

# PATROL NEWS

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“80 YEARS OF SERVICE & PROTECTION”



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# From the Staff ...

**Major Luke Vislay**  
**Criminal Investigation Bureau**



Another spring season is upon us. It's that special time of year when Mother Nature reminds us of new beginnings and affords us the first glimpse of the promise of what's ahead. Cold temperatures begin to warm, sunshine increases, and the first buds form on the trees—all of which reminds us that winter is over and a new year is well under way. However, from my perspective, perhaps the most powerful aspect of the spring season occurs when we take this opportunity to create new beginnings of our own and to assess our individual standing, both personally and professionally.

Don't get me wrong, I'm not referring to the type of self-assessment associated with the New Year. That assessment seems to compel people to seize the opportunity to change something in their lives that they are not pleased with. I'm speaking more on the lines of self-reflection, which is something I find myself participating in more and more as I grow older. I want to go on the record and say that I have no problem with anyone who resolved to quit smoking or had planned to shed a few unwanted pounds. I would, however, like to share some observations and thoughts that I have found beneficial while I was trying to begin anew in 2011.

One of the things I have learned over the course of my career is that people rarely take the time to count their blessings. Sure, from time to time, we all reflect upon all the good things that are going on in our lives. But, ordinarily, it's easier to focus on the negative, and obsess on what we would like to see changed in our lives. What I have come to realize is that our job as employees of the Patrol offers us a unique perspective into our communities as well as a glimpse of what is going on in our neighbor's lives. By virtue of our positions, we are afforded the unique opportunity to see people often at their worst, and on good days, at their very best. It is at those times that I find myself realizing just how truly blessed I am and how fortunate we all are to work in a vocation that exists for the sole purpose of serving our fellow man and protecting each other.

As we welcome in the spring season and celebrate the passing of one of the worst winters in recent Missouri history, I would challenge all of you to evaluate how you have done with your resolutions. But, don't just focus on what you wanted to change about yourself. Take this opportunity to review what you are doing well and continue doing it. Think about how you are interacting with those around you and recognize the power you have to improve the quality of life for those with whom you come into contact. A kind word and a thoughtful act toward others can make a difference ... and perhaps make a change in your life, too.

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## Thanks For Your Support!

By Lt. John J. Hotz, Q/PIED

Results are in from the 2011 chili cook-off! GHQ complex and the DDCC office raised approximately \$485 for Special Olympics.

Great job everyone! Congratulations to the following winners: Spicy category-1st place was awarded to Mr. Mark Radmacher, husband of CIT Specialist I Michelle L. Radmacher, Q/ ISD. Second place went to Criminalist III Jason W. Crafton, Q/CLD. Mild category - 1st place was awarded to Special Assistant Jennifer L. "Jenny" Becker, Q/FOB. Second place went to Insurance Clerk Evelyn M. Borgmeyer, Q/BPD.

A big thank you to everyone who made chili, judged the chili, made desserts, worked the chili dinner, and all who patronized the chili dinner at GHQ or the DDCC office.



Lt. Col. Richard L. Coffey and Col. Ron Replogle enjoy their chili during the lunch fundraiser.



Col. Ron Replogle congratulated the winners: (l to r) Mr. Mark Radmacher, Criminalist III Jason Crafton, Insurance Clerk Evelyn M. Borgmeyer, and Special Assistant Jennifer L. "Jenny" Becker.

## Cover

Cpl. Jason J. Cluver, Troop F, checks the well being of a man whose car slid into the ditch on eastbound U.S. Highway 50 just west of Jefferson City. (Inset) One trooper hoped his 'barn' would help shield his patrol car from the blizzard in February 2011. It didn't.

# PERSPECTIVE

## Surpassing "Snow Storm" History? Patrol Rises To Challenge of 2011 Blizzard

By Sgt. Brent J. Bernhardt, Troop B & Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb

February 2011 came in like a lion in Missouri and the surrounding states. Words like "blizzard" and "snowpocalypse" were used during weather reports and on Facebook pages to describe an unprecedented winter storm. The Missouri State Highway Patrol issued a news release discouraging travel during hazardous weather just prior to the storm's arrival. When the storm came, it brought anything from ice, to freezing rain, to sleet, to snow—many inches of it! Much of Missouri found itself digging out after anywhere from 12 to 20 inches of snow. For the first time in history, the entire length of Interstate 70 was closed. The closure lasted from 4 p.m. on Tuesday, February 1, to 6:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 2.

Without a doubt, the "snow storm" of February 2011 will stick in the minds of many Missourians for years to come. Many residents in Northeast Missouri said this statewide "blizzard"

was comparable, if not worse than, a snow storm that occurred in 1973. E-mails and warnings of the February 1, 2011, blizzard actually began circulating as early as January 29, 2011. Interestingly enough, these early warnings basically warned of weather conditions that were "very favorable" for a massive storm. But, even up to the time the storm hit, no one really seemed to have a grasp on the amount of snow and/or ice that areas in Missouri might receive.

Fortunately, the Patrol began early preparations by extending troopers' shifts to 12-hours, implementing immediate statewide 24-hour coverage, cancelling scheduled leave days, and preparing all available four-wheel drive vehicles for emergency use. This was all in an effort to keep emergency services from being hindered.

At approximately 6 a.m., on February 1, 2011, the southern section of Troop B began receiving freezing pre-



*Building & Grnds. Maint. Sprv. Roy D. Barton, Troop B, worked an "all nighter" and then some to keep Troop B Headquarters accessible.*

cipitation which later turned to snow. By late afternoon, all of the Troop B area was receiving heavy snowfall, with sustained winds well over 50 miles per hour. The high winds caused large drifts and whiteout conditions. Troop B officers were able to utilize four-wheel drive vehicles in about each zone enabling them to respond to calls of service, which consisted mainly of slid-offs and minor traffic crashes. By nightfall, several Troop B officers were stranded along the roadways which had become impassible. With the assistance of the Missouri Department of Transportation and the Missouri National Guard who drove Humvees, Patrol vehicles were pulled from snowdrifts and impassible areas as wrecker services were unable to respond to most locations.

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*Plows piled the snow high, as seen on Lake Street in Macon, MO, next to Sgt. Brent J. Bernhardt's vehicle.*



# — Perspective

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Although most stranded troopers were able to get pulled out in a fairly timely manner, two troopers in Adair County were stranded along the highway with a motorist for nearly seven hours. Troop B command staff was kept busy and spent long hours working the road and coordinating Patrol response efforts with the Missouri Department of Transportation and the Missouri National Guard throughout the night. Building & Grnds. Maintenance Supervisor Roy D. Barton, Troop B, worked relentlessly for over 24 hours during the snowstorm keeping a “lane” open from U.S. Highway 63 to allow access to the troop headquarters.

Not every Patrol employee could make it to the office, but prior planning ensured that the public was served and protected throughout the storm. Communications employees spent the night at the office in many of the troops. At other troops, arrangements were made to provide safe transportation to and from headquarters. Troop H communications employees reported to the office with “go-bags” containing extra food and clothing. Several operators slept on cots, some stayed with relatives, and a couple got motel rooms near troop headquarters. According to Chief Telecom. Eng. Roger M. Heard, Troop H, “We had plenty of help. Everyone pitched in and we had quite an adventure.”

With the 93rd Recruit Class and Water Patrol in-service in residence at the Patrol’s Law Enforcement Academy in Jefferson City, the kitchen had over 90 people to feed. Thus, six kitchen staff stayed overnight during the worst of the storm. Maintenance crews at all troops and General Headquarters worked hard to clear driveways and parking lots so business could continue. Central Missouri found itself covered with 18-20 inches of snow.

By the early morning hours of February 2, 2011, after the last snowflake fell and the wind had calmed, portions of the Troop B area had received 17 1/2 inches of snow. The snow measurement had to be a sci-



*Sgt. Gerard G. “Jerry” Callahan, Q/WPD, activated his emergency lights on U.S. Highway 54 south of Jefferson City on Tuesday afternoon, February 1, to alert approaching traffic of a semi tractor-trailer that slid off the roadway.*

entific guess at best as snow drifts reached well over four feet. For several days, many area residents were “snow-bound”. Troop B had only one report of a citizen who received a serious weather related injury and one traffic crash that resulted in three injuries.

So, how did this storm compare to the “big one of 1973”? Being curious, I did some research and in doing so read a 1973 *Patrol News* article submitted by Troop B. The article described the April 9, 1973, snowstorm as “the worse storm to hit the area in at least 43 years”. The storm brought six inches of snow to the Macon (eight to 10 inches in Kirksville), with winds exceeding 70 miles per hour blowing snow into drifts as high as eight feet. From those accounts the blizzard conditions lasted for 18 hours. During this storm, approximately 45 vehicles became stranded north of Macon on U.S. Highway 63. Out of all those stranded vehicles, only 12 individuals were able to seek overnight shelter. Two Kirksville area troopers, Tom Lehmann and Mack Nations, were stranded north of Kirksville and were forced to spend the night at a rural residence along with 11 other stranded motorists. Of the seven Patrol vehicles assigned to the Kirksville area, only one was able to navigate the morning of April 10. In the Macon County area,

35 school children became overnight guests at a residence in New Cambria, MO, after being rescued from a Marceline school bus which was stranded on Route 129, eight miles south of U.S. Highway 36.

Although many could still argue as to which snowstorm was the “worst in history”, we can all agree both were very treacherous. Without a doubt, the early Patrol preparation and tireless effort of all troopers who braved the life-threatening weather conditions made a positive difference on our highways and communities.



*Trooper George B. Wright, Troop A, provided assistance to a stranded motorist on U.S. Highway 71 in Cass County on February 1, 2011.*

# Auto Theft: Car Thieves Use New Tricks

By Cpl. C. Nate Bradley, Troop A

To my knowledge, no Missouri law enforcement agency has designated an officer as a full-time auto theft investigator. Police agencies have little time and resources to investigate the thefts. Insurance companies pay the victims for their loss and the victim can use that money to purchase a replacement vehicle. Thus, police agencies prepare the theft report, but, oftentimes, officers don't take additional steps regarding recovery or evidence.

Traditionally, people think of auto theft as a crime of opportunity. However, over the last few years, car thieves have begun using the Internet and complex title washing schemes to facilitate the theft and sale of stolen vehicles. Each state has its own unique titling rules and regulations. After thieves discover the procedure for obtaining the documents they need, they typically use that pathway over and over. Title documents may be downloaded from Internet sites and forged. Craigslist and Ebay Internet auction websites have become the largest suppliers of stolen property, and sales can occur globally, making them difficult, if not impossible to track.

The "Auto Theft In Missouri" chart reveals the number of vehicle

thefts has steadily been decreasing for the past five years. However, the number of unrecovered vehicles has remained fairly consistent. The unrecovered vehicles should be the focus of law enforcement investigations. These vehicles have been concealed in some fashion from the very agencies and procedures set in place to find them. Complicated title washing schemes, re-tagging operations, and traditional chop shop operations consume these vehicles and sell them to unsuspecting victims. The monetary loss to the citizens of Missouri is tremendous, as depicted in the "Monetary Loss Due To Auto Theft" chart provided.

## Title Washing Schemes

Motor vehicle titles represent the basic ownership document for each vehicle sold. The size, format, and appearance are different for each state. The ability to duplicate them through counterfeiting operations is as difficult as counterfeiting currency. It is much easier to forge signatures and create phony transactions.

Typically, a title washing scheme involves the process to remove an undesirable brand from a title. If a stolen

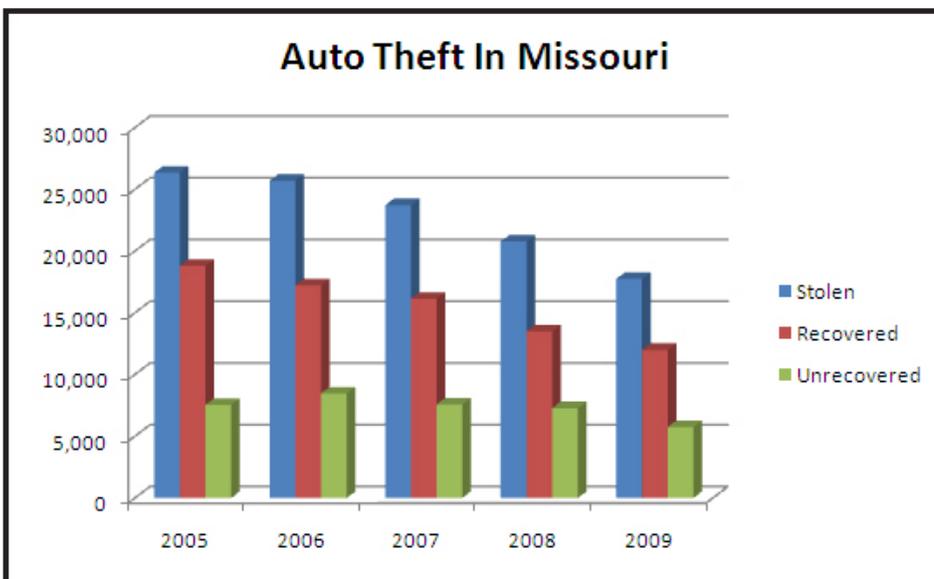
vehicle is insured, then the insurance company pays the claim to the victim and applies for a salvage title for the stolen vehicle. Therefore, when law enforcement recovers the vehicle and conducts a computer inquiry on the identification number, it reveals insurance company ownership. For a potential thief, the salvage branding will substantially decrease the resale value of a vehicle. In order for the thieves to make more money and have fewer questions asked by potential buyers, they must "wash" the salvage brand from the title documents. The low-tech way would simply be to scrape the word "salvage" off from the title document itself. Typically, the scheme is much more complex and involves several forgeries.

## Chop Shop Operations

Vehicles are typically worth more money when separated into component parts. Chop shops involve the theft and stripping of vehicles. Currently, only a few major component parts are required to be inscribed with the vehicle identification number or a derivative of that number. Smaller components, such as the catalytic converter, alternator, light assemblies, seats, and audio equipment bear no such unique numbers. Tracing these parts is nearly impossible. The build sheet for each vehicle does not include these numbers. Motorcycles, passenger cars, and trucks are all subject to these stripping operations. The only thing remaining for law enforcement to recover is the shell of the vehicle. Engines and transmissions are sold to unsuspecting victims or installed into other vehicles and sold. Trained personnel can identify the hidden numbers on these major parts and attribute them to their parent vehicle.

Another type of chop shop mixes parts from salvage vehicles, new vehicles, and sometimes stolen vehicles.

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The parts are assembled together and the vehicle is re-tagged with an identification number from a vehicle with a “clean” title (i.e. non-salvage, has no encumbrances, and is in the seller’s name), and sold. When the workmanship is good enough, it is very difficult to uncover this kind of operation.

## Re-Tagged Stolen Vehicles

All vehicles manufactured after 1981 are assigned a 17-digit identification number. The identification numbers are encoded with information about their origin, specific manufacturing plant, occupant protection systems, and engine size. The thieves must remove the identification numbers from the stolen vehicle, obtain identification numbers from a “clean” vehicle, re-tag the stolen vehicle, obtain title documents, and sell it. Operations such as these pose a daunting challenge for law enforcement and prosecutors. They entail traditional chop shop practices and combine them with complex title washing schemes. The complexity is difficult to explain to prosecutors and oftentimes more difficult to explain to victims.

## Conclusion

Auto theft continues to have a huge impact on our state. Victims not only lose a vehicle, but are oftentimes affected financially. Even though auto thefts continue to decrease, law enforcement fails to locate a large number of the vehicles. Organized crime groups are able to conduct complex schemes to conceal the identity of stolen vehicles and sell them to unsuspecting victims. Some of the stolen vehicles are transported or shipped to foreign countries, where their value is much higher. Currently, the Missouri State Highway Patrol does not have a full-time auto theft investigator. The Patrol’s Motor Vehicle Unit, comprised of civilians, checks title documents for fraud. However, when the thieves discover a pipeline with which they can funnel their documents, our personnel



are circumvented. We must all work together to identify and prosecute auto thieves. Each of the outlined schemes leaves behind a trail of forged or counterfeit documents. Law enforcement officers need only to identify and follow the trail to identify the criminals. The Internet provides vast sales opportunities for criminals. They can take advantage of time and distance to thwart attempts to discover their actions.

## Internet Buying Tips

- If the deal seems too good to be true, then it is!
- Purchase a vehicle history report, such as Carfax. The information is invaluable. More often than not, it is also correct.
- Do not leave important documents, credit cards, or identification cards in your vehicle.
- Be suspicious, and ask questions when purchasing a vehicle from an ad on the Internet.
- Examine the vehicle carefully. The vehicle identification number should be clearly visible on the front left portion of the dashboard or “A” pillar (driver’s side where windshield attaches to frame). The federal certification sticker should be affixed to the left front door or “B” pillar, which is near where the door latches. The federal emissions sticker should be present in the engine compartment. The

certification sticker has the vehicle identification number on it, and most are tamper resistant. The emission sticker will have the model year on it. All of these numbers should match. There are legitimate situations in which they might not match, but the seller should be able to explain if they don’t.

- Check your vehicle’s identification number using National Insurance Crime Bureau’s free VIN check program via the Internet. Go to: [https://www.nicb.org/theft\\_and\\_fraud\\_awareness/vincheck](https://www.nicb.org/theft_and_fraud_awareness/vincheck).
- Ask about the vehicle’s crash history (if you followed the above advice, you will already have purchased a vehicle history report, which should indicate the crash history).
- Open the hood and check for signs of unrepaired or poorly repaired damage. You don’t have to be a mechanic to identify poor workmanship.

If you have questions or would like investigative assistance with an auto theft case, please contact Cpl. C. Nate Bradley, Troop A, Lee’s Summit, at (816)-622-0800.

# New Employees



Megan B. Davila  
Prob. Comm. Oper.  
Troop A



Jaime L. Hinkle  
Prob. Comm. Oper.  
Troop H



Stacey L. Hinson  
Prob. Comm. Oper.  
Troop F



Ashley N. Holton  
Prob. Comm. Oper.  
Troop C



Charles F. Kirby  
Prob. Comm. Oper.  
Troop D



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Prob. Comm. Oper.  
Troop A



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Prob. Comm. Oper.  
Troop A



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Prob. Comm. Oper.  
Troop A



Mason E. Redmon  
Prob. Comm. Oper.  
Troop G



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Prob. Comm. Oper.  
Troop E



Julie A. Weston  
Prob. Comm. Oper.  
Troop F



Lori L. Wood  
Prob. Comm. Oper.  
Troop G

# New Employees



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Q/CJISD



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DE I  
Troop A



David A. Howell  
DE I  
Troop C



Kristina M. Joy  
Criminalist I  
Q/CLD



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CITS I  
Q/ISD



Jennifer L. Null  
DE I  
Troop A



Jordon A. Paschal  
Clerk Typist I  
Troop F



Kevin T. Thurman  
CIT III  
Q/ISD



Joseph J. Williams  
DE Clerk I  
Troop C

## C.O.P.S. Sets Program Dates

Concerns For Police Survivors Inc. has scheduled the following hands-on programs for loved ones of fallen officers. Adult Children's Retreat will take place June 17-24, 2011, at YMCA Trout Lodge in Potosi, MO. Kids Camp is scheduled for July 25-31, 2011, at the Salvation Army Lake Camp in East Troy, WI. Outward Bound will be held on July 25-31, 2011, and is a water rafting experience in Grand Junction, CO. Fiances/significant others are invited to attend a retreat from August 26-29, 2011, at the YMCA Lodge in Potosi, MO. The Siblings Retreat will take place on September 9-12, 2011, at the YMCA Trout Lodge in Potosi, MO. The Spouses Retreat is scheduled for September 23-26, 2011, at the YMCA Trout Lodge in Potosi, MO. The In-Laws Retreat will be October 14-17, 2011, at the YMCA Trout Lodge in Potosi, MO. The Parents Retreat will be held October 28-31, 2011, at C.A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center in Little Rock, AR. Co-workers are invited to attend the Affected Co-Workers Retreat November 4-7, 2011, at the YMCA Trout Lodge in Potosi, MO. For information and registration forms, visit [www.national-cops.org](http://www.national-cops.org) or call 573-346-4911.

# Troopers Provide Service With A Smile

By Sgt. Douglas J. "D.J." Hedrick, Troop A

I guess it all started when I missed a sergeant's meeting due an extended vacation (deer hunting obligations). The next thing I know, I was told I was chosen to help coordinate the Special Olympics program for Troop A. I was very thankful to hear Clerk Alyson L. Thompson was willing to help. Alyson and I were asked to attend the kick-off to the 2011 Torch Run for Special Olympics Missouri. Law enforcement agencies from throughout the state came together to recognize those who care deeply and do so much for Special Olympics. For the past 13 years, many members of Troop A, including myself, have been involved in assisting the Special Olympics' Law Enforcement Torch Run, basketball program, and Winter Olympics. During the one-day conference, many Special Olympic athletes told their stories and introduced different speakers. Many volunteers and family members of athletes gave inspiring and tear flowing accounts of how officers around the state helped change their lives.

I heard about Troop G's success with "Tip A Cop" last year from Corporal Charlie A. Hogue. Charlie said everyone involved had a good time. So, after returning from the conference, I asked the owner of the Country Cookin' Café, Ms. Tammy Berry, if she would be interested in supporting a fundraiser. Ms. Berry did not hesitate and the date was set.



Former Special Athletes Greg and Rebecca Griffith (center) are still avid supporters of the program. They enjoyed time with the troopers during the fundraiser.

On January 17, 2011, between 8 a.m. and 12 p.m., Lieutenant B. Timothy "Tim" Deshler, Sergeant Dale E. Knox, Sergeant Dale A. Chenoweth, Corporal Carl A. Taibi, Trooper Bruce E. Kerr, Trooper Chadwick S. "Chad" Kutzner, Trooper Matthew J. "Matt" Yoder, and myself provided a different type of service than we normally do. The special event and fundraiser was called "Tip A Trooper". We poured coffee, took food orders, cleaned tables, washed dishes, and served the crowd with a smile. Why? Our tips went to help support Special Olympics Missouri program which provides thousands of children and adult athletes

with mental disabilities an opportunity to compete in a variety of Olympic-type sports. The venue not only gives these athletes a place to experience triumph and joy, it also gives them confidence and a sense of accomplishment.

I was blown away by the generosity of those who came in and donated monetary gifts and purchased Special Olympic T-shirts. In the four hours we were serving, \$790 in tips and donations were raised for this wonderful organization. I am still amazed at the support others showed for these special athletes and their families. I believe everyone had a great time talking with their troopers. The success of the fundraiser was made possible by the owner of Country Cookin' Café, Tammy Berry, of Weston, MO, and her employees.

The spirit of giving was ever flowing in Platte City on January 17, 2011. The Missouri State Highway Patrol troopers were honored to serve the area residents of Platte County. During the fundraiser, someone called Fox 4 News "Call for Action". Reporter Rob Lowe from Fox 4 News came up and did a very nice story for the evening news. Troop A's public information officer, Sergeant Collin M. Stosberg and his son, Colby, drove up to take pictures and enjoyed a good meal.

It is always a blessing to give rather than to receive.



Country Cooking Cafe Owner Tammy Berry is surrounded by "Tip A Trooper" volunteers.

The Country Cooking Cafe approved a fundraiser to support Special Olympics Missouri. Troop A troopers provided the service and donated their tips.

# IT'S OFFICIAL!

## Water Patrol Division Sworn In



*Trooper Jason Worthley, Q/WPD, signs his Oath of Office for trooper.*



*All Water Patrol officers were sworn in as members of the Highway Patrol and began wearing blue uniforms effective January 1, 2011. Pictured are a few of the members of the newly formed Water Patrol Division. Judge Kenneth M. Hayden, 26th Circuit Court, is administering the Oath of Office for trooper to (l to r) Trooper Dustin T. Metzner, Trooper Jason M. Worthley, Trooper Eric L. Mueller, Trooper David F. Echernacht, Corporal Scott M. Lance, Captain Matthew C. "Matt" Walz, and Trooper Dustin H. Crafton at the Morgan County Courthouse on January 1.*



## SAR Recognizes Lt. Ripley

On January 15, 2011, the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Martin Warren Chapter in Warrensburg, MO, presented a Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to Lieutenant James P. "Jim" Ripley, Troop A. The group recognized Lt. Ripley for his "outstanding achievement and dedication to the maintenance of law and order". The SAR medal is one that is seldom awarded and only given to those in law enforcement with highly distinguished careers. Lt. Jim Ripley (c) is pictured with SAR members Mr. Wilber Kephart (l) and Mr. Robert Lantz (r).

# Spotlight

## Cpl. Dean A. Bartlett



**Appointment Date:** January 1, 2011.  
**First/Current Assignment:** Lake of the Ozarks, Water Patrol Division, General Headquarters, Jefferson City.  
**Family:** Dean and his wife, Sherry, have two sons, Tyler, 18, and Trevor, 15.  
**Interests:** Dean enjoys bow hunting, fishing, woodworking, playing golf, and spending time with his family.

Dean grew up in Iowa. He was active duty in the U.S. Air Force before joining the Missouri Air National Guard. He has served the past 22 years in the security forces. Currently, he serves as a combat arms training and maintenance instructor. In 2006, Dean deployed to Tallil, Iraq, where he served as a battle captain and off-base patrolling.

Prior to becoming a Missouri State Water Patrol officer, he worked in security at the Iowa Army Ammunitions Plant. He has the distinction of being the last officer on the Missouri State Water Patrol to be promoted to the rank of corporal.

Dean says he likes the view from his office (a 29-foot Donzi boat). He also enjoys helping and educating people. Dean is also a member of the Dive Team.

## Fingerprnt. Tech. Sprv. Tammy R. Byrd



**Appointment date:** May 28, 1989.  
**First Assignment:** Terminal Technician, Criminal Records and Identification Division, General Headquarters.  
**Promotions/Reclassifications:** August 1, 1989 – AFIS Entry Operator I; AFIS Entry Operator II – February 1, 1991; AFIS Entry Operator III – March 1, 1993; Data Entry Operator III – May 1, 1994; Quality Control Clerk I – September 1, 1998; Fingerprint Technician I – July 1, 1999; Clerical Services Supervisor – January 1, 2000; Fingerprint Technician Supervisor – August 1, 2002.  
**Current Assignment:** Fingerprint Technician Supervisor, Criminal Justice Information Services Division, General Headquarters.  
**Family:** Tammy is the daughter of Joe and Ruby Jeffries. She has one brother. Tammy is married and has two children. Amber is 24, has a psychology degree, works for Social Services, and gives fiddle lessons in her spare time. Jordan is 19, and works as a heavy equipment operator and landscaper.  
**Interests:** “I love sports, working, and spending time with my family. I love to camp and walk my dog. I love being around people.”

When Tammy began working in the Criminal Records and Identification Division, she worked a rotating shift. One week, she worked 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; the next week was 4 p.m. to midnight; and the third week was midnight to 8 a.m. “We worked weekends and holidays, too,” she said.

Currently, Tammy supervises the Sex Offender Unit, which includes nine employees. “I am responsible for overseeing the sex offender database for the entire state. I constantly review state statutes and help draft new legislation, so the state is compliant with federal laws. My section has been involved in the training of county employees on past and present statutes that pertain to sex offender registration, and is responsible for entering sex offender data directly into the sex offender database. The unit also answers the sex offender hotline Monday through Friday.”

The Sex Offender Unit serves as second validator for information being entered into NCIC, and works closely with in-state and out-of-state law enforcement agencies and the U.S. Marshals Service. Tammy represents the Missouri State Highway Patrol at the Annual National Sex Offender Symposium, and is an active member of the Sex Offender Registry Committee. She work closely with the Missouri

## April

April 15



- Tpr. J.E. Linegar died in 1985.

April 15



- Members change to Class B uniform.

April 20



- Tpr. R.C. Tatoian died in 2005.

# Spotlight

Attorney General's Office regarding sexually violent predators.

"I have worked at the Patrol for 22 years and I love what I do." said Tammy. "The Patrol has truly made me feel like part of the Patrol family. The people that work here are caring, giving, and wonderful people to be around."

## Sgt. Charles J. "Joey" Day



**Appointment Date:** July 1, 1994 (67th Recruit Class).

**First:** Troop F, Zone 6, Morgan and Moniteau Counties. His FTO was Cpl. Tom Propst.

**Promotions/Reclassifications:**  
August 1999 – Corporal; February 2007 – Sergeant.

**Current Assignment:** Instructor, Training Division, General Headquarters, Jefferson City.

**Family:** Sgt. Day has a daughter, Madison Aubree, who is 11, and a son, Connor Jacob, who is 10.

**Interests:** Sgt. Day enjoys camping, swimming with the kids, riding a motorcycle, traveling, hunting, fishing, and staying healthy and helping others do the same.

Sgt. Day said the thing he enjoys most about being an instructor at the Patrol Academy is, "... the ability to teach others new skills or improve their current ones."

## Clerk Typist III Jennifer J. Canaday



**Appointment Date:** January 1, 2011.

**First/Current Assignment:** Clerk Typist III, Water Patrol Division, General Headquarters, Jefferson City.

**Family:** Jennifer is "married to a wonderful man" named Jim J. Canaday, and they have a son, Jacob J. (Notice they all have J.J. for initials!) "Jacob is two years old and is just too smart for his age. He attends Tender Moments Daycare. He loves to play monster trucks and ride his four-wheeler. He keeps us laughing all the time with things he says. There is never a dull moment in our household."

Jennifer's husband works for Kemna Collision Repair in Jefferson City, and loves anything to do with the outdoors.

**Interests:** "I am always willing to try something new. My new interest is participating in Zumba. It's fun and a great workout. I love to hunt during deer season. I am currently enrolled in college to see where it takes me. My son is a big joy in my life. I enjoy spending time with family and friends as often as time will allow. I am also a social butterfly."

Jennifer joined the Highway Patrol with the rest of the Water Patrol Division. She began working for the Water Patrol in 1999, as an office support assistant. She was promoted in 2006 to senior office support assistant, and then was reclassified to Clerk Typist III upon the merger.

"I have had a good career so far. I have been known as the "buoy lady", because of what I do. I have made lots of friendships throughout the years that will be everlasting. Since the merger, I have met even more people that I consider friends or good folks to be around. My philosophy in life is if you want to succeed you just have to stay positive and not give up when things get tough."

## QualSight Offers Coverage For LASIK

*By Human Resources Division*

As a MSHP employee, you can take advantage of QualSight's preferred pricing plan for LASIK vision correction. You can also use your Cafeteria Plan dollars to save funds for (up to 30% with pre-tax dollars\*) your LASIK procedure. QualSight has over 800 nationwide locations (17 in Missouri) and features a credentialed network of the nation's most experienced LASIK surgeons. LASIK surgery is now affordable at prices 40% to 50% off the national average price of traditional LASIK. For more information, call (877) 718-7662 or visit [www.QualSight.com/-MSHP](http://www.QualSight.com/-MSHP).

*\*Actual Cafeteria Plan savings will vary based on individual tax situation.*

# Promotions and Reclassifications



Carisa L. Goins  
Sergeant  
Q/GD



Brian W. Vernon  
Sergeant  
Q/GD



William C. Fox  
Corporal  
Q/GD



Jason E. McTheeney  
Corporal  
Q/GD



Richard D. Owens  
Corporal  
Troop E



Roger D. Martin  
Chief Operator  
Q/CommD



Douglas R. Hager  
Comm. Oper. III  
Troop E



Teresa J. Taylor  
Comm. Oper. III  
Troop D



Thaddeus W. Huff  
Comm. Tech. III  
Q/CommD



Jeffery A. Schmidt  
Comm. Tech. III  
Q/CommD



William J. Brester  
Comm. Tech. I  
Q/CommD



Branden S. Coker  
CIT I  
Q/ISD



James L. Davis  
Bldg. & Grnds. Maint.  
Sprv.  
Q/MED



Celeste D. Forbers  
Criminalist II  
Q/CLD



Jay A. Forbis  
CIT III  
Q/ISD

# Promotions and Reclassifications



George J. Hollmann  
MVI Sprv.  
Troop C



Katie L. Hoover  
DE Sprv.  
Troop D



Terry McElyea  
DE II  
Troop C



Jodi L. Nichols  
DE II  
Troop F



Jeremy W. Rhoades  
CVE Insp. II  
Troop H



Emily N. Smelser  
Criminalist III  
Q/CLD



Leo A. Streeter II  
DE III  
Troop A

## Insurance Update Coventry To Provide Disease Management

*By Sr. Benefit Spec. Michelle R. Schlup, MoDOT*

The MoDOT/MSHP Medical & Life Insurance Plan announces Coventry Health Care as the new disease management vendor for our non-Medicare plan participants effective March 1, 2011. Coventry Health Care will replace the current programs provided through Alere. This program is included in all non-Medicare participants' medical coverage. Participation is free, confidential, and totally voluntary. Coventry Health Care provides support, assistance, and advice from experienced health coaches who are available 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, through a toll-free number.

Coventry Health Care offers disease management programs for asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), coronary artery disease, congestive heart failure, Crohn's disease, diabetes, low back pain, and multiple sclerosis. Coventry Health Care offers case management for hemophilia, HIV/AIDS, oncology, and musculoskeletal/pain programs. Plan participants currently enrolled in Alere's disease management should have received a letter from Coventry Health Care noting the change. Coventry will send welcome kits in April 2011, followed by outreach calls from the Coventry health coaches and case managers.

Health coaches contact participants newly diagnosed with the targeted conditions or who are new to the health plan with a targeted condition to ensure they are receiving the care and services they need. The health coaches also provide outreach to participants who are missing recommended services for their condition. All outreach efforts are focused on educating participants about the disease process, the services recommended for the condition, and the promotion of self-management skills.

Coventry's disease management program is designed to meet our participant's needs and assist with their care; and the transition in vendors will be as seamless as possible.

# Freezin' For A Reason

## Team Troop A Doubles Fundraising Goal

By Sgt. Douglas J. "D.J." Hedrick & Clerk Alyson L. Thompson, Troop A

Have you ever dreamed of running into freezing water? I never have. In fact, I don't like cold water at all. However, this year Clerk Alyson L. Thompson and I were tasked with coordinating Special Olympics events and activities for Troop A. We challenged employees and members of Troop A to join our team for the 2011 Polar Bear Plunge.

This event is a unique opportunity for individuals, organizations, businesses, and schools to support local Special Olympics athletes by running into the sparkling, frigid waters of Longview Lake, in Kansas City, MO. Proceeds support year-round sports training and athletic competition for more than 15,000 children and adults who participate in Special Olympics Missouri. This year was the first year Troop A was represented at the Plunge. Alyson and I were very impressed with the response to our challenge. Ten additional team members—Lt. Michael W. "Mike" Cross, Lt. Dale O. Jinkens, Cpl. Christopher M. "Chris" Gach, Tpr. Gregory K. Tesch, Tpr. Cody G. Dunfee, Tpr. Karime T. "Kari" McWilliams, Communications Operator III Michele L. Edson and her daughter, Courtney, and Driver Examiner III Pamela C. "Pam" Ford and her daughter, Kayla—volunteered to support this event!

Our troop goal was set by Alyson at \$1,000. Officer Darrick Bruns, Crime Scene Investigation class teach-

er at the Northland Career Center, in Platte City, other faculty, and students worked hard to raise over \$240 to support me in my Polar Plunge.

"We have always wanted to do something for Special Olympics and Sergeant Hedrick gave us the incentive to raise money and sponsor him in the polar bear plunge. We plan on making this a yearly fundraiser," said Officer Bruns. For several years, I participated in the Torch Run, raising money for Special Olympics, and this was the perfect opportunity to keep doing it while teaching my students the importance of helping dreams come true for others."

In addition to their generous donation, families, co-workers, teachers, students, businesses, and friends of our team helped us reach our goal. In fact, we far exceeded it, raising over \$2,957!

Raising the money and running into the frigid water was the easy part. The water temperature was 28 degrees. Thankfully, the outside temperature was 40 degrees. Area water rescue officers had to cut through eight inches of ice to make a place for teams to run into the water. With the crowd and Special Olympic athletes cheering us on, there was no

turning back. Just as the crowd started to count 5, 4, 3 ... I believe we were all thinking, "What the heck am I doing? Am I really this crazy?" Yes, we are; and so were about 1,100 other plungers, a new record for the Longview Lake plunge. Team Troop A ran into the water. Some walked, some went about half way and dove in, and others screamed. Even though the cold water took our breath away and we could not feel our toes, it was all worth it.

I get overwhelmed with joy when seeing these special athletes compete. They get extremely pumped up for their event. Their attitude toward each other is what impresses me. They support one another and are just as happy for their competitor's success as well as their own. We could all learn valuable lessons watching them interact with one another.

The 2011 Polar Bear Plunge raised over \$257,000, also a record, for Special Olympics Missouri. It was a privilege to be a part of this team's effort. Thanks to all who support, give, and volunteer their time for others.



Twelve Troop A employees participated in the Longview Lake Polar Bear Plunge for Special Olympics Missouri.



AAAAAAAHHHHHH! This water is cold! Troop A plunges into the water after raising \$2,957!

# Crime Lab Plungers Care About SOMO!



The 2011 Criminal Laboratory Division plungers included (l to r) Criminalist III Shawn M. Bailes (Laugh-A-Lot Bear); Criminalist Sprv. Adam C. Benne (Tender Heart Bear); Criminalist III Matthew J. "Matt" Fox (Good Luck Bear); Criminalist III J. Bob Burgio (Cheer Bear); Criminalist III Abigail J. "Abby" Graham (Funshine Bear); Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. II Aaron M. Menguwasser (Grumpy Bear), Q/CJISD; Criminalist III Jason W. Crafton (Champ Bear); Lab. Evid. Tech. II Deidre N. Borgmeyer (Love-A-Lot Bear); and Info. Analyst II Clara E. Land (Bedtime Bear), Q/DDCC. The group raised approximately \$1,800. Thank you everyone for your support!

## Criminals' Loss = College's Gain

*By Troop C*

Items once used to grow marijuana will likely save some green for Mineral Area College. On Thursday, January 6, 2011, Troop C donated three large pallets of growing equipment to Mineral Area College. The donation included growing lights, growing buckets, humidifiers, electronic scales, portable green houses, exhaust systems, and air conditioners.

Mr. Gil Kennon, vice president of college affairs and dean of career and technical education, attended the event, along with Mr. Chad Follis, the college's Horticultural Department instructor. At a local press conference, Mr. Kennon said he was excited to receive the gift and assured everyone the equipment would be put to good use by his students and instructors.

The equipment was originally seized by investigators during two investigations in 2009. A Troop C officer made the first case in Jefferson County, and the Mineral Area Drug Task Force seized the rest in St. Francois County.



*Captain Kyle D. Marquart, Q/DDCC, Mr. Gil Kennon, Mineral Area College, Mr. Chad Follis, Mineral Area College, Captain Ronald S. Johnson, Troop C, stand behind some of the seized equipment donated to Mineral Area College.*

# Patrol History Trivia

## Manhunt: A Historical Review

By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED

*Manhunt.* If ever there was a single word with the ability to cause adrenaline to flow, *manhunt* is it! Whether you're a resident in the area a manhunt is taking place or the law enforcement officers tasked with finding the criminal, there is a heightened state of emotion and awareness in these situations.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol has participated in and organized a number of manhunts throughout its 80 years of service and protection to the great state of Missouri. These manhunts took a few hours, several weeks, or longer. In the early years, an accounting may include the word "tracking" instead of "manhunt". But, the meaning was the same – troopers were looking for someone considered a danger to others.

In 1934, Sergeant Nathan Massie and Trooper Ben Graham were notified that Grover Hartley had escaped from jail in Gainsville. Originally, Hartley had been arrested by Sgt. Massie and Tpr. Graham for robbing a bank. He escaped from jail the first time only to be recaptured by the same officers.

It was said that Hartley escaped from the jail in Gainsville with the intent of killing the two troopers. Sgt. Massie and Tpr. Graham, who often worked together on dangerous cases, tracked Grover Hartley to a cabin in Ozark County. When they approached the cabin, Hartley opened fire on them. He missed, but the two officers did not. Hartley was shot twice—one time by each trooper. As the officers began making arrangements to move Hartley's body, he came to life, obtained two shotguns, a pistol, and a quantity of ammunition, and a four-hour pursuit began. When the officers caught up with him yet again, Hartley refused to surrender, forcing the officers to shoot him a third time. When Sgt. Massie bent down to try to make the dying criminal comfortable, Hartley tried to stab the sergeant in the

neck. Hartley died an hour later. [It is interesting to note that Hartley was a known associate of Clyde Barrow.]

In October 1938, Alvie C. Wright and Leslie R. Cameron shot and killed Sheriff Owen of Nowata, OK. This incident would end in a manhunt in Southeast Missouri. The two criminals and their girlfriends fled to Missouri. Upon making it to Poplar Bluff, MO, via U.S. Highway 60, they were forced to stop due to having had several flat tires. They abandoned the car and broke into several homes looking for food. Local troopers noticed the vehicle and linked it to the Oklahoma murder via its license plates. A

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*Every car and truck for several miles around was stopped and searched during the manhunt for Tpr. Fred Walker's murderers.*



*A large posse comprised of troopers, police officers from other departments, and farmers was organized. Bloodhounds also played a part in the manhunt for the miscreants who'd shot Tpr. Fred Walker.*



*Information about the shooting of Tpr. Fred Walker was broadcast over the Patrol radio network throughout the state and to adjoining states. Here, citizens in Brookfield, MO, listen to the broadcast.*

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search of the area began soon thereafter. The girlfriends became scared and hitchhiked to Arkansas, where they were promptly arrested. On Sunday, Sgt. Otis Wallis and Tpr. Earl Bradley apprehended Wright west of Poplar Bluff. Cameron hid nearby and watched his friend being arrested. Later, he stated that he aimed his rifle at Tpr. Bradley, but couldn't decide whether to shoot him or not. He then ransacked homes for food, observing officers searching cars and trains for him. Then, he headed southeast on foot through the Black River bottoms. A farmer from whom he obtained some food alerted the Patrol as to his location. At that time, Tpr. Ben Graham and his bloodhound "Buck" began two days of relentlessly tracking the fugitive. On Wednesday, October 19, Tpr. Graham, Buck, and Deputy Carroll Painter found the end of Cameron's trail at a farmhouse about four miles northwest of Qulin. They took him into custody without incident. Cameron was so exhausted he expressed appreciation to the officers for ending the ordeal!

**December 1941** – On December 2, 1941, Troop C suffered the loss of Trooper Fred L. Walker, a native of Gallatin, MO, and member of the 4th Recruit Class. Tpr. Walker was pursuing a stolen vehicle occupied by two men on Highway 25 near Bloomfield. He apprehended both men, placed them under arrest, and handcuffed them (in front of their bodies). He placed them in the back seat of the patrol car. One of the subjects had a handgun hidden on his body that Tpr. Walker had not found. The subject produced the weapon while they were traveling to the jail. He ordered Trooper Walker to stop the car. A struggle ensued and the second subject shot the trooper. The two men then let Tpr. Walker out of the patrol car. They stole the patrol car, but abandoned it a short time later.

A local farmer took Tpr. Walker to Barnes Hospital in St. Louis, where he died of his injuries the following day.

*This sign reflects the relief felt by the community when the hunt for David Tate resulted in his capture.*

At the same time, his killers were apprehended in Perryville, following an extensive, 20-hour manhunt. George Alvin Kind and Morman Ben Votaw pleaded to second degree murder and were sentenced to 99 years in prison. They were paroled in 1961 and 1962 respectively.

**1956** – Two escapees from the Buchanan County Jail lasted 90 minutes before troopers arrested them in a stolen car. Trooper E.D. Green arrested the pair near Faucett, MO. The prisoners were wearing old clothes they had taken from the jail during their escape.

**1968** – Some interesting developments occurred on a manhunt in Cass County near Harrisonville, MO. A house burglary had been reported to Corporal Connie Henley and Trooper Bob Price. They later drove to a housing area looking for the suspects. As they were cruising down the street, some youngsters who were playing started shouting, "Here come the cops!" Immediately, two men burst from a house and hit the brush. Later, when the manhunt developed, the technique of using the patrol car's speaker was used to suggest that the men, who were now known, surrender. One of them did surrender; however, it was three days later when he called the sheriff of Cass County from Los Angeles, CA, indicating his willingness to do so.

**1973** – The Farmers National Bank Vice President in Ridgeway was abducted from his home by three men and forced to open the vault at the bank. The men stole \$2,800 and forced



the bank official into the vault and locked him in when they left. After the robbers left, the bank official retrieved a screwdriver from within the vault and unlocked the timer. After freeing himself, the bank vice president called the Harrison County sheriff. The sheriff then called Troop H and the FBI. After an intensive manhunt, the bank robbers were caught at the Des Moines, IA, airport.

**March 1985** – On March 2, 1985, Trooper James Froemsdorf made a traffic stop on Interstate 55 near Brewer, MO. He found the driver, Jerome Mallet, was wanted in Texas on a robbery charge. Tpr. Froemsdorf handcuffed the suspect and began to transport him to the Perry County Jail. Due to a deformity, Mallet was able to free one of his hands from the confines of the handcuffs and attack Tpr. Froemsdorf. During the struggle, Mallet removed Tpr. Froemsdorf's pistol from its holster and shot and killed him.

A massive manhunt followed, comprised of 18 road blocks, three helicopters, and 12-hour working shifts consisting of 100 men each. The manhunt included officers from Troops C, E, F, I, and GHQ, neighboring sheriff's departments, and municipalities from all over the metropolitan St. Louis area. Neighboring state police and highway patrol agencies offered airplanes, helicopters, and whatever technical assistance needed to help ap-

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prehend Mallet. One Michigan state trooper called and said he was on vacation, and would gladly come to Missouri at his own expense to help in the manhunt. Car dealers offered four-wheel drive vehicles to help cover rough terrain and vans to transport personnel. Doctors and nurses volunteered to assist at first aid stations where needed in case any officers were hurt, and people brought food and coffee to officers at roadblocks and the satellite station. Hundreds of others called to offer support and encouragement. Mallet was captured three days later with the help of an alert citizen who saw him crossing a street to a McDonald's. After a foot pursuit, Mallet was wrestled to the ground. Mallet was executed on July 11, 2001, for the murder of Tpr. Fromsdorf.

**On April 15, 1985,** Trooper Jimmie E. Linegar and Trooper Allen D. Hines were conducting a traffic check on Missouri Highway 86 at the U.S. Highway 65 junction in Taney County. While checking a motorist, a radio check revealed a possible hit for a weapons violation warrant on an alias name of Matthew Mark Samuels (David Tate), a member of the Aryan nation. Tpr. Linegar was not convinced the hit was valid, but told Tpr. Hines, and they started back toward the van. Tate was armed with a Mac 11 with a silencer and a 30 round clip. He fired out the right window at Tpr. Hines. He then rolled out the driver's door and shot Tpr. Linegar. Tate went to finish Tpr. Hines, who rolled under the van and returned fire, striking Tate. Tate fled into the woods. Tpr. Linegar died at the scene. Tate was captured on April 20, after an extensive manhunt. He was sentenced to life imprisonment. (Tpr. Hines was treated for three gunshot wounds and released the next day. He would retire as a sergeant on May 1, 2001.)

**April 24, 1986** – Mr. Byler, the president of the Farmer's Bank of Raymondville, called the Texas County



*Lieutenant Ernest G. McCutchen speaks with reporters about the capture of Jim Johnson.*

*Members of Troop F SERT assemble in California, MO, to hunt for Jim Johnson.*

Sheriff's Office to report he had received a telephone call from an unknown individual who told him his wife was being held hostage in their family home. The caller demanded \$100,000 be brought to the home in exchange for her release. A sheriff's deputy instructed Mr. Byler to remain at the bank until officers could contact him there. Instead, Mr. Byler, accompanied by a bank employee, placed \$22,000 in a brief case and drove to the Byler home.

Upon arrival, they were confronted by a man dressed in camouflage clothing who had blackened his face and was armed with a handgun. He ordered Mr. Byler and his employee to lie face down on the ground and shot each in the back of the head. He also beat and kicked the female bank employee before fleeing with the money in Mr. Byler's vehicle. Both victims, though seriously injured managed to get to another vehicle at the home and drove back to the bank in Raymondville where they met a Texas County deputy.

At this point, the Patrol and FBI were notified. When Troop G personnel arrived at the Byler home they found that Wanda Byler had been killed while lying on a bed with her hands bound. She had been shot twelve times with at least two weapons of different caliber. The vehicle used earlier by the suspect to make his escape was found abandoned just over a mile from the home.

A command post and roadblocks were established in Houston and a



massive manhunt began. An investigation was initiated under the guidelines of a major case squad, and numerous leads were collected. One lead broke the case. The female bank employee shot at the Byler home told an interviewing officer that the suspect resembled Roy White, a Houston resident she knew. This bit of information, along with the other leads collected and investigated, resulted in the arrest of White and the recovery of a portion of the money taken from the bank. White was convicted of murder and sentenced to life in the Missouri Penitentiary, where he died a few years later of cancer.

**1987** – On February 8, 1987, Trooper Russell W. Harper stopped a vehicle near the intersection of U.S. Highway 60 and Greene County Farm Road 189. Glennon Paul Sweet, who was wanted on drug and weapon offenses, was driving the vehicle. Sweet had continued 50 yards north of U.S. Highway 60 to a more isolated location off the main highway before he stopped, knowing he was going to shoot Tpr. Harper. Sweet then exited the vehicle with an automatic weapon

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and riddled Tpr. Harper's patrol car. Tpr. Harper was killed instantly, while still seated in his patrol car.

Over 100 local, county, state, and federal officers participated in the manhunt in Southwest Missouri to find a man driving a red, mid-'60s model Chevrolet pickup with a white stripe. An intense investigation revealed the man to be Glennon Paul Sweet. The search for Sweet ended early Tuesday morning, February 10, when he was found in an attic of a house just west of Springfield. Officers found an HK .223-caliber weapon capable of automatic fire on the premises and a red pickup truck in an enclosed outbuilding on the property. Sweet was put on trial in Clay County on December 12, 1987. He was found guilty in the shooting death of Tpr. Harper. The jury recommended the death sentence, and Sweet was executed by the state in April 1998.

**In April 1987**, officers participated in an intense, three-week manhunt in east Central Missouri (Troop I) for John David Brown. The event began rather innocuously on a Sunday night in March, when Rolla police officers attempted to contact a subject at a local hotel after they determined he possessed a stolen vehicle. The evening

soon turned chaotic when the suspect, identified as John David Brown, fired a shot at one of the approaching officers and then fled on foot. Nearly 250 law enforcement officers and national guardsmen from throughout the state arrived to assist.

As officers searched for him, Brown struck again when he fatally shot an elderly gentleman as he was opening a church for Wednesday night services (near the small town of Doolittle). On April 20, the manhunt ended as leads dried up and homes were no longer being mysteriously broke into. The saga of John David Brown re-surfaced just a few weeks later when on May 9 he was reportedly sighted at a restaurant located near Buckhorn in Pulaski County. Corporal R.E. Roark responded and pursued Brown as the suspect fled away in his vehicle. Unfortunately, Brown again eluded officers when he abandoned his vehicle and took off on foot into a wooded area along Highway 17, near Laquey, MO.

During the manhunt, which lasted approximately three weeks, officers located Brown's camp in the woods near Laquey, but never located the murder suspect. However, Brown did not escape justice as he was later apprehended in Oklahoma and returned to Missouri to stand trial. Ultimately, he was found guilty of murder, for which he received a life sentence.

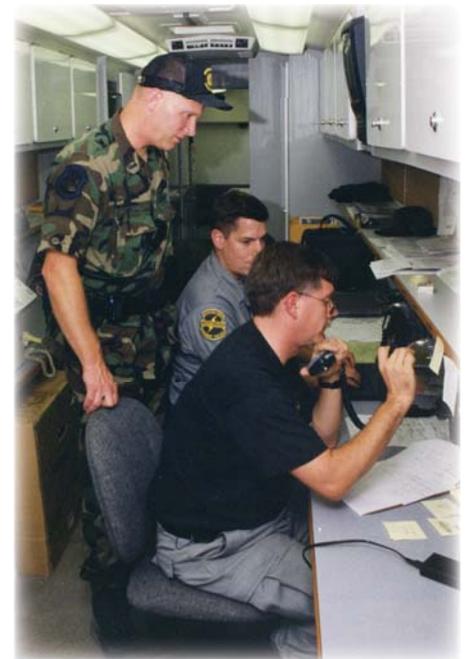
**1991** – Members took part in a manhunt for James R. Johnson in California, MO, on December 9 and 10, after he shot and killed three county law enforcement officers and the sheriff's wife, and wounded another officer. Johnson was hiding in the home of an older, female, California resident who happened to be friends with a retired Highway Patrol officer. She told Johnson she was supposed to attend a gathering that evening and convinced Johnson to let her leave with the friend who came to pick her up. As they drove to the gathering, the woman provided her friend—the Patrol retiree—with information that Johnson was in her house. SERT [now SWAT] officers from Troops A and C surrounded the house and Johnson surrendered without incident. Johnson would later be convicted of murder and sentenced to death. The state of Missouri executed Johnson in 2004.

**1997** – The Alis Ben Johns manhunt in Benton County proved to be the longest manhunt in Missouri history. Between October 1, 1996, and late February 1997, Johns was suspected of having committed several home

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*Sgt. Franke Autry briefs the Troop C SERT. The group was part of a manhunt for Garry Dewayne Watson in Bunker, MO.*



*The mobile command center bus served as a control center for the Watson manhunt.*

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burglaries, arson, and car thefts in the Miller County area while on the run from law enforcement officers for the murder of his friend, Thomas Stewart. Johns and Stewart had been drinking at the time of the incident, which occurred after Johns accepted a ride from Stewart's girlfriend. Stewart followed them and confronted the two on rural Missouri Route KK in Pulasaki County. The confrontation became violent and Johns shot Stewart seven times.

The manhunt for Johns involved the Patrol and several other law enforcement agencies in the state. Over 300 officers took part in the manhunt. Troops A, C, D, and F activated their SERT [now SWAT] during the hunt. Johns was linked to three murders, arson, car thefts, and numerous burglaries. The hunt ended on April 7, 1997, when Water Patrol officers, Captain Bill Swineburg and Officer Erik Gottman, cornered Johns in an abandoned cabin. Johns was wounded and taken to Bothwell Hospital in Sedalia. His girlfriend, Beverly Guehrer-McComb, was taken into custody. Guehrer-McComb was given 15 years in prison. Johns was convicted of first degree murder and is serving a life sentence without the possibility of parole.

Just after 7 a.m. on **September 7, 2000**, three city utility workers and the Bunker city marshal were shot in the city of Bunker, MO, by a citizen over an ongoing dispute regarding the easement to the city lagoon. The city marshal had served easement papers to the suspect's wife on the evening of September 6, 2000. Garry Dewayne Watson, 49, was given the papers when he returned from work at 5 a.m. on September 7. The city workers arrived at the city lagoon and began working just after 7 a.m. that morning at which time Watson went to his truck, retrieved a rifle, and reportedly opened fire. Officers from the Dent, Reynolds, and Shannon counties sheriff's departments, the Missouri State Wa-



*Sgt. Martin K. Elmore, Troop G, talks to the media during the hunt for Gary Dewayne Watson.*

ter Patrol, the United States Forestry Service, and several other law enforcement agencies worked with the Patrol during the ensuing manhunt to find Watson. The Patrol had more than 85 officers assigned to the manhunt at the time Watson's body was discovered at 4:41 p.m. on September 9, 2000. An autopsy revealed the cause of death to be a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

In the early morning hours of **April 20, 2005**, the Troop C SERT [now SWAT] was called to assist in a manhunt in Franklin County. On April 20, Gasconade County deputies responded to an apparent armed robbery at a store in Mount Sterling, MO. When they arrived, the suspect, later identified as Massigh J. Stallmann, 25, of High Ridge, MO, fired shots at the deputies, striking one of them and causing minor injuries. Stallman stole a vehicle and fled the scene. A trooper in Franklin County deployed spike strips. When the vehicle caught fire, Stallmann fled on foot. This incident led to the Troop C SERT call-out. Trooper Ralph C. Tatoian, 32, was responding to this call via Interstate 44, when he came upon a minor traffic crash. Tpr. Tatoian, upon observ-

ing a passenger car blocking the left lane, changed lanes to avoid impact. He then moved back into the left lane, at which time he struck the rear of a stationary tractor-trailer, whose driver had stopped to assist the driver of the disabled vehicle. Both Tpr. Tatoian's vehicle and the trailer caught fire upon impact. Tpr. Tatoian died instantly. Stallmann was convicted of second degree murder and sentenced to life in prison in the death of Tpr. Tatoian. A jury deliberated over three hours before delivering their guilty verdict.

It would be impossible to recount every manhunt the Patrol organized or were part of in one Patrol News story. However, I hope you enjoyed reading about several manhunts in our 80 years of service and protection. The selected examples from Patrol history show where troopers outwitted, outlasted, and outmaneuvered the criminal.

*[Editor's note: Information for this article was gathered from issues of the Patrol News, Patrol history and troop history articles, and newspaper accounts.]*

# Come Ride For A Great Cause!

## Benefit To Help Patrol Family

*By Troop A*

The Heartland Police Motorcycle Association (HPMC) will be hosting the 2011 Guns 'N Hoses benefit ride. This event will be held June 4, 2011, starting at the Lenexa Christian Center located at 17500 W 87<sup>th</sup> Street, Lenexa, KS 66219. The complete, escorted ride is about 60 miles to the destination of Worth Harley Davidson North located at 9400 NW Prairie View Road, Kansas City, MO 64153.

The Guns 'N Hoses ride will serve as a charity event for Ms. Lindsay Ripley, who will turn 21 on May 21, and is the daughter of Lt. James P. "Jim" Ripley, Troop A. Lindsay has been diagnosed with paraganglioma, glomus tumor, or tumor jugulare. Lindsay has already had several surgeries. As a result of the tumor, Lindsay is permanently deaf in her right ear, has lost her normal ability to speak due to right side vocal cord paralysis, lost her ability to swallow due to nerve damage from the tumor, lost her ability to control her pallet thereby leaving an open avenue in her mouth for anything to enter her nose, and she has lost muscle tone in the right side of her neck from nerve damage, as well as some shoulder function.

The ride is an opportunity for many police and fire to come together with the community in taking care of those who protect and serve us in the metro area. This event is made possible through sponsorship dollars. Guns 'N Hoses/Heartland Police Motorcycle Association would greatly appreciate your involvement and participation to help make this charity ride a successful event.

For more information, please contact Lt. Brian T. Deshler, Troop A, at [Brian.Deshler@mshp.dps.mo.gov](mailto:Brian.Deshler@mshp.dps.mo.gov) or visit [heartlandpolice.com](http://heartlandpolice.com). This event



*Ms. Lindsay Ripley is perched on an MSHP motorcycle with her dad, Lt. Jim Ripley, Troop A, standing next to her.*

will take place rain or shine. The cost for the event is \$25 per person (rider or passenger), which covers the ride, food, and T-shirt. Checks may be in-

cluded and made payable to HPMC or Guns 'N Hoses. A registration form is on the next page.

## New Sex Offender Forms

Due to a recent lawsuit, all current sex offender registration forms have been updated. As before, these forms will be available in hardcopy and PDF format. Form SHP-431 will no longer be used, and is combined with the new version of form SHP-428. All old forms should be destroyed and registration officials should immediately begin using the new forms. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Missouri State Highway Patrol's Sex Offender Registry Unit at 573-526-6153.

# Registration Form

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*Heartland Police Motorcycle Association  
presents*



## **GUNS 'N HOSES** **Benefit Ride**

**10:30 a.m. on June 4, 2011**

departing from **Lenexa Christian Center** (17500 W 87<sup>th</sup> Street, Lenexa, KS 66219)

### *MOTORCYCLE RIDE WAIVER RELEASE*

Safety is our primary concern. Please observe all laws and ride safely. By signing this form you agree to participate in the above named event and WAIVE AND RELEASE ALL RIGHTS AND CLAIMS OF ANY NATURE against the Heartland Police Motorcycle Association, Lenexa Police Department, Lenexa Christian Center, Worth Harley Davidson North, and any of their officers, employees, agents, volunteers, or representatives for any and all injuries or damages of any nature arising out of or resulting from taking part in the event or any activities connected with the event.

Rider: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>RIDER Shirt size</b>	Small	Medium	Large	Xlarge
:Extra shirts:				

There is an individual entry fee of \$25 per person. The entry fee includes an event T-shirt, the ride, and lunch. Entries received by May 2, 2011, will guarantee an event T-shirt at the event. Later entries will have shirts mailed.

Passenger: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Extra event shirts are available for \$15 each** (while supplies last)

<b>PASSENGER shirt size</b>	Small	Medium	Large	Xlarge
:Extra shirts:				

Make checks payable to: **HPMA or GUNS 'N HOSES**

Entry fees \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Extra shirts \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Guns 'N Hoses MC Ride  
C/o Henry Camarin  
Lenexa Kansas Police Dept.  
12500 w 87th ST. Lenexa, KS. 66215

# 'Looking Beyond the Stop'

*The following officers are to be commended for looking beyond the initial stop. Each of these officers made at least one felony arrest during the period of January 1, 2011 to February 28, 2011. (Editor's Note: This column excludes DWI arrests, warrant arrests, and "plain sight" situations. Keep in mind that there must be information under the "miscellaneous" section of the radio report to be considered for this column.)*

## **Troop A**

Sgt. C.L. Drenon, 2 arrests  
Sgt. R.C. Fletcher, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.E. Givens, 1 arrest  
Tpr. T.I. Goolsby, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.J. Kline, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.S. Kutzner, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.R. Lange, 2 arrests  
Tpr. E.A. Lusk, 1 arrest  
Sgt. R.B. McGinnis, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.P. Millsap, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.N. Morey, 1 arrest  
Tpr. L.K. Nelson, 1 arrest  
Cpl. G.D. Primm, 2 arrests  
Tpr. B.R. Sanson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.W. Scotten, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.J. Sullivan, 1 arrest  
Tpr. E.L. Tyrrell, 3 arrests  
Tpr. D.D. Wohler, 1 arrest

## **Troop B**

Tpr. J.D. Davidson, 2 arrests  
Cpl. C.M. Duppong, 2 arrests  
Tpr. K.E. Easley, 1 arrest  
Tpr. T.K. Hendershott, 2 arrests  
Tpr. G.T. Johnson, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.P. Johnson, 3 arrests  
Tpr. T. Mobley, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.D. Primm, 2 arrests  
Tpr. T.B. Ritter, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.A. Spring, 2 arrests  
Tpr. B.E. Thoman, 1 arrest

## **Troop C**

Tpr. C.M. Bishop, 1 arrest  
Tpr. R.B. Botfield, 1 arrest  
Sgt. J.R. Campbell, 3 arrests  
Tpr. J.P. Coleman, 2 arrests  
Tpr. L.C. Ewigman, 1 arrest

Tpr. C.D. Fieser, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.R. Henry, 3 arrests  
Tpr. N.V. Jannin, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.D. Maudlin, 1 arrest  
Sgt. K.B. Miller, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.M. Potocki, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.R. Thompson, 2 arrests  
Tpr. L.A. Turner, 2 arrests  
Tpr. E.M. VanWinkle, 1 arrest

## **Troop D**

Tpr. E.B. Adams, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.W. Choate, 2 arrests  
Cpl. G.T. Curnes, 1 arrest  
Sgt. J.B. Johnson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.L. Mason, 2 arrests  
Sgt. K.L. Mills, 1 arrest  
Cpl. S.R. Rowe, 1 arrest

## **Troop E**

Tpr. D.W. Crank, 4 arrests  
Tpr. R.W. Eakins, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.D. Hamlett, 2 arrests  
Tpr. A.R. Johnson, 1 arrest  
Cpl. D.L. Johnston, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.C. Jones, 1 arrest  
Cpl. M.D. Lynch, 1 arrest  
Tpr. N.H. McDaniel, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.N. Miller, 2 arrests  
Cpl. S.L. Price, 1 arrest  
Tpr. S.M. Spain, 1 arrest  
Cpl. J.S. Stewart, 2 arrests  
Tpr. T.D. Templemire, 1 arrest  
Tpr. T.P. Watson, 1 arrest

## **Troop F**

Tpr. R.R. Dowd, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.R. Haslag, 2 arrests  
Tpr. S.B. Johnson, 2 arrests  
Tpr. B.C. Lawler, 1 arrest

Sgt. A.J. Mattox, 1 arrest  
Cpl. B.A. McLaughlin, 2 arrests  
Tpr. D.T. Metzner, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.R. Mistler, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.E. Morice, 8 arrests  
Cpl. T.V. Mosley, 1 arrest  
Tpr. W.R. Plumley, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.R. Powell, 5 arrests  
Cpl. T.D. Stegeman, 3 arrests  
Tpr. D.K. Sullivan, 1 arrest  
Tpr. S.K. Talburt, 3 arrests  
Cpl. R.S. Thompson, 2 arrests  
Cpl. T.R. Walley, 1 arrest  
Tpr. G.L. West, 2 arrests

## **Troop G**

Cpl. J.A. Cravens, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.K. Jones, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.B. Pounds, 2 arrests

## **Troop H**

Tpr. J.C. Acree, 1 arrest  
Sgt. L.M. Allen, 2 arrests  
Tpr. T.B. Heintz, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.R. Hilliard, 7 arrests  
Tpr. B.L. Israel, 2 arrests  
Tpr. K.F. Jeffers, 1 arrest  
Cpl. J.A. Pithan, 1 arrest  
Sgt. M.P. Quilty, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.L. Starmer, 2 arrests

## **Troop I**

Tpr. E.T. Hane, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.T. Peart, 1 arrest  
Sgt. A.B. Swearingin, 1 arrest

## **Q/WPD**

Tpr. R.W. Garrett, 2 arrests

# Retirements

## Lt. Charles E. McCrary



On March 1, 2011, Lieutenant Charles E. McCrary retired from the Missouri State Highway Patrol, after more than 32 years of service and dedication to the citizens of the great state of Missouri.

Charles began his career with the Missouri State Highway Patrol on January 15, 1979, as a recruit ready for training at General Headquarters. Upon graduating from the Academy, Trooper Charles McCrary was assigned to Troop F, Zone 2, Gasconade County. Tpr. McCrary's field training officer was Trooper Dennis Marriott.

"He was just a great, great guy," states Charles.

In June 1982, Charles transferred to Troop H, Zone 2, in Nodaway County. Charles was promoted to the rank of corporal in March 1988, and was designated assistant zone commander of Zone 7, Cameron. In April 1991, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant and designated zone commander of Zone 2, Maryville. In March 1999, Charles was promoted to the rank of lieutenant and transferred to Troop B, Macon.

There, he was assigned as a district lieutenant. In June 2004, Lieutenant McCrary transferred back to Troop H. He remained there until his retirement this month.

Prior to his career with the Patrol, Charles was employed at White Auto Supply as a salesman.

Charles is married to Jerry (Clark), of Jameson. The couple celebrated 40 years of marriage on January 31, 2011, with a reception at Frederick Boulevard Baptist Church, in St. Joseph. The McCrary's have three daughters, Cindy, Julie, and Lisa. They also have six grandchildren, Hanna, Jack, Major, Corban, Cannon, and Aliyah.

The thing that comes to mind when describing Charles would be his dedication to God and family. Charles has been a leader in his church wherever he has resided during his career. He has put to work his abilities as a carpenter countless times over the years in order to assist families in need. From the aftermath of hurricane Katrina, to rebuilding churches at home, Charles worked in his off duty time to assist others. One such project was to help a Worth County family build a new home after the death of a spouse left a mother and her five children needing adequate housing. His enthusiasm has also rubbed off on some of the other troopers in Troop H, who have helped on some of the projects. Charles is the type of person who would never want the spotlight to shine on him, but preferred to quietly go about his mission helping others.

One of the highlights of Charles' career would be the assignment to attend the American Legion convention in Orlando, FL. Charles and Sgt. Price R. Davis, Q/GD, drove a patrol car to the event, where the two represented the Patrol and drove in the convention parade. Another assignment that he remembers is representing the Patrol at a trooper's funeral in Three Forks, MT. Charles was also assigned to work at the funeral for Governor Mel Carnahan.

Charles and Jerry have been making plans for retirement. They plan to work with Habitat for Humanity, continue their mission work, and keep up with the grandkids' activities. The couple has attended disaster relief training from the Missouri Baptist Convention and plan to work serving in areas after disasters. Charles notes that while he

was in the hurricane ravaged area of Katrina, the Missouri Baptist Convention served 80,000 meals a day to the local residents.

All of Troop H wish Charles and Jerry the very best for their retirement years and hope they enjoy all of their plans.

## Sgt. Dale H. Moreland



On April 1, 2011, Sergeant Dale H. Moreland retired from the Missouri State Highway Patrol after more than 32 years of dedicated service.

Sgt. Moreland is a native of Cuba, MO, and a 1973 graduate of Cuba High School. In March 1977, he graduated from Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg with a bachelor's of science degree in criminal justice administration and a minor in mass communication. From March 1977 to December 1978, he worked as a deputy for the Crawford County Sheriff's Department.

On January 15, 1979, Sgt. Moreland began his career with the Missouri State Highway Patrol by joining the 49th Recruit Class at the Patrol's Law Enforcement Academy in Jefferson City. Sgt. Moreland's first assignment was Zone 7, Stoddard County. On March 1, 1989, he was promoted to corporal and assigned to Zone 2, Butler and Ripley counties. On January 1, 1995, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant and assigned to Zone 11, Stoddard County. On February 1, 2006, Sgt. Moreland transferred to

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Troop E Headquarters and was designated the public information and education officer. Sgt. Moreland remained in this position until his retirement.

Sgt. Moreland is married to Carol (Waller), and the couple has two children, Justin (and his wife, Jill), of Jackson, TN, and Kenneth, of Dexter, MO. They also have one grandchild, Justin and Jill's daughter, Addison.

Sgt. Moreland's plans for retirement include spending more time with family, especially with his granddaughter, Addison. He plans to continue to hunt rabbits with his beagles and attend mule shows and sales. Sgt. Moreland has six draft mules and one riding mule that he proudly shows in Missouri, Illinois, and Tennessee, along with several quarter horses. Sgt. Moreland and his son, Kenneth, are licensed auctioneers in the state of Missouri and look forward to growing their bidding business. In his spare time, Sgt. Moreland is planning to run for Stoddard County Commissioner.

Sgt. Moreland has been a blessing to all that have known him. All of us at Troop E wish him the best.

## May

May 2

- Patrol Law Enforcement Academy in Jefferson City marks 40 years.

May 9

- Truman's birthday observed.

May 17

- Sgt. D.C. May died in 1999.

May 22

- Tpr. M.L. Newton died in 2003.

May 30

- Memorial Day.

## DE Sprv. Judith G. "Judy" Mulholland



After 19 years of dedicated service, Driver Examiner Supervisor Judith G. "Judy" Mulholland retired on March 1, 2011.

Judy was hired by the Patrol in 1992 as a Driver Examiner Clerk I at Park Central in Springfield. Later that same year she was promoted to DE Clerk II. She advanced several times during her career, including Driver Examiner I (1994), DE II (1995), and DE III (1997). Judy will retire as a driver examiner supervisor (2005). She was responsible for a travel crew based out of the Springfield office.

Judy is married to MSHP retired Lieutenant Paul M. "Mike" Mulholland,

and together they have three grown children: Jamayla Davis, Valerie Lopez, and Brad Mulholland. Judy and Mike are expecting a granddaughter in June, and enjoy time with their four grandchildren, Paxton, Jaxon, Hunter, and Logan.

Congratulations, Judy!

## CVO II Michael J. Clifton



On January 1, 2011, Commercial Vehicle Officer II Michael J. Clifton retired from the Missouri State Highway Patrol following 27 years of dedicated service.

Michael began his career with the Patrol as a commercial vehicle inspector on November 15, 1983, in Troop H. He went to commercial vehicle of-

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## Congratulations On Your Retirement!



## Bradley S. Baker Sergeant Q/GD

*Retired February 1, 2011.  
32 1/2 years of dedicated service.*

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## — Clifton

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ficer training in 1995, and upon completion was promoted to commercial vehicle officer. He has spent his entire career with the Patrol in Troop H and enjoyed participating in various truck checks and other activities throughout the state.

Michael and Shirley, his wife of 30 years, have two grown sons, Brent and Bryce. Brent lives in Kansas City, MO, and is a graduate of Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, MO, and North Kansas City Hospital School of Clinical Laboratory Science. He is employed by Midwest Organ Transplant Network. Bryce attends Northwest Missouri State University, and is working on a dual degree. Michael is very proud of his family and their accomplishments.

Michael and his wife are members of the First Christian Church in Tarkio where they enjoy working with the church and the community. As for his future, he says he plans to find work locally to stay busy.

Troop H staff and employees wish Michael the best throughout retirement and commend him for his years of dedicated service.

## DE III Linda J. Heavner



On March 31, 2011, after over seven years of dedicated service, Driver Examiner III Linda J. Heavner retired as an employee of the Missouri State

Highway Patrol. Linda was hired by the Patrol as a driver examiner on July 27, 2003. She was promoted to Driver Examiner II in July 2004, and completed CDL training. Linda was promoted to Driver Examiner III in July 2006.

Prior to joining the Patrol, she worked for Durham School Services for five years as a third party tester. Linda graduated from El Cajon High School in the state of California, where she lived most of her life. Linda and her husband, Harry, moved to Missouri in 1994. They have three children and four grandchildren who live in California.

Linda has plans to travel and visit with her children and grandchildren more frequently. We wish Linda and Harry a happy and healthy retirement.

## Auto. Tech. III Daniel E. "Danny" Wekenborg



On March 1, 2011, Automotive Technician III Daniel E. "Danny" Wekenborg retired as an employee of the Missouri State Highway Patrol after 25 years of service.

Danny started his career with the Missouri State Highway Patrol on December 1, 1985, as an Automotive Serviceman I on a temporary basis in the Motor Equipment Division at the GHQ Garage. On February 9, 1987, Danny was hired full-time as an Automotive Serviceman I. On January 1, 1990,

Danny was promoted to an Automotive Serviceman II. On December 1, 1994, Danny was promoted to Automotive Technician I, and then was promoted to Automotive Technician II on December 1, 1995. On December 1, 1998, Danny was promoted to Automotive Technician III. It is from this position that he is retiring.

During his career, Danny attended the Specialized Electronics Training 18001.02 in St. Louis, MO, sponsored by General Motors. This training teaches students the basic electrical theory to electrical diagnostics and schematic reading, which was an in-depth electrical course. In 1996, Danny participated in the Missouri State Fair detail where he kept personnel informed and equipment in top condition.

Danny grew up in Jefferson City, MO. He attended St. Francis Xavier School in Taos, MO, and graduated from Blair Oaks High School in Wardsville, MO. Prior to becoming an employee of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Danny worked as an assistant manager at Dave's Skelly for two years and was employed at Culligan Water Conditioning for 13 years as a route man.

Danny has two grown daughters, Bridget Condiff and Amy Webb, both of whom live in Linn, MO, and two grown stepsons, Jared Hughes, who lives in Los Angeles, CA, and Jordan Beadle, who lives in Tulsa, OK. Danny also has four grandchildren, Amber, Kaleb, Brandon, and Paige. In his spare time, Danny enjoys breeding and breaking quarter horses.

Danny's future plans consist of working with horses and looking for employment. All of us in the Motor Equipment Division wish Danny the very best in his retirement.

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## Bldg. & Grnds. Sprv. Donald L. “Don” Anderson



Captain Juan Villanueva, commanding officer, Troop D, Springfield, is pleased to announce that effective December 1, 2010, after 16 years of dedicated service, Building and Grounds Supervisor Donald L. “Don” Anderson retired.

He graduated from Worden High School, in Worden, IL, in 1967. Later that year, Don joined the United States Marine Corps (USMC) and served in many facets until retiring from the USMC in 1988. After retiring, and prior to joining the Patrol, Don worked as a maintenance supervisor with the Wooten Company in Springfield, MO. In 1994, he started his career with the Patrol as a Building and Grounds Maintenance II. He was promoted to building and grounds maintenance supervisor in 1996.

Don is married to Peggy (Suitor), and has two grown children, Lauren Jury and Lee Anderson.

Don’s departure from Troop D was short lived. He has returned as a 1,000-hour employee working for the same employees he supervised until just recently!

## Housekeeper III Mary Ann Kuhn



On March 1, 2010, Mary Ann Kuhn, Troop A housekeeper, retired as an employee of the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

Originally from western Kansas, Mary Ann moved to the Lee’s Summit area in 1984 with her family. Prior to her appointment to the Patrol, she was employed by Lee’s Summit Hospital as a housekeeper. Mary Ann was a stay-at-home mother while her children were in school.

Mary Ann has three daughters: Colleen Green, of Lee’s Summit, MO, Stephanie Kendall, of Indianapolis, IN, and Paige Grego, of Lee’s Summit,

MO. Mary Ann has four grandchildren: Lacy, Dylan, Hailey, and Sydney.

In 2001, Mary Ann and Account Clerk III Esther L. Driskell came up with the idea to create a memorial Christmas tree at Troop A. This holiday memorial contains framed pictures of our 29 fallen troopers and provides another way to remember our heroes. The memorial tree has become a tradition at Troop A and is often a topic of conversation among visitors.

Mary Ann said she is very proud of her employment with the Patrol, “I have met a lot of great people over the years that I will miss. I have enjoyed the special dinners for the employees at Troop A. Since cooking is one of the most enjoyable things I do, I am sure I will continue doing that for my family and friends on a regular basis.”

In retirement, Mary Ann said she will get to spend more time enjoying her family, including her 95-year-old father and five sisters, who are also retired and live in nearby Kansas. Mary Ann said she is looking forward to further spoiling her grandchildren and, as added enjoyment, watching all of their sporting events. She is also looking forward to the extra time to attend estate sales.

We wish you a long and happy retirement!

## Save The Date!

Saturday, November 19, 2011, will be the inaugural The MASTERS Run For Remembrance honoring Sergeant Joseph G. “Joe” Schuengel. The run will take place in St. Charles, MO. Proceeds from the event will benefit The MASTERS. Online registration and Facebook page available soon. For more information, you may contact Beth Knight at 314-486-1182 or [bcknight@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bcknight@sbcglobal.net).

# Branson Belle Rescue Brings DPS Recognition

By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED

On March 16, 2011, DPS Director John Britt presented the March DPS Employee of the Month award to Corporal Harold E. "Junior" Crafton Jr. and Corporal Michael P. "Mike" McClure.

The ceremony was held at the Patrol's Law Enforcement Academy in Classroom D. Colonel Ron Replogle welcomed everyone and congratulated Mike and Junior saying, "We are very proud of the work you did."

Captain Gary T. Haupt, Q/WPD, added, "Any of our officers could have done this. But, these two officers were called upon and they performed this duty in an exemplary manner."

Mike and Junior were recognized for their skill and courage in rescuing a number of passengers from the Showboat Branson Belle after it was grounded.

On December 11, 2010, over 600 passengers boarded the Showboat Branson Belle for a dinner cruise. What they got was quite an experience. The showboat lost power, and, in case that wasn't interesting enough, Missouri weather took a turn for the worse. Strong gusts of wind pushed the Branson Belle into rocks about 70

*Rescue workers assist passengers as they disembark from the Branson Belle after a cold night on board.*



feet from shore. It seemed the cruise was coming to an abrupt end ...

Mike had just completed his shift when he got called back on duty. He immediately made his way to a Water Patrol boat docked approximately 200 yards from the Branson Belle. Junior was with his family at Silver Dollar City when a witness to the incident called him on his cell phone. He made contact with Captain Gary T. Haupt and proceeded to the same boat.

Mike and Junior made contact with the command post, which had been set up on a peninsula adjacent to the location on the lake where the Branson Belle was grounded. The ever developing situation demanded immediate attention. A small tug boat was summoned for assistance by the captain of the Branson Belle. It was hoped the tug could push the showboat and keep it away from the shore to prevent its grounding. That tug boat was tethered to the stern of the Belle. Unfortunately, the tug boat was unable to offset the effects of the strong gusting winds.

Emergency and law enforcement personnel made the decision that there were passengers on board whose medical conditions were of concern. Thus, it was decided Mike and Junior would take emergency medical technicians to the Branson Belle to perform a "triage" of sorts. The officers would then help evacuate anyone deemed at risk medically.

The weather continued to worsen, and temperatures dipped to the 20-degree mark. The 50 mph winds were gusting creating white caps and some waves over five feet in height. Concerns about a breach in the Branson

*With the berm in place, a borrowed walkway was set up for passengers to disembark.*



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Belle's hull added to the stress of the situation. On the port side, the water was about six feet deep. On the starboard side, there was a 100-foot drop off. If the hull breached, the Branson Belle would be pulled into the deep water.

Mike and Junior made their way to the showboat with waves crashing onto the deck. The water froze instantly due to the cold temperatures. Mike remained focused on driving the boat as Junior made sure the Water Patrol boat didn't come into contact with the Branson Belle. On their first trip, they tied the vessel to the tug boat, which was still tethered to the stern of the Branson Belle. However, the ropes froze and they had to cut themselves loose in order to make their way back with passengers. The remaining trips were made without the benefit of tying on. For each "patient" determined at risk and needing evacuation there was a family member or two who came with them. One of the EMTs remained on the Water Patrol boat in case medical attention was required during the trips back and forth from shore. Add to this picture the fact that the Branson Belle's deck was approximately eight feet above those performing this rescue!

Mike and Junior made about a dozen trips to evacuate 20-25 people. They reported on scene at 9 p.m. and worked through the night in dangerous conditions. The water rescue operation also had to deal with the many passengers who wanted to get off the showboat, but who were not considered medical emergencies.

"We had dangerous weather, medical situations, and panicked passengers," said Capt. Haupt. "Each trip was an unbelievable challenge."

Each time the Water Patrol boat came to a dock, additional personnel were on hand to help remove those passengers and allow the officers to return to their mission. When the first dock became so slick with ice it demanded a person crawl across it, the rescue efforts moved to a second dock.



*Mr. Tom Scott brought his bulldozer to the scene. After cutting a road through the woods, he built a berm to help rescuers reach the Branson Belle, which had run aground on rocks.*

While Mike and Junior were engaged in the water rescue efforts, a second effort had begun on land. The rocks upon which the Branson Belle sat were approximately 70 feet from shore. A call went out to Tim Scott, a local man with a bulldozer, to request assistance. He arrived and spent the next several hours working in the elements and sometimes in water, using his bulldozer to create a path from the woods to the rocks and a berm from shore to the showboat. The Cox family, who owns State Park Marina, made their assets available and provided a 40-foot catwalk and heavy equipment as needed. Once the path and berm were in place, the catwalk was set and the rest of the passengers could disembark to safety.

In addition to the Missouri State Water Patrol, the Missouri State High-

way Patrol, Western Taney County Fire Protection District, Southern Stone County Fire Protection District, St. John's and Silver Dollar City EMS responded to the scene that night. The agencies worked closely together to prevent serious injuries and rescue passengers from a dangerous situation.

"You think about what could have happened with 600 passengers on board," said DPS Director Britt. "Facing those conditions, you went above and beyond. Having you there must have brought peace of mind to those passengers."

*Great job, Mike and Junior!!*

*[Editor's note: At the time of the incident, Cpl. McClure and Cpl. Crafton were members of the Missouri State Water Patrol. They have since become members of the Missouri State Highway Patrol due to the merge.]*



*DPS Director John Britt awarded DPS Employee of the Month certificates to Cpl. Michael P. "Mike" McClure and Cpl. Harold E. "Junior" Crafton, both Q/WPD, during a ceremony at the Academy. Col. Ron Replogle (r) also congratulated the officers.*

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# Looking Back

## ... in the Patrol News

### 35 years ago

*March 1976* – The zone office (a trailer) for Zone 2, Troop G, was hit by a tornado and destroyed. Cpl. C.R. Emmerson and Tpr. L.D. Laub had been at the office only 15 minutes earlier to fill their vehicles with gas. The Patrol gas tank was destroyed and 500 gallons of fuel lost.

### 25 years ago

*April 1986* – The MSHP hosted a basketball tournament at Jefferson City High School gymnasium. The results were: First place – Indiana State Police; Second place – Jefferson City Police Department; Third place – Missouri State Highway Patrol; Fourth place – Illinois State Police. The MSHP basketball team was planning to participate in the Missouri Police Olympics and International Police Olympics that summer. The MSHP had won the Missouri Police Olympics for the previous five years and placed fourth in the 1982 International Police Olympics.

### 15 years ago

*March 1996* – The cover showed the MSHP and other law enforcement agencies escorting an F4-J Phantom Jet along U.S. Highway 61 as it was being towed through Sikeston, MO. The jet would be placed on display at Sikeston Veterans Park. The issue included excerpts from Gov. Mel Carnahan's State of the State Address. An article provided the history and function of the Missouri State Troopers Association. An article by a New York State Police employee thanked the Missouri State Highway Patrol for its assistance with the building of NYSP's first rollover simulator.

### 5 years ago

*March/April 2006* – One article announced the upcoming CALEA inspection. A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Schwieder Ford in Rolla, MO, as part of the Patrol's 75th anniversary celebration. Schwieder Ford sold the Patrol its first cars in 1931, and was closing its doors in 2006. Troopers traveled to Louisiana to help with security and traffic enforcement in the area ravaged by Hurricane Katrina. A "meth rocket" was located in the trunk of a vehicle during a traffic stop.



Year To Date April 5, 2011	Same Period Last Year Year To Date	Number Of Increase Or Decrease	2009 Traffic Fatalities	2010 Traffic Fatalities
136	168	-32	878	818

**Note: These totals do not include late deaths.**

# Color Guard Provides Ceremony For Cub Scouts

*By Ret. MVI Spru. Bill Boyd*

On January 19, 2011, Cub Scout Pack 323 held their annual Blue & Gold Banquet at the Beautiful Savior Church in Lee's Summit, MO. The Missouri State Highway Patrol Color Guard performed the opening flag ceremony, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Many awards were given out to the Tiger Cub, Wolf, Bear, and first year Webelos, but that was just the beginning of a great evening. Twenty-three second year Webelos earned their Arrow of Light, the highest award in Cub Scouts. As the second year Webelos continue their journey in Boy Scouts they will learn stronger values, leadership skills, and build character. Congratulations to all who received awards, and a sincere thank you to the Troop A Color Guard for being part of this special evening.



*Sgt. Erik L. Hurst, Tpr. Matthew J. Yoder, Cpl. James E. "Jim" Thuss, and Sgt. Barry A. Kumpf present the colors for Cub Scout Pack 323.*

## A Tribute To Jay Parsley

*By Ret. Sgt. Dale H. Moreland*

On Sunday, January 16, 2011, at approximately 9:45 p.m., Corporal Jay A. Parsley departed this life and went to be with our Lord and Savior. Jay had been hospitalized for six days after complications from a tonsillectomy on January 10, 2011.

Jay had been a close friend of mine for 13 years after transferring to my zone in 1997. He was a native of Puxico, MO, and was very proud of it. He was sent to Troop G, from the Academy and was assigned to the zone covering Van Buren/Ellington. Jay could hardly wait to get back to Puxico. Luckily enough, Puxico was in Troop E, Zone 11, where I was the zone sergeant. Jay and I quickly became best of friends, and remained so until his death.

We enjoyed many good times working, hunting, and spending time together being serious only when we had to be. Jay was a big man, but always a gentleman. Jay was a prankster and I was usually the victim. I really think he spent much of his idle time thinking of ways to torment me just a little more. One day, while working the road, he decided to pull a good one on me. I was riding with Jay that day and he knew how much I disliked snakes, so he bought a rubber one and laced it through the seat belt. Yes, I nearly had

a stroke. He laughed until he coughed and then cried.

Jay was always there. He was a friend like I had never had before. He always had that big smile that we were all familiar with, and will miss so much. Jay was a man of integrity and trust; he was a man of dedication and friendliness. Jay was also a man of faith and truly a man of God. I spoke at the funeral and told the many people in attendance that Jay not only talked the talk, he walked the walk. Jay Parsley lived every day to its fullest, but always in a way that honored God.

I worked many events, spot-checks, and saturations with him and helped him with many arrests and incarcerations. I can honestly say I never heard the man say a bad word to or bad words about anyone. Jay loved Marcy, Emma, and Tommy more than words could ever express, and the life he lived proved that so true.

The visitation for Jay was held at Jay's church near Puxico (Duck Creek Missionary Baptist) where he was a lifelong member. We estimated about 1,400 people stood for three to four hours to pay tribute to this great man. The following day, the funeral service was conducted at the Arnold Ryan High School gymnasium in Puxico where Jay served on the school board

and had played basketball since his childhood. An estimated 800 people were in attendance where family, friends, and officers gathered to offer their last respects. The songs by the Parsley family, and the words spoken by friends and area pastors were all about how great a friend and man of God we had lost.

The lonely notes of "Taps" were played and a 21-gun salute was fired. All law enforcement officers stood at attention for a final radio call of 10-42, to mark the end of Corporal Jay Parsley's watch.

Jay was the best friend I have ever known. I loved him like a brother, and my fond memories of him will never be forgotten. During the past few weeks, as I have tried to understand why things like this occur, I have found reassurance in John 14:1-4:

"1. Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, trust also in me. 2. In my Father's house are many rooms: if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. 3. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. 4. You know the way to the place I am going."

*I know my brother, Jay, is in that "place".*

# Deaths

## Gary W. Holland



Gary Wayne Holland, 61, of Holts Summit, died on Sunday, December 19, 2010, at his home. He was born September 20, 1949, in Jefferson City, MO, a son of Harold Loyd and Pauline (Bratton) Holland. He was a 1967 graduate of New Bloomfield High School in New Bloomfield, MO. He was a veteran of the United States Army, having served from 1969 – 1971. On April 8, 1972, Gary was united in marriage in Jefferson City, to Linda Ruettgers, who survives at their home.

Gary was a computer operator and worked for Missouri Division of Welfare; the University of Missouri; and the Missouri State Highway Patrol. He retired from the Highway Patrol as a computer operations supervisor after 32 years of dedicated service.

Gary's co-workers enjoyed lunch at the Academy with him even after he retired. Wherever they saw him, he was wearing his usual short-sleeved plaid shirt and greeted them with a big wave and huge smile.

"We will miss him," said Clerk Typist III Cheryl A. Crofer, Q/ISD. "But, one day we'll see him again as he welcomes us home with his big wave, huge smile, and wearing a plaid shirt!"

Gary was a member of the Christian Church. He enjoyed walking, gardening, and spending time with his family. Gary was commonly known as "The Walker" in Holts Summit, where he always made sure to smile and wave at every vehicle or person he crossed paths with. He walked four

miles every day for 1,868 days straight.

Along with his wife, Linda, Gary is survived by two sons: Matthew Wayne Holland, of Holts Summit, and Nathan Lee Holland (and his wife, Michelle), of Jefferson City; his mother, Pauline Holland, of Holts Summit; one brother, Michael Loyd Holland, of New Bloomfield; and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Harold Loyd Holland.

Friends were received on December 22, 2010, at the Houser-Millard Funeral Home. The family held a private funeral service on December 23, 2010, at the Resurrection Cemetery Mausoleum. Those wishing to send a memorial may send expressions of sympathy to the Salvation Army, the Samaritan Center, or a food pantry of the donor's choice.

The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Holland family.

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## Randal E. "Randy" Hyde



Randal "Randy" Eldon Hyde, 80, died on December 31, 2010, at his residence in Mountain Grove, MO. He was born on September 1, 1930, in Paragould, AR, the son of the late John W. and Bertha (Cain) Hyde.

He grew up and attended school in Arkansas. Randy was united in marriage to Helen Nimmo on June 2, 1951,

in Houston, MO. Four children were born to this union.

He served his country in the United States Army in Germany and Korea, and retired after more than 21 years of service. During the Korean War, he was wounded and received the Purple Heart and Bronze Star.

Randy was an avid fisherman. He always enjoyed a little spirited competition with his friends and family, seeing who could catch the first fish, the biggest fish, and the most fish. If you were in the back of the boat, then he was sure to win. He also loved music and played the bass guitar, acoustic guitar, mandolin, piano, and tried his hand at the fiddle. He was a member of the gospel group Sounds of His Coming for about four years. He also played with several other gospel and country bands throughout his life.

Randy was employed by the Missouri State Highway Patrol as a commercial vehicle enforcement inspector, and retired after 17 years. He was a longtime member of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Mountain Grove and enjoyed attending services as long as his health permitted.

Randy was a loving and caring husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, and friend. He truly will be missed by those who knew and loved him.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Helen Hyde, on January 4, 2008; three brothers, Orlen, Elvie, and Melvin Hyde; and by two sisters, Velma Hairell and Selma Cooper.

He is survived by two sons: Ronald Hyde (and his wife, Terri) and David Hyde, all of Mountain Grove; two daughters: Loretta Craft (and her husband, Paul), of Jefferson City, and Dianna Skyles (and her husband, David), of Mountain Grove; one sister: Grace Fields, of Paragould, AR; nine grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; other relatives; church family; and friends.

Randy's funeral was held January 4, 2011, at the First Free Will Baptist

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Church in Mountain Grove. He was buried in Hillcrest Cemetery with full military honors. Those who wish to send a memorial may send it to the First Free Will Baptist Church in care of the Craig-Hurtt Funeral Home, 315 N. Main Street, Mountain Grove, MO 65711.

The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Hyde family.

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## James R. Harrington



Mr. James R. Harrington, 79, died on January 6, 2011, at his home in Kansas City, MO. His funeral was held Friday, January 14, at the Kansas City Baptist Temple.

James was born April 10, 1931, in Kansas City, to A.J. Harrington and Lena Young. He served in the U.S. Air Force for 22 years, before retiring. He then joined the Missouri State Highway Patrol, where he worked an additional 22 years.

James joined the Patrol on April 1, 1974, as a commercial motor vehicle inspector at Post A-2 North in Kearney, MO. In September 1974, he was assigned to the newly formed Motor Vehicle Inspection Division. He was promoted to supervisor in 1980. James retired on June 1, 1996.

James enjoyed helping others and spending time with family and friends. His hobbies included photography,

audio-visual projects, horticulture, and reading.

He was preceded in death by a son, Larry W. Estell.

James leaves to cherish his memories his devoted wife, Berniece Harrington; daughters, Brenda Harrington, of Clifton Bedfordshire, England, Sue Murfitt, (and husband, Jason), of Epsom Surrey, England, and Candice (McHudson) Wright, of Kansas City; sons, John Wesley Estell Jr., of Lakewood, CO, Keith McHudson (and his wife, Tina), of Kansas City; a sister, Jane White, of Long Valley, NJ; a brother, James Ross, of Richmond, CA; and numerous grandchildren, nieces, nephews, friends, and a host of distant relatives.

Memorial contributions may be made in James' memory to: L.I.F.E. Ministries, c/o Keith McHudson, 3839 College, Kansas City, MO 64128.

The Patrol family offers its sincerest condolences to the Harrington family.

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## Jay A. Parsley



Jay Allen Parsley, son of Allen and Pamela Campbell Parsley, of Puxico, was born on March 8, 1971, at Granite City, IL, and departed this life in the Southeast Hospital at Cape Girardeau on January 16, 2011, at the age of 39.

Jay was a member of the Duck Creek Baptist Church near Puxico where he served as deacon, a member

of the Puxico Public Schools Board of Education, and a resident of rural Puxico. He was a corporal with the Missouri State Highway Patrol, and was assigned to Troop E, Poplar Bluff at the time of his death.

Jay was a devoted husband, father, son, and brother. He loved to hunt and fish, especially with Emma and Tommy. He loved sports—playing basketball and coaching his kids' ball teams. He was an avid Puxico Indians fan and loved being involved with the community. Most importantly, he loved his family and church. The Bible says that we will know Christians by their love for one another. Not only did Jay show us what love looked like, he let us experience what love felt like.

He was united in marriage to Marcy Boswell on November 4, 1995, at Puxico. Mrs. Parsley survives of the home. Besides his wife and parents, he is survived by one son, Tommy Parsley, and one daughter, Emma Parsley, both of the home; one brother, Jimmy Parsley (and his wife, Jennifer), of Puxico; one sister, Jodi Walker (and her husband, John), of Puxico; by his maternal grandparents, Herman and Colleen Campbell, of Puxico; and his father and mother-in-law, Tom and Shirley Boswell, of Puxico.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Donald and Mary Lou Parsley.

Friends called upon the family at the Duck Creek Baptist Church on January 19, 2011. Funeral services were held on Thursday, January 20, 2011, at the Puxico High School Gymnasium with Rev. Phil Bray and Rev. David Edwards officiating.

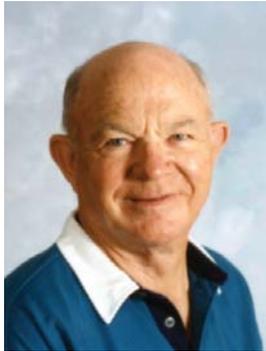
A memorial fund "Children of Jay Parsley" has been established at the Bank of Advance.

The Patrol family offers its sincerest condolences to the Parsley family.

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## Dorwin A. James



Dorwin A. James, 86, of Desloge, MO, died January 18, 2011, at Country Meadows Nursing Home. He was born August 12, 1924, in Hagarville, AR, to Chester A. James and Walice (Rutledge) James. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Ruth E. (Baird) James; four sisters, Doris Wren, Ethelyn James, Billie Dale, and Aral Reynolds; and a brother, R.B. James.

He is survived by two sons, Jim James (and his wife, Joy), of Desloge, and Jerry James (and his wife, Connie), of Jefferson City; a daughter, Libby James, of Desloge; six grandchildren, Christine (Mrs. Lance) Langford, Brian James (and his wife, Nikki), Jodie (Mrs. Tom) Waite, Jennifer Connor, Megan Connor, and Evan Connor; 11 great-grandchildren, Andrew, Denver, Taylor, Grayson, Braden, Kaitlinn, Carson, Tanner, Elizabeth, Chandler, and Sara; a brother, Lawton James (and his wife, Virginia); and a sister, Wanda Mahan, of Michigan.

Dorwin served in the U.S. Navy. He retired from the Missouri State Highway Patrol in 1984, as a lieutenant. He was a past city alderman of Desloge, a deacon at First Baptist Church of Desloge, and a member of Elvins Ionic Lodge #154.

Visitation was held Friday, January 21, at C.Z. Boyer & Son Funeral Home in Desloge, with a Masonic service at 7 p.m. Services were held on Saturday, January 22, at First Baptist Church of Desloge, with Pastor Bradford Laubin-

ger and Reverend Jim Bruns officiating. Memorials may be made to Meals On Wheels or the First Baptist Church of Desloge Community Center.

The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the James family.

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## Bernice H. Eisenhart



Bernice Helen (Vollmer) Eisenhart died Monday, February 7, 2011. She was the beloved wife of the late Elmer C. Eisenhart.

Mrs. Eisenhart is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Sandy and Bob Saur, of Clayton, MO; two grandsons and their wives, Craig and Stephanie Saur, and Eric and Kimberly Saur; and great-grandchildren, Sophie, Lyla, and one soon to arrive.

A funeral mass was held on Thursday, February 10, 2011, at St. Joseph Catholic Church. The family suggests memorials be made to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements were handled by Kriegshauser West Mortuary.

Mrs. Eisenhart was initially employed by the state of Missouri on September 1, 1955 by the Missouri State Department of Revenue as a clerk. On September 1, 1957, the revenue office assigned her to work as a clerk with the driver examination program. On July 1, 1974, she was officially transferred to the Patrol's payroll. She continued

working as a clerk assigned to Troop C's Driver Examination Division. She served the metropolitan St. Louis area her entire career. Mrs. Eisenhart retired March 1, 1987.

Retired DE Sprv. Don Horn remembers Bernice as a really nice person with a great sense of humor. "She was always happy. If she ever had a bad day, she never showed it. Bernice was a good worker and really knew the program."

The Patrol family offers its sincerest condolences to the Eisenhart family.

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## Anthony J. "Tony" Viessman



Anthony Joseph "Tony" Viessman, of Rolla, died on Wednesday, February 9, 2011, in Allentown, PA. He was 76 years old.

The youngest of 13 children, Tony was born on November 25, 1934, in Vienna, MO, to the late Charles and Josephine Viessman. He graduated from Vienna High School, where he played baseball, basketball, and set a pole-vault record, which stood for 45 years. He also attended Central Missouri College in Warrensburg. In March 1957, Tony married Jan Sue Licklider of Belle, MO.

His first job was painting bridges over Missouri's rivers. Tony and seven of his brothers served in the Armed Forces during World War II and the Ko-

rean War. Tony served in the U.S. Army 82nd Airborne from 1953-1956.

On October 12, 1958, Tony joined the Missouri State Highway Patrol as a member of the 19th Recruit Class. After graduation, he was assigned to Troop G, Willow Springs, MO. He was promoted to corporal in 1967, sergeant in 1970, and lieutenant in 1980. Tony served as an assistant zone commander and zone commander in Troop I, Rolla. He was assigned to the Division of Intelligence and Investigation in 1976. As a lieutenant, he was named assistant director of the Division of Drug and Crime Control. In 1982, he was assigned to Troop I.

Tony was known for his outstanding marksmanship as a member of the All Patrol State Pistol Team from 1962 to 1971. He took part in several special assignments throughout his career: the Kansas City Riot (1967); Republican National Convention (1976); FBI Academy (1977); undercover sting operation in Kansas City (1978); and a special investigation at the state penitentiary for the Department of Public Safety (1982). He retired as a lieutenant in 1989.

"Tony came from a humble background," said longtime friend Dr. Jon Hagler, director of the Missouri Department of Agriculture. "He was proud of the Patrol and was very conscious of the opportunity it afforded him. Tony could outwork 10 people and he always treated people with respect. He wasn't scared of anything. I don't think you could find a better testament to what the Patrol is all about."

"Tony got me involved in The MASTERS\*," said Dr. Hagler. "When he talked about that organization and what it does for the families [of fallen troopers], and what it meant to him, I became a member. I know 10-15 people who've joined that organization because of what it meant to Tony."

Tony's loving wife Jan preceded him in death on March 25, 2010. Surviving Tony are: his four daughters, Beth Bextermueller (and her husband, Jim), of Cincinnati, OH, Sara Viessman (and husband, Ron Swinfard), of Allentown, PA, Jennie Viessman, of Cypress, Texas, and Julie MacCash (and her husband, Rusty), of Rolla; his brother, Charles Viessman, of Chicago, IL; and his trusty canine, Toby.

Tony was very proud of his nine grandchildren: Ryan Dillon, Adam Dillon, Ross Bextermueller, Rachel Bextermueller, Heath Garcia (his wife, Kristen, and son, Jacob), Nicholas Garcia, Peter Sotiropoulos, Beth Sotiropoulos, and Hanna Sotiropoulos.

As a self-proclaimed "good old boy from Missouri", Tony loved to hunt, fish, and play golf. He was a loyal fan of the Missouri Tigers and the Saint Louis Cardinals. A lifelong Democrat, Tony was active in politics. Along with friend Les Spencer, Tony founded "Rednecks For Obama" during the 2010 presidential election. At this time Tony and Les traveled across the United States in support of President Obama.

Goodbye for now, Tony. We're happy to know you are at peace, and in a place where Jan can keep you in line. But, we'll miss you. We'll miss your stories, jokes, and pranks—even your Louisiana Whistlers. We'll miss your big heart, your generosity, and your kind-

ness toward complete strangers. In your 76 years, you touched many lives. You will be remembered as a loving husband, a dedicated father, an ornery old grandpa, and a great friend. So, goodbye for now, Tony. We love you, and we miss you already. There never was a dull moment.

Family and friends celebrated Tony's life on February 12, 2011, at Oak Meadow Country Club. Tony's family requests that memorials be sent to the Lehigh Valley Health Network to support the Heart and Vascular Center. The address is: LVHN Development Department, 2100 Mack Boulevard, P.O. Box 4000, Allentown, PA 18105. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Viessman family.

\*The Missouri Association of State Troopers Emergency Relief Society.

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## Anniversaries

### April

#### 15 years

Tpr. William H. Abel, Troop C  
DE III Donna J. Coleman, Troop C  
DE III Phyllis A. Kaminski, Troop C

#### 10 years

CDL Exam. Aud. Brian S.  
Gordanier, Troop B  
Computer Oper. II Craig L.  
Mosley, Q/ISD  
AFIS Entry Oper. III Vincent H.  
Buckner, Q/CJISD

#### 5 years

Comm. Oper. II Gerald D. Leigh,  
Troop D  
Quality Control Clerk II Maria F.  
Fooks, Q/TFD  
Crim. Hist. Spec. II Matthew W.  
Owens, Q/CJISD

### May

#### 35 years

CVO II Kenneth G. Williams,  
Troop D  
Lt. Col. Richard L. Coffey, Q/Staff

#### 15 years

Asst. Chief Oper. Lori K.  
Bielawski, Troop C

Admin. Ofc. Support Asst. Karen  
S. Erb, Troop G

Telecom. Donna F. Fields, Troop  
A

Comm. Oper. II Lalah M.  
Gregory, Troop G

Info. Analyst II Karen S.  
Kempker, Q/CJISD

Clerk IV Ruth S. Koechner,  
Q/CJISD

Comm. Oper. III Lindell E. Roth,  
Troop B

MVI Sprv. Gary W. Stockton,  
Troop D

Comm. Oper. III Pennie S.  
Weisacosky, Troop I

#### 10 years

Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. II Lowell  
A. Forshee, Troop D

Clerk Typist III Kristi K.  
Newman, Troop C

Sr. CJIS Mgr. Jeffrey D. "J.D."  
Reece, Q/CJISD

Cpl. Ryan S. Thompson, Troop F  
DE III Renee Davis, Troop G

#### 5 years

DE III Pamela M. Cooseman,  
Troop C

# ~ Thank You ~

My family and I would like to thank my Patrol family for the many cards of sympathy, thoughts, and prayers following the passing of my sister Mae F. McCain. The support continues to give us comfort as we go forward.

*Sgt. Kevin G. Haywood Sr.  
Troop H*



The family of Jerry (J.J.) Bax sincerely appreciates all who shared in our sorrow and surrounded us with love and support when Dad passed. We extend a special thanks to those who travelled many miles to attend the services, and to those who called, and sent cards, food, flowers, and donations to Sacred Heart Home and School, or just gave us an encouraging word. Dad was so proud his family was a part of the Missouri State Highway Patrol family and we know he was honored to have you share in the celebration of his life.

*Sr. Chief CVO Debra A. Bax,  
Q/CVE  
Retired Captain James and Mrs.  
Donna Watson*



I would like to express thanks and gratitude to all of those who expressed their sympathy, thoughts, prayers, and cards during our time of grief after the loss of my father and grandmother. It is difficult to lose a loved one, but losing two in one day was especially hard and your love helped our family make it through.

*Communications Operator II  
Gregory L. Hill  
Troop E*



On behalf of my family, I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, support, thoughtful cards and the e-mails after the passing of my mother. We would also like to thank those

who attended the funeral services. Your thoughtfulness and support is greatly appreciated.

*CVO Sprv. II Danny F. Fox  
Troop G*



Thank you to everyone for the phone calls, cards, flowers, and prayers upon the death of my mother-in-law, Bonnie Jeanne Garness. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

*Sincerely,  
MVI Sprv. Tamara J. "Tami"  
Garness and family  
Troop A*



Thanks to everyone for the cards, prayers, and flowers following the death of retired Lt. Dorwin A. James. Our family was impressed that so many members of the Patrol family were present in support of us at this time of loss, by attending the visitation and funeral. A special thank you to Capt. Ronald S. Johnson and the officers of Troop C who honored Dad by escorting the funeral procession. Dad would have been proud.

*Sincerely,  
Retired Sgt. Jerry A. James*

## Sympathy

*Our deepest sympathy goes to the following personnel who have lost a member of their family:*

Admin. Ofc. Support Asst. Saundra A. Stroud (D) - stepfather	CVO Sprv. I James F. Stone (A) - father
Ret. Lt. Col. Ralph Biele - wife	Admin. Ofc. Support Asst. Janet S. Kudlack (I) - father
Ret. DE Chief Marie Klevorn - sister	Ret DE Sprv. Gary Lane - father-in-law
Ret. Sgt. Arthur J. Flynn - wife	Sgt. Todd A. Zacher (H) - grandfather
DE Sprv. Donna K. Woody (D) - father	Cpl. Charles L. Brown (C) - father
Ret. DE David Phillips - wife	CVO Sprv. II Danny F. Fox (G) - mother
Tpr. Jason C. Daly (H) - grandmother	Asst. Chief Oper. Teresa J. Fewell (A) - mother
DE Sprv. Tonia L. Daly (H) - grandmother-in-law	Cpl. Jay K. Riley (Q/WPD) - father
CVO Sprv. Kyle E. Cullifer (B) - grandmother-in-law	CIT III Bradley Carr (Q/ISD) - grandmother
Comm. Oper. II Gregory L. Hill (E) - father, grandmother	Sgt. Dorothy E. Taylor (Q/DDCC) - mother
Sgt. Douglas B. McPike (F) - brother-in-law	DE III Jennifer C. "Candy" Ward (E) - grandmother
Tpr. Brian C. Lawler (F) - mother	Tpr. Kindel C. Ward (E) - grandmother-in-law
Lt. Dennis L. Hutton (Q/WPD) - niece, nephew	Comm. Oper. II Jason D. Dake (I) - grandfather
DE III Michael V. Thompson (E) - sister	Cpl. Edwin A. Blaylock (C) - stepfather
Sgt. Bruce L. Klier (D) - grandfather	Admin. Ofc. Support Asst. Barbara A. Kidwell (A) - mother
Lt. John M. Enderle (C) - father	
Ret. DE Sprv. David F. Phillips - wife	
DE Sprv. Ray Brown (A) - mother	
CVO II Jason L. Gregory (G) - grandmother-in-law	

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**40<sup>th</sup>  
Annual**

**Two-Person Scramble Golf Tournament  
Missouri State Highway Patrol Employees and Retirees**

**Redfield Golf Course — Eugene, MO  
Monday, June 6, 2011**

LOCATION	SCHEDULE OF EVENTS	\$\$ FEES \$\$
<p>Redfield Golf Course Eugene, MO</p> <p>U.S. Highway 54 at Missouri Highway 17</p> <p>15 miles south of Jefferson City</p>	<p>Check-in: 7 to 8 a.m. Tee Time: 9 a.m.</p> <p>Meal — Prizes awarded immedi- ately after the tournament.</p> <p><i>Optional Stroke Play Outing:</i> 1 p.m. June 5, 2011</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$40 per player (includes cart; paid at Pro Shop)</li> </ul>	<p>Entry Fee: \$60 per player \$120 per team</p> <p>Entry form and fee are due: May 27, 2011.</p> <p><i>Entry Fee Includes:</i> greens fees, cart, meal, and prizes.</p>
AREA MOTEL	PRACTICE ROUND	\$\$ PRIZES \$\$
<p>Jefferson City, MO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Best Western (573) 635-4175</li> </ul> <p>*Event group rate available*</p>	<p>Call Pro Shop for tee times and prices. (573) 498-0110</p>	<p>Hole-in-one, Hole Prizes, Longest Drive, Door Prizes, and more!</p> <p><i>(Flight and prizes determined by number of team entries.)</i></p>

**Entry Form — 40th Annual MSHP Golf Tournament To Benefit The MASTERS**

**Entry form and fee are due: May 27, 2011.**

Golfer 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Troop \_\_\_\_\_ Retiree \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt Size \* \_\_\_\_\_  
 Golfer 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Troop \_\_\_\_\_ Retiree \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt Size \* \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to: MSHP Golf Tournament. Mail entry form and fee to  
Major Hugh McKay, 3008 Cottonstone Court, Jefferson City, MO 65109.**

Entry Fee: \$60 per player/\$120 per team. Payment *must* be made  
by deadline of May 27, 2011 for proper tournament planning.

Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

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# 2011 MOSTA Crappie Tournament

Saturday, May 7, 2011

7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Truman State Park Marina, Truman Lake, Warsaw, MO

(On Missouri Route UU North From Missouri Highway 7)

**Biggest Crappie Contest** — Winner awarded \$150 and trophy.

**ENTRY FEE** — \$70 PER BOAT ENTRY (Your entry fee of \$70 includes Biggest Crappie Contest.) Limit: Two Fishermen Per Boat. Tournament is open to all fishermen, as long as at least one team member in the boat is employed by a criminal justice agency in any capacity (includes retirees and active reserve members).

**FAMILY PICNIC** will be held at the Truman State Park shelter house at 4:30 p.m. following the tournament.

**CAMPING & MOTEL FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE.**

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