



# Silvis News

## Silvis Police



Silvis Police would like to introduce a newer member of the Silvis Police Department Ryan Stroyan. Officer Stroyan

is a 2011 graduate of United Township High School. Officer Stroyan attended and received a certificate in welding and former welder/assembler for John Deere. Officer Stroyan always had an interest in law enforcement and decided to change careers and follow his passion. Officer Ryan is currently in training and will be visible on all three shifts.

## Silvis Water and Sewer Billing Change Update

The City of Silvis has completed the first monthly billing cycle. All residents should receive the July bill due on the 20th of July if you are current with your water, sewer, and garbage bill. Your statement should be for just one month.

The City of Silvis will discount your monthly bill by one dollar if you sign up for automatic bill payment. An additional one dollar off your monthly water bill for receiving a monthly invoice via email, Silvis News will be included in your statement. If you have any questions, please contact City Hall 309-792-9181. Thank you.

## Grass Clippings On Roadways



Ordinance section 74-1 and 74-33 addresses the issue of lawn clippings on a public roadway. It is unlawful to deposit refuse

(yard trimmings as noted under definition) anywhere in the city unless it is in a container and put out for collection.

The State of Illinois adopted the "Illinois Litter Control Act" making it illegal for people to blow grass cuttings on the roads. Grass clippings are made up of nearly 85 percent water and become a hazard to motorcyclists and bicyclists.

The City of Silvis ask all residents to be courteous to all motor vehicle and pedestrians by abiding by state and local law. Please do not dispense grass clippings on roadways and sidewalks.

## Rumler Slips To Second Place



Silvis resident Isaac Rumler aimed his sights for a win at the John Deere Classic Junior 13 and Under. Rumler began the first day tied for the lead during the June 13th and 14th tournament, carding a first-day score of 39. But Rumler's successful scoring came to an end with three double bogies during day two. Rumler score of 43 landed him in second place to his fellow competitor Lucas Laffoon age 10 from Johnston Iowa who captured the titled.

## Summer Park Program



Summer park program director Damon Bautista has deep roots in the summer program. Mr. Bautista grew up only blocks from Schadt Park and recalls summer days

at the Schadt Park and the park program as a youth. Socialization with other kids was important then, said Bautista and perhaps even more critical for today's youth. Also, this program lends an opportunity for different age groups to intermingle.

Mr. Bautista began working for the Silvis Park program in 2007 as a counselor during his second year at Monmouth College, studying to be a Physical Education Teacher. Bautista recalls his first year on staff and how excited I was while remembering how small the program was with only four counselors at the time. After five years working at the summer park program as a counselor, Bautista was recommended by the director at the time for the position as program director. Bautista recalls it was a big step, and I wasn't sure if I was ready for the challenge. There is a lot of work to get done, scheduling, planning, budgeting, but the current director mentored me before the following year she was expected to leave, said Bautista.

Mr. Bautista is in his seventh year as park program director and "the program continues to grow," said Bautista. One hundred and sixty-five kids signed up for this years summer park program. It's not unusual to see fifty to sixty kids here at the park every day.

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At noon every day, the kids gather with their sack lunches. If someone forgot their lunch or has no lunch at all, the program always provides something as a back-up, so no one goes without lunch. Unfortunately said Bautista, we see a growing and disturbing trend. Many kids are asking to eat lunch much earlier, around ten in the morning. A private or corporate partnership would be welcomed to aid in this issue. It would be nice to feed the kids at least some form of a snack to hold them over until lunch time, like a breakfast bar or something that will keep from spoilage in the cupboard, said Bautista. City officials, when touring the revamped kitchen area at George O Barr School three years ago, were informed nearly as many kids signing up for the lunch program, do so for the breakfast program as well. With school out for the summer, it's worth considering the same kids who depended on the school breakfast program, do without during the summer.

When it comes to wishes and wants, Bautista has a few. We always welcome donation such as the freeze pops. Its an item that will keep for a long time, and a wonderful treat for the kids on a hot day. We also use them as part of the reward for good behavior. A larger facility would be helpful as well, but I know that's asking for a lot. When we have special guest such as Birds of Prey come. We had ninety kids in the McGehee Center attending the Birds of Prey, and that about all we could fit in the McGehee Center said Bautista.

The summer park program continues to grow under the leadership of Damon Bautista. His dedication and passion for the park program and the kids is unmatched, and the community is lucky to have Damon Bautista as director of the summer park program.

You can contact Damon Bautista directly at [runner4804@hotmail.com](mailto:runner4804@hotmail.com).

- July Field Trip Tentative Schedule
- July 5th Splash Landing
  - July 10th Regal Movie Theater
  - July 12th Whitewater Junction
  - July 17th Riverside Aquatic Center
  - July 19th Geneseo Pool
  - July 23rd Niabi Zoo
  - July 24th Fun City-- Burlington IA.

## SFD

### Silvis Fire Department June Raffle



#### Winners

\$300 Joni Nache,  
\$50 Patti VanDeWoestyne  
\$50 Becky Covemaker  
\$25 Dave Emerick  
\$25 Debbie Mckay, \$25

Randy Swanson. \$25 Mike Johnson/ Bill Hyde

June was the last drawing for 2018 ticket sales. A bonus drawing was held for 10-\$25 draws. To win in the bonus drawing, you must not have won previously in the past 12 months. Those winners are: Jim Staub, Nadine Kroll, David Bein, Guadalupe Vargas, Bill Brown, Joyce Armstrong, Adela Vargas, Ashley Engh, Chrissy Winters, Sandy Neels.

The Silvis Fire Department would like to express a warm and sincere thank you for all the community support.

### Navy Week Celebration



Navy Week celebration kicked off at Hero Street June 26th with a full Navy band. The ceremony in Silvis is one of 14 sites across the country. The coordinated celebration is designed to allow all Americans an opportunity to learn more about the Navy and what the branch of service has to offer. Navy Week program beginning in 2005 is a flagship to reach out to communities without any significant Navy presence.

### Pet Of The Month



This thirteen-month-old male Goldendoodle is named Miles. In his spare time between enjoying belly rubs and as much attention, you can spare. Miles loves playing tug of war with his big brother Coco, a chocolate Labrador.

## Corn Dip

### "COWBOY CAVIAR"



1 can corn (drained)  
1 small can green chilies  
½ cup sour cream  
1 cup Mayo (not salad dressing)

1 cups shredded cheese (your choice)

\*OPTIONAL: use all, or choose what you want to add:

½ cup jalapenos

1/3 cup chopped onion

½ cup chopped cilantro

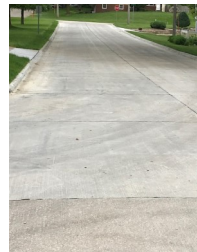
1 can black beans (drained)

MIX, CHILL AND SERVE WITH FRITOS OR CORN CHIPS

Submitted by: Kathy Hall



### On Time and Under Budget



Two recent road construction project was awarded and completed by Walter D. Laud Construction for the amount of \$157,508. The two projects consist of significant road replacements

in the ten hundred block of 8th Ave and one hundred blocks of 5th Ave. Construction material cost attributed to a cost saving of \$6000 less.

### How High Is Too High?

City Code Sec. 42-37: It shall be unlawful for anyone to permit any weeds, grass or plants other than trees, bushes, flowers or other ornamental plants to grow to a height exceeding 12 inches anywhere in the city. Any such plants, grass or weeds exceeding such height are declared to be a nuisance. To report high grass and weeds, please contact 309-792-1841.

