won't bother trying.**

Attract and Feed Hummingbirds Nature's Way



One good way to enjoy the company of hummingbirds is a **hummingbird garden**. In addition to providing them a natural diet, a hummer garden is an excellent way to attract birds to your nearby feeder: since hummingbirds feed by sight on regularly-followed routes - called trap lining - their inquisitive nature will quickly lead them to investigate any possible new source of food. **Capture the birds on film or video, with a much more beautiful backdrop of the hummer garden than a contraption.** If you plan carefully and select a variety of plants that flower at successively later dates, you will be rewarded with happy hummers throughout the season.

Using pesticides around hummingbird plants is a very bad idea. Killing garden pests will also eliminate the small insects hummingbirds rely upon for protein. In addition, hummers might directly ingest pesticides sprayed onto flowers, which could sicken or kill the birds.

Since hummers, like most birds, have virtually no sense of smell, the flowers that attract them tend to have little or no fragrance, apparently directing their resources instead toward high visibility and nectar production. Note also that cultivated hybrids often make much less nectar than wild strains. While you should visit your local nursery for suggestions specific to your climate and area, here are some of the best plants to consider if you're planning a hummingbird garden:

Trees and Shrubs

Azalea
Butterfly Bush (Buddleia)
Cape Honeysuckle
Flame Acanthus
Flowering Quince
Lantana
Manzanita
Mimosa
Red Buckeye
Tree Tobacco
Turk's Cap
Weigela

Perennials

Bee Balm (*Monarda*)
Canna
Cardinal Flower
Columbine
Coral Bells
Four O'Clocks
Foxglove
Hosta
Hummingbird Mint
(*Agastache*)
Little Cigar
Lupine
Penstemon
Yucca

Annuals

Beard Tongue
(and other *penstemons*)
Firespike
Fuchsia
Impatiens
Jacobiana
Jewelweed
Petunia
Various *Salvia* species
Shrimp Plant

Vines

Coral Honeysuckle
Cypress Vine
Morning Glory
Scarlet Runner Bean
Trumpet Creeper



St. Louis County Library Foundation presents

Randy Lewis, *Former Senior Vice President of Walgreens and author of "No Greatness Without Goodness: How a Father's Love Changed a Company and Sparked a Movement"*

Wednesday, June 25, 7:00 p.m. Library Headquarters - Auditorium
(Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Seating is limited; early arrival is recommended.)

Randy Lewis bet his career that he could create an inclusive workplace at one of America's biggest corporations, where people with disabilities could not just succeed, but thrive. "No Greatness without Goodness" is the powerful story of a corporate executive who, after watching the world through the eyes of his own child with autism, realized that we all have a greater responsibility to make the world a better place for everyone, including those with disabilities.



Jonathan Lethem, *acclaimed author of "Motherless Brooklyn" and "The Fortress of Solitude" and new release, "Dissident Gardens"*

Friday, June 27, 7:00 p.m. Library Headquarters - Auditorium
(Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Seating is limited; early arrival is recommended.)

A dazzling novel from one of our finest writers, "Dissident Gardens" is an epic, yet intimate, family saga about three generations of all-American radicals. As the decades pass – through "parlor communism" of the '30s, McCarthyism, the Civil Rights movement, and the Occupy movement of the moment - we come to understand, via Lethem's extraordinarily vivid storytelling, that the personal may be political, but the political, even more so, is personal.

Sponsor of both events, Maryville University

Books for signing will be available for purchase at each event.

The 1940 American Bantam

Small cars have never enjoyed much success in America. The poster child for that statement is the American Bantam, a cheeky little automobile built in Butler, Pennsylvania, under the aegis of super-salesman Roy Evans. The Butler factory was established by the British Austin company in 1930 as American Austin to build a small car based on the Austin Seven.

Even in the grip of the Depression, Americans were not beguiled by American Austin's claim of 40 miles per gallon fuel economy, perhaps because the tiny American Austin cost \$5 more than a Model A Ford. \$5 bought a lot of gasoline in 1930, about 20 gallons. The company folded only four years after it started up, but the plant was bought by Evans for a pittance and he set out to create a new American Bantam.

A new stronger frame supported a completely redesigned engine with pressure lubrication, three main plain bearings and an intake manifold designed by Harry Miller. Power went up to 20hp, not bad for a 45 cubic inch engine in the mid-thirties. The defining features, though, were the body designs contributed by Alexis de Sakhnoffsky with a rounded grille, pontoon fenders and a cute factor that is still impressive today.

Its most distinctive body was the Speedster, with a Duesenberg-like sweep panel painted contrasting color. The American Bantam's appeal was such that it became the model for Donald Duck's first automobile, a Speedster featured in the 1937 cartoon 'Don Donald' and still inspiring cartoon cars in animated comedies (q.v., 'Who Killed Roger Rabbit?'). new bias ply whitewall tires.

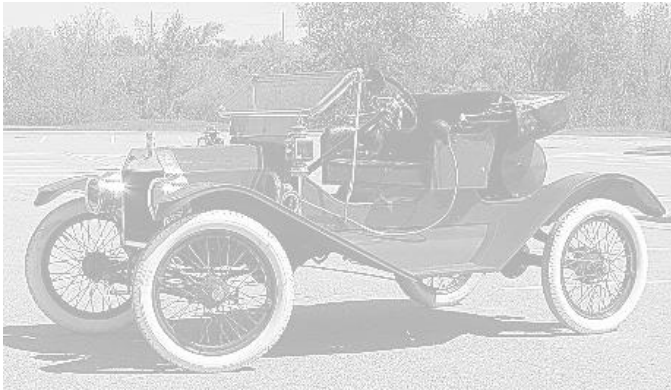
This 1940 American Bantam Speedster is one of the last thousand or so cars built before the the company turned its full attention to the war effort to which its design for the Jeep would be an important contribution.

It is a beautiful car finished in black with a golden beige sweep panel, tan leather upholstery and brown carpets. The steel wheels are painted golden beige to match the sweep panel and are dressed with hubcaps, trim rings and new bias ply whitewall tires.



**LIFE IN 1910
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
JUST OVER 100 YEARS AGO**

**FORD MODEL T
(‘TIN LIZZIE’) \$950 -**



92,228,496 pop.

**WHAT A DIFFERENCE
THESE
100 YEARS MADE!**

**FORD MUSTANG
Low \$20,000's +**



317,228,496 pop.

1910 : LIFE IN THE USA

- The average life expectancy for men was 47 years.
- Fuel for the 1910 Ford Model T was sold in drug stores only.
- Only 14% of homes had a bathtub.
- Only 8% of homes had a telephone.
- There were only 8,000 cars.
- There were only 144 miles of paved roads.
- The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.
- The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower.
- The average wage was 22¢ per hour.
- The average worker made \$200-\$400 per year.
- A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2,000 per year...
 - a dentist \$2,500 per year...
 - a veterinarian \$1,500 - \$4,000 per year, and a
 - mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year.
- More than 95% of all births took place at home.
 - 150 of every 1,000 babies born died before celebrating their first birthday.
- 90% of all Doctors had no college education.
 - Instead, they attended so-called medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press and the government as 'substandard.'
- Sugar cost 4¢ a pound.
- Eggs were 22¢ a dozen.
- Coffee was 15¢ a pound.
- Most women only washed their hair once a month using Borax or egg yolks for shampoo.
- Our northern neighbor, Canada, passed a law that prohibited poor people from entering into their country for any reason.
- The American flag had 45 stars.
- The population of Las Vegas, Nevada, was 30.
- Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and iced tea hadn't been invented.
- There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day.
- 20% of adults couldn't read or write.
- Only 6% of all Americans had graduated from high school.
- Marijuana, heroin, and morphine were all available over the counter at the local corner drugstores. Pharmacists declared, 'Heroin clears the complexion, gives buoyancy to the mind, regulates the stomach and bowels, and is, in fact, a perfect guardian of health.'
- 18% of households had at least one full-time servant or domestic helper.
- There were about 230 reported murders in the ENTIRE country.

30 Second Mysteries

Case # 1



Jack Hammer creeps cautiously through a smoldering block of burnt-out buildings, gripping his machine gun. Sirens wail, searchlights roam and the sounds of explosions fill the night air. Suddenly, a grenade explodes two feet from Jack and everything fades to black. Jack is killed instantaneously.

A moment later, Jack stands up and dejectedly reaches for a glass of water.

The mystery: Why could Jack recover so quickly when it looked like he was dead?

4 Clues

- Jack knew that he would die long before the grenade exploded..
- Jack looked forward to fighting, even though he knew the outcome.
- Despite the violence, no one was hurt.
- Jack was holding something in his hands when he died but it was not a machine gun.

See last page for answer.

Case # 2



A scuba diver was 1,000 feet below the surface when the oxygen in his tank ran out.

Being without oxygen for nearly three hours, by the time he reaches the surface ,didn't kill him.

The mystery: Why didn't the diver die when his oxygen ran out and how did he reach the surface?

5 Clues

- The man was an experienced diver.
- The diver was unaware that his oxygen supply had been exhausted.
- It was impossible for the diver to die from lack of air.
- The diver did not reach the surface under his own power.
- The diver died of a heart attack.

See last page for answer.

30 Second Mysteries

Case # 3



A man stands on an open field and fires his gun in the air. Immediately, six women in front of him start running with hearts pounding and hands grabbing for air.

Without even a glance at the women, the man calmly puts his still smoking gun down and begins to walk away. Satisfied that they are gone, he doesn't fire another shot and does not try to flee.

The entire scene is caught on TV and shown that evening on the news but no arrest is made and the man remains free.

The mystery: Why did the man shoot his gun in the air and why did the women run away? In addition why wasn't he arrested?

4 Clues

- The man shoots his gun in the air on a regular basis.
- The man does not know the women personally.
- The women were not surprised by the shot.
- The women ran as fast as they could away from the man but never looked back to see if he was chasing them.

See last page for answer.

The Scoop

Tristan's sister Angela and her four friends love to share their most recent diary entries with each other at sleepovers. Last night, Tristan snagged each girl's diaries after they fell asleep. He flipped through them and discovered that each girl has a different favorite Crush, Nail Polish Shade, and, Ice Cream Flavor.

And they each have a big, juicy secret! See if you can figure out what he learned about each of his sister's friends - and his sister.

In alphabetical order:

Girlfriends	Crushes	Nail Shades	Ice Cream Flavors	Big, Juicy Secrets
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alyssa• Angela• Lily• Mandy• Savannah	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ben• Josh• Luke• Noah• Sam	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Banana• Crimson• Lavender• Lime• Sky	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cookie Dough• Rainbow Sherbet• Raspberry Cheesecake• Reese's Peanut Butter• Rocky Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hates Justin Bieber• Is really into cars• Loves lima beans• Still sleeps with a blankie• Wants to be a lunch lady

First, Tristan read five different entries for January 7:

Dear Diary,

"Noah said, 'Nice hair, Savannah,' and I felt special."

Dear Diary,

"My nails are purple again, just like I like them."

Dear Diary,

"I wish Luke would look at me."

Dear Diary,

"I lost my beloved blankie this morning."

Dear Diary,

"I'm dying for some more of that rainbow sherbet."

Brain Teaser

You'll need access to the Internet for this Brain Teaser's Interactive Grid Solver and to confirm the solution. The last slide in this PowerPoint Show displays the grid and instructions but is not interactive.

(For more Brainteasers at Braingle.com, click here!)

Then Tristan read these 8 entries:

Dear Diary,

"I accidentally chipped one of my perfect, lime-green nails today while doing my daily private anti-Justin Bieber ritual."

Dear Diary,

"I saw Sam eating Reese's Peanut Butter ice cream yesterday. Could this be a sign that we're meant to be? Love, Mandy."

Dear Diary,

"Josh caught me examining his awesome antique Chevrolet after school today. I guess I was kind of hoping he would."

Dear Diary,

"I just noticed that the name of my favorite shade of nail polish has something majorly in common with my name, and Alyssa's favorite shade starts with the same letter as her crush's name."

Dear Diary,

"Angela was writing a love note today. I tried glancing over her shoulder, but all I caught was the second letter of its recipient's name, which looked like either a U or an A, and something about being a lunch lady before she yanked it away."

Dear Diary,

"I hope Sam likes the color red...I also hope he doesn't mind girls who still sleep with blankies."

Dear Diary,

"The girls were over at my house last night, and someone flicked cookie dough ice cream at me. It couldn't have been Angela, who will only eat raspberry cheesecake ice cream, and Savannah was in the bathroom...."

Dear Diary,

"I think it's funny that both me and Savannah like nail polishes that are named after fruits. Love, Alyssa."

Now, Ctrl-Click the Grid Solver button below to launch the interactive Grid Solver matrix. (Be sure to scroll down to the SHOW INSTRUCTIONS button for the grid, and click... have fun!)



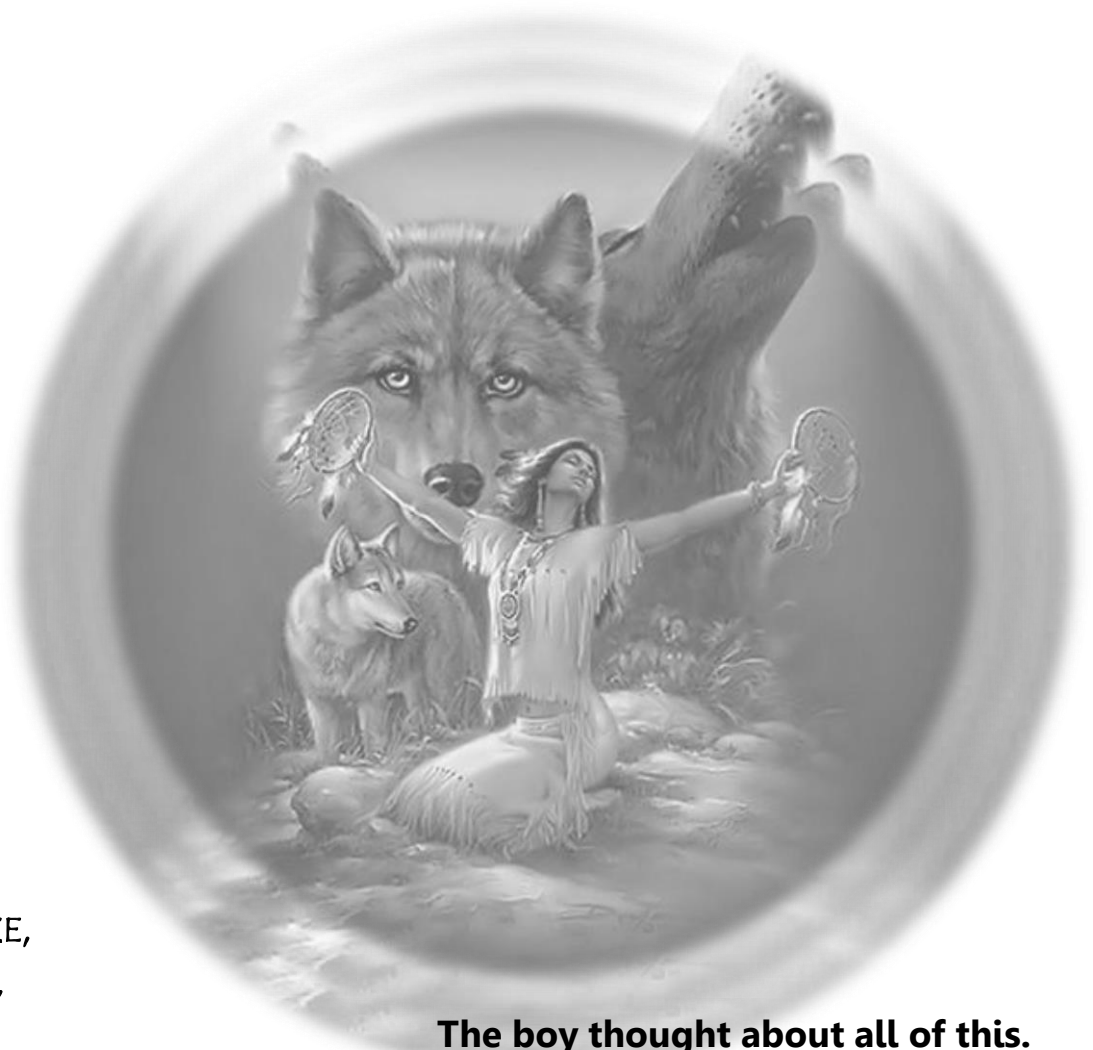
An old Cherokee is teaching his grandson about life. **"A fight is going on inside me," he said to the boy.**

"It is a terrible fight and it is between two wolves.

"One is evil – he is anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, fraud, impatience, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, hate, superiority, and ego.

"THE OTHER IS GOOD – HE IS JOY, PEACE, LOVE, HOPE, SERENITY, DIGNITY, HUMILITY, KINDNESS, BENEVOLENCE, EMPATHY, PATIENCE, GENEROSITY, TRUTH, COMPASSION, AND FAITH. "

"The same fight is going on inside you, grandson, and every other person, too."



**The boy thought about all of this.
Then he asked his grandfather,
"Which wolf will win?"**

**The old Cherokee simply replied,
"The one I feed."**

BOARD GAMES AREN'T DEAD

YET!

On any given evening in the St. Louis area, someone could be negotiating trades on a caravan in China, building railroads into the Wild West, or getting torn limb from limb by a werewolf.

While traditional board games like Monopoly and Scrabble have their place, the lure of electronic and tablet-based games is growing. Their fans are into "designer" or "Euro" board games, usually available online or at specialty shops.

Some of these games are themed, such as the pyramids of Egypt, the airline industry, or even the German postal system, and many feature intricate artwork and sophisticated rules. The games rely more on strategy than luck, and more on player communication than elimination. Every player has their favorites, but they all agree: Simply playing together is a blast.

See last page for recommended games.

It's the social interaction. "It's a good medium for conversation, instead of watching television or movies." The serious players are called "Geeks" and now there are so many of them across the country that they even have Board Game Conventions in major cities across the USA.

Many of those who attended the **Geekway to the West 2014** event in May are members of the St. Louis Board Game Meetup Group, as well as Board Game Geek, an online board gaming community. The meetup group has about 1,000 members, and they sign up online for gaming gatherings at coffee houses and gaming stores in the area.

The gaming group in the St. Louis area is so active there are about a half-dozen stores that carry the specialty games, compared to other similar-sized cities that might have one or two such stores.

"There's lots of replay value," one Geek explained. "They play differently every time."

"If you get a group of four friends to play a game and each game lasts a couple hours," another Geek offered, "that's a better entertainment value than going to the movies or a ballgame."



Take a story media-guided tour through a 25,000-square-foot breeding facility that makes up the headquarters of the Budweiser Clydesdales breeding operation. Meet and interact with the Clydesdale handlers, and get up-close-and-personal with the foals, mares and stallions. You'll also see the Clydesdales' custom-made harness, a 1903 Studebaker-built beer wagon, and the luxury tractor-trailers that transport the Clydesdales to appearances all over the country. And to top it all off, guests over 21 years of age can sample a Budweiser beer at the end of the tour (Monday through Saturday).

Bring your camera for a photo opportunity with a Clydesdale horse. Warm Springs Ranch is ADA compliant and fully handicap accessible. The tour is conducted on flat, level, paved ground; you can bring your own wheelchair, walker, scooter, strollers, etc.

Tours last approximately 1.5 hours. Portions of the tour take place outdoors, so please dress accordingly and wear comfortable walking shoes.

Stop by the gift shop for the latest in Budweiser Clydesdale souvenirs.

If you cannot name 12 favorite destinations for St. Louis visitors and residents right off the top of your head...



... then you either arrived this morning...or you're a native who takes way too much for granted in this awesome family-town!

Click on these logos to launch sites.

From "explore st. louis" website:

Embrace spirituality through creative expression

Visit Saint Louis University's **Museum of Contemporary Religious Art (MOCRA)**, a venue committed to peaceful interfaith dialogue and understanding. Take in the beauty of one of the largest mosaic collections in the western hemisphere inside the spectacular **Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis** or see the historic **Old Cathedral and St. Ferdinand Shrine**, both constructed in the early 19th century with ties to the oldest Catholic congregation in St. Louis. Across the river, attend mass, walk the grounds and have a delicious meal at the **National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows**.



From "explore st. louis" website:

Indulge your inner gearhead

Rev up your engine at the **Kemp Auto Museum** marveling at the beauty and craftsmanship of the finest European automobiles, from the classic early models to contemporary designs. Tour a collection of rare and vintage motorcycles at the **Moto Museum**, or explore the history, mechanics and design of the cart and buggy, planes, trains or anything else with wheels at the **St. Louis Museum of Transportation**. If you want to get behind the wheel don't miss **Pole Position Raceway** for some world-class indoor carting action. And if you're visiting in the late winter, be sure to stop by the **St. Louis Auto Show** and **Boat Show at America's Center**.

Contribute ideas here:



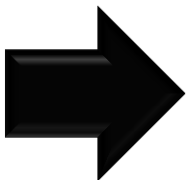
Are You (Safely) Ticked Off?!

Believe it or not, this photo is of a tick prior to sucking blood from its host, and one after completely satiating itself! Gross, huh? But the tick is more than gross – it can be very dangerous to the health of humans and animals, causing formidable diseases.



Here's a safe way to eliminate a tick that's attached to adults, children and pets.

1. Apply a small amount of liquid soap on a cotton ball.
2. Cover the tick with the soap-soaked cotton ball.
3. Blot it for a few seconds (15-20).
4. If it doesn't release during blotting, repeat the process.
5. Freeze it! Yes, freeze it. If symptoms arise in a human or pet, you can have the tick tested for the various viruses, bacteria and protozoa that it can transmit. This can help diagnose and eliminate possible sources of the symptoms.



Wear protective clothing while in the rough, woods, fields, etc.

Check for ticks immediately after exposure to nature.

The Bank Account

A 92-year-old, petite, well-poised and proud man, who is fully dressed each morning by eight o'clock, with his hair fashionably combed and shaved perfectly - even though he is legally blind - moved to a nursing home today.

His wife of 70 years had recently passed away, making the move necessary. After many hours of waiting patiently in the lobby of the nursing home, he smiled sweetly when told his room was ready.

As he maneuvered his walker to the elevator, I described his tiny room, including the eyelet sheets that had been hung on his window.

"I love it," he stated with the enthusiasm of an eight-year-old having just been presented with a new puppy. "Mr. Jones, we're not even there!" I replied. "That doesn't have anything to do with it," he smiled. "Happiness is something you decide on ahead of time. Whether I like my room or not doesn't depend on how the furniture is arranged... it's how I arrange my mind. I already decided to love it. It's a decision I make every morning when I wake up.

"I discovered long ago... I can spend the day in bed recounting the difficulty I have with the parts of my body that no longer work, or, get out of bed and be thankful for the ones that do.

"Each day is a gift, and as long as my eyes open, I'll focus on the new day and all the happy memories I've stored away just for this time in my life.

"Old age is like a bank account. You withdraw from what you've put in."





Have a happy, healthy summer!

This is the grid for the Brain Teaser on slide 11, which is interactive online, per the Instructions below.






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This interactive grid can help you solve complex brain teasers. Each cell in the grid represents one possible relationship. By clicking on a cell, you can select different symbols to place there. These symbols will help you solve the puzzle.

-  The green circle represents a "yes". When you place one of these symbols we will automatically fill in red squares for the possibilities that you have just eliminated.
-  The red x represents a "no".
-    The 1, 2, and 3 are for you to use in any way that you want.

Answers: 30 Second Mysteries

Case # 1

The mystery: Why could Jack recover so quickly when it looked like he was dead?

Answer: Jack was playing a video game.

Case # 3

The mystery: Why did the man shoot his gun in the air and why did the women run away? In addition why wasn't he arrested?

Answer: The man is the starter in the Olympics 100-meter race.

Case # 2

The mystery: Why didn't the diver die when his oxygen ran out and how did he reach the surface?

Answer: The diver had died before his oxygen ran out and he eventually floated to the surface.

*John Schembri's
son-in-law
recommends
these games:*

Board Games

TICKET TO RIDE

SETTLERS OF CATAN

CARCASSONNE

STONE AGE

PUERTO RICO

VILLAGE

Card Games

FOR SALE

BOHMANZA

NO THANKS

DOMINION

7 WONDERS