

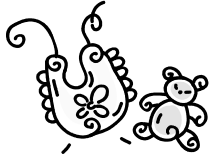


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DEPARTMENT FAMILY



Police Officer **Lynette Ryan**, DARE Unit, and her husband, Kevin, had a baby boy, Conor Patrick, born Thursday,

February 14, 2008.

CALL IT A CAREER

On Friday, February 29, 2008, Sergeant **Byron Watson**, Central County Precinct, retired after 26 years of service.



WELL DONE

On Monday, January 21, 2008, Officer **Justin Adams**, North County Precinct, responded to a strong arm robbery where a female reported that she was choked and her telephone was taken by three subjects. When en route, the victim was notified via another phone that her brother had her phone. Officer Adams responded to the address of the caller and placed the brother into custody. While there, another neighbor advised that twin brothers who lived next door are always seen with the suspect in custody. The victim identified all three suspects and the phone was returned.

On Thursday, February 14, 2008, at 10:00 PM, Officer **John Furrer**, Affton Southwest Precinct, responded to an incident where a 16 year old suspect assaulted and robbed a 17 year old near Fleta and Heege. The victim stated that the suspect struck him, knocked him to the ground and took money from his pocket. While still en route to the incident, Officer Furrer saw the suspect and detained him until the victim could identify him. The victim's money was in the suspect's pocket and returned to the victim.

On Monday, February 18, 2008, Officer **Scott Gerard**, North County Precinct, responded to a call where two victims were robbed at gunpoint by five subjects and their car was stolen as well. The victims stated that a girl from school called them over to her sister's apartment but it was an ambush. Officer **Michael Smith** responded and arrested one of the suspects walking nearby. Officer **John Conrardy** arrested three of the suspects and Officer **Billy Curry** found and arrested the remaining two suspects. The stolen car was found parked two blocks away. The suspects who stole the car said they robbed the two subjects because one of them was texting and trying to "hook up" with his girl. The suspects were all juveniles and some of their parents were also arrested for Parental Neglect, due to them receiving summonses in the past for their sons' arrests.



On Wednesday, February 20, 2008, Officer **Mark Berry**, City of Fenton Precinct, stopped a vehicle with dark tinted windows that was speeding away from Wal-Mart. The driver of the vehicle was suspended and had no proof of insurance. The passenger in the car gave false information but Officer Berry discovered the individual was sitting on his driver's license that revealed his true identity. A record check showed the passenger had an active warrant and a search of the suspect revealed several stolen checks. Officer **John Colombini** checked with Wal-Mart and found that forged checks with the same name were used to purchase three X-box games worth over \$1,100. Officer Berry found the games in the trunk of the stopped vehicle. The suspect stated that he purchased the games to resell so he could pay towards the \$20,000 restitution the courts ordered when he was caught in Fenton using stolen credit cards three years ago.

WELCOME ABOARD



On Tuesday, February 19, 2008, **John D. Struebing**, **Matthew J. Koeper** and **Michael J. Shepard** started as probationary police officers and **Brian D. Slattery** started as a police report clerk in the Bureau of Central Police Records.

AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

Congratulations to Officers **Robert Dean**, Police Canine Unit, **Michael Deck**, North County Precinct, **Mark Berry** and **Chad Hinds**, City of Fenton Precinct, for recently receiving the Department's Award of Excellence for their outstanding performance of duty.

WELFARE SCHOLARSHIPS

Letters of application are now being accepted for the award of \$1,000 college scholarships by the Welfare Association to dependent children of Department employees. Awarded will be two Donald R. Lewis Scholarships, funded by the deceased officer's family; the William R. Brandt Scholarship in memory of his dedication to the Association during his presidency; an award in the name of Mr. Michael Shanahan in appreciation of his generosity and support; the Colonel Ronald A. Battelle Scholarship in recognition of our former Chief; and a memorial scholarship in remembrance of our fallen officers who gave their lives in the line of duty. The application, in résumé form, must be received by **Judy Sampson**, Office Services Unit, by March 31, 2008. Please include age, school class, college to be attended, major, GPA, extracurricular activities, employment and financial need.

FROM THE CHAPLAINS

Live so that you would not be ashamed to sell the family parrot to the town gossip.

TEAMS SPONSORED BY DIVISION COMMANDERS

Each division commanding officer is sponsoring a team in their division for the 18 hole Welfare Association fund raising golf tournament on April 28th at Norwood Hills Country Club. This includes the dinner and all the extras. All Department employees are eligible. If interested email your name and your assignment by division to Major **Bob Trittler**. A blind draw by Chief Lee will take place on Friday, April 4, 2008 at 4:30 PM. Chief Lee will draw four names from each division, thus creating four teams.



MEMORIAL TRIVIA NIGHT

Join us in honoring and celebrating the life of our friend and colleague by coming to the first annual Sergeant **Dan Seymour** Memorial Trivia Night and Silent Auction that will be held on Friday, April 4, 2008, at CBC High School, 1850 De La Salle Drive, St. Louis, Missouri, 63141. The doors open at 6:30 PM and the questions start at 7:00 PM. A table of eight participants will cost \$200 (\$25 per person) and will include beer, soda and snacks. Reservations for teams are now being accepted by contacting **Chris Pignataro** at 651-8712 or Nancy Wind at 838-8355.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

On Monday, April 28, 2008, the 16th Annual St. Louis County Police Memorial Golf Tournament will be held at Norwood Hills Country Club. The golf tournament is your Welfare Association's primary fundraiser. Many individuals work collectively to make the day a financial success. The silent auction and raffle provide a great deal of the day's proceeds. Your assistance is needed to continue to make this event a financial success and provide funds for the Department family in times of need.

The Welfare Association needs your assistance in acquiring donated items to support the silent auction and raffle. All items assist in providing proceeds that directly benefit the Welfare Association. All donations are tax deductible. If you have any questions or to arrange pickup of donated items, please contact Ms. **Sharon Pezold**, CARE Coordinator, or Sergeant **Kevin Cavanaugh**, DCI.

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No items were submitted for this issue.