

Silvis News

29th Edition



Meet Your Patrolman

Nicholas "Nico" Castro, grew up in Moline & attended

Moline High School, where he was on the football team and attending the Boys & Girls Club after school was a favorite of Nico's. Officer Castro attended Black Hawk College for two years before transferring to Western Illinois University, in Macomb, where he graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. During his time off, Nico enjoys road trips, trying new places to eat, cooking, lifting weights, and playing basketball with friends.



New Bakery

Rose Creations Bakery located at 500 1st Avenue, in downtown Silvis,

is open for business Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 6 am to 10 am. Rose Hagmeier has sold her baked goods for six years at craft shows and farmer's markets throughout the Quad Cities. The store features freshly baked cinnamon rolls, various cookies by the dozen, and assorted breads. Rose can also take special orders for pies and custom cakes. Seasonal Christmas treats will be available throughout December. Visit the website at rosebakerysilvis.com or phone (217) 248-2242. If I could recommend one item, I would suggest checking out the jalapeño cheese bread; it's very yummy!



Sue Swartz

Sue Swartz is the director of the Silvis Food Pantry, located at 1301 2nd Avenue. Sue received a

'Certificate of Appreciation' from Mayor Matt Carter and the City Council at the November 7th meeting. In a later interview, Mrs. Swartz stated, "Many thanks to all the residents in Silvis and others who live outside our community who helped the Silvis Food Pantry provide Thanksgiving food for the food-insecure people in our area. The amount of donated food was huge! I thank you & everyone from the bottom of my heart."

VISION 2030

For the purpose of planning for the future of Silvis, Mayor Matt Carter is seeking suggestions in a roundtable discussion. Mayor Carter would like to hear from Silvis residents, business owners, members of area schools, and clergy. The mayor is planning a series of discussions throughout winter months, discussing the needs, wants and long term goals for the City of Silvis. If you're interested in joining the roundtable discussion please contact mcarter@silvisil.org or (309) 429-5104.



Running Out Of Room?

Suppose you run out of room in your recycle container this holiday season. If that's the case, Silvis residents can access the free-of-charge large recycling containers located at the Public Works Facility, 107 1st Avenue North. The facility hours are from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm Monday through Friday, and it is closed on holidays. The recycle bin is accessible to **Silvis residents only**, and proof of residency may be required upon arrival.



If you are in need of help this winter shoveling your sidewalk, we have an awesome

organization within our community willing to help you out! Contact the City Clerk's office at City Hall for more information. (309) 792-918. Or if you're willing to lend a helping hand, please to contact us as well.

City Hall Holiday Hours

December 22nd:

Closing at noon

December 25th & 26th:

Closed

January 1st: Closed



Look for the next Silvis News in March.

Until then, have a safe and productive new year!



Railway Park Comes Alive for the Christmas Season



The Silvis Park Department has outdone itself with an incredible light show during this holiday season! The park staff has decorated the park with a Light-O-Rama 16 channel kit while using only a laptop computer! The lighted park is set to move in sequence to an extensive holiday music playlist, including Mariah Carey and the Trans Siberian Orchestra. Be sure to check out the show!

Year End Donation

If you are considering a year-end donation to a not-for-profit organization, why not keep it local?

- Silvis Food Pantry | 1301 2nd Ave | Sue Swartz (309) 798-8055
- Silvis Garden Club | Treasurer, Carolyn Reid (309) 781-7740 | silvisgardenclub.org
- Silvis Optimist Club | President, Brian Hillyer (309) 755-2212 | schrodermortuary@gmail.com
- EM/Silvis Rotary Club | Foundation Chair, Dave Emerick (309) 752-1200 | demerick@choosethechief.com
- Railroading Heritage of Midwest America | www.rrhma.com

Volunteer Opportunities

Your local American Red Cross needs you! Learn all about the volunteer needs available today at www.redcross.org



Farthest From Home January 1st Thru June 31st

If you plan to leave home (Silvis) to take a trip, don't forget your Frank's Pizzeria T-shirt. The City of Silvis is sponsoring the 'Farthest-From-Home' contest, where one lucky winner will win a large Frank's Pizza! The contest rules are simple: You must be a resident of Silvis, wearing a Frank's Pizzeria t-shirt near an identifiable out-of-town landmark. The farthest location from Silvis wins! Email your picture, name, contact information, location, and date of the photograph to mcarter@silvisil.org. If you need a Frank's Pizzeria t-shirt, Frank's is well stocked with many colors & sizes. Small thru large are \$14.00, extra large and double extra large are \$17.00, and triple large are \$20.00. The winner will be announced in July; safe journeys!

City Hall Hosts Angel Tree



In partnership with the Silvis School District, the City of Silvis will have an Angel Tree at City Hall. You can pick-up an angel(s) from the Angel Tree now until December 12th.



As 2024 comes steaming ahead, the Railroading Heritage of Midwest America, located in the old Rock Island Lines repair facility, is seeking donated railroad-related items for their planned railroad museum. If you have railroad memorabilia you or another family member would like to contribute, don't hesitate to contact Ron Rahn at (309) 373-0097.

Hometown Hero Banners



The City of Silvis is again opening applications for Hometown Hero Banners. These banners honor your loved one who served or continues to serve. You can purchase a customized banner to be displayed downtown. Stop by City Hall to fill out an application, which will be available until January 1st. The banner costs \$100 and will be displayed from Memorial Day and Veteran's Day. For any further questions, please get in touch with City Hall at (309) 792-9181.



McGehee Hall Rental

The McGehee Center is available for rental year-round. The hall rents for \$25 per hour. You **must be a Silvis resident** to rent the hall, and a \$125 **cash only** deposit is required. Questions: please call the City Hall office at (309)792-9181.



Pick up & disposal of natural Christmas trees will be January 10th. Please set them out along the curb so they can be picked up.



The winner of last month's contest is Mary Slonecker. She guessed correctly; George O Barr, the former Silvis School District superintendent, once owned the house.