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ALL THE NEWS THAT'S FIT TO AUDIT

In Fiscal Year 2010, 53 clients participated in St. Patrick Center's restaurant training program. Twenty-eight of those clients found employment in the food and health care industries in St. Louis.

St. Patrick's McMurphy's Express Instills Self-worth

In the lobby of the Abrams Building at 1520 Market as you enter there are the aromas of toast and cornbeef with a little sour kraut and swiss cheese being prepared in a brightly lit kiosk right across from the water fall fountain. Tables for customers are neatly lined near the window of the lobby. Workers behind the counter are busy getting ready for the lunch crowd cutting lettuce, tomatoes and making sure there are plenty of beverages so that whatever people want is ready to go.

McMurphy's Express is celebrating its first year at this location November 2011. This quick cafe to get a bite to eat while taking care of business at "City Hall West" is the extension of St. Patrick Center's McMurphy's Grill a restaurant business and program set up to help the homeless, ex-convicts, felons, and drug addicted find themselves and learn a skill they can use to take care of themselves.

"Working with McMurphy's Express has touched my life. I'm a

Christian so my mission is to fulfill God's work", says Alice Laney, Café Supervisor.

Laney explained that the restaurant or food services program at St. Patrick Center is one of many opportunities clients can take advantage of for 90 days.

"Most clients work at the restaurant for three weeks then with McMurphy's Express for three. We not only teach clients how to prepare or cook food but we get them ready with life skills like how to greet customers and give with good service", says Laney.

Tynetta Wilson found that St. Patrick Center not only is helping her to get back on her feet but to get her back into a field she really likes working in.

"After I finished serving my time my grandmother told me about St. Patrick's employment program. Food services was something I had experience in.

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Be careful when shopping for the holiday Online

Remember to protect yourself this holiday season not only when you are out shopping but on the internet as well. There were some \$1.2 billion or more spent on the web this past Cyber Monday 2011. Retailers and other groups such as the Better Business Bureau want you to make sure you don't get hacked. Be careful with everyone having cameras on cell phones. When you pull your credit card out to use, anyone can take a picture of your numbers. Don't put your personal information in the trash to go out to the dumpster. Watch out for the pages you shop on and the URL and web addresses. Make sure it begins with https:// as opposed to the usual http://. The (s) behind the http means that the site is secured. Only shop on sites of merchants you know and trust. Provide only the information necessary to complete the transaction. It's best to pay with credit cards which are protected by the federal Fair Credit Billing Act.



Open House: Federal Grants and Internal Audit Along with “Dip Day” Tradition Kicks off Holiday Season!



The Comptroller’s Office got the holiday spirit started on November 16, 2011 with an open house hosted by Federal Grants and Internal Audit. Also there was a “Dip Day” tradition hosted by Finance and Development the week of Thanksgiving.

Several City of St. Louis Departments were invited to come and visit the new offices of Federal Grants and Internal Audit now housed in their new location at 1520 Market since September.

A mid-morning meet and greet had clients and co-workers enjoying themselves from the St. Louis Civil Rights Enforcement Agency (CREA), the Supply

Division, the Department of Health, Human Services, SLATE and the St. Louis City Fire Department just to name a few.



The Finance and Development unit for the Comptroller’s Office continued with tradition holding a “Dip Day” event November 21st inviting co-workers and departments they work with to

come and visit their new facilities and to learn more about how the different units in the Comptroller’s office works with other City departments.

Eunetter Steele one of the host of “Dip Day” along with her supervisor Deputy Comptroller, Ivy Neyland-Pinkston said everyone contributed food to the pre-Thanksgiving event. All department heads got an opportunity to explain to guests what their sections handle in the Comptroller’s Office and how what they do helps to service the City of St. Louis and its many functions efficiently.



“Dip Day” started when we were in Room 311 at City Hall”, says Steele. “We used to just bring in a dip dish or something you wanted to share with co-workers and just have a good time. It’s a great way to sit down and get to know people you work with!”

Other items on the menu that day were 7-Up pound cake, Watergate salad and sweet potato pie.

Employee of the Month



Scott King is Comptroller “Employee of the Month”. King Payroll Specialist II has worked for payroll companies before coming to City Hall making sure some 170 different entities around the country got paid on time.

King loves the arts, music and theatre. He most recently got to see Ben Folds at the St. Louis Symphony! Congratulations!!!!

New Employee



Johnny Woodhouse just joined the Comptroller’s Office working as Telecommunications Technician. Welcome aboard!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
For those born in November



3 Comptroller Darlene Green
8 Ishmael Ikepeama
9 David Lenza
16 Denise Peoples
17 Kerri Brown
23 Robin Jones
23 John Zakibe
27 Eugene Posley
29 Leonard Bell
30 Megan Mocaby

Aloha Barbara Coleman



After nine years working as Clerk Typist in Records Retention Barbara Coleman has retired. Coleman worked in the banking industry for 14 years before joining the Comptroller’s Office. She says she enjoyed her years at City Hall saying her co-workers were a team and great to work with.



Coro Fellow Joins Comptroller’s Office

Meet Katie Becherer Coro Fellow interning in the Comptroller’s Office for the next five weeks. Becherer’s first stop on her Fellow journey was with Federal Grants working with Accounting Manager II, LaTania Wilder. Becherer is a recent graduate of St. Louis University majoring in Public Policy, Urban Affairs and Business Administration. Becherer has worked as a Coro Fellow for the Foster Adoption Care Coalition and the Labor Tribune Newspaper.



St. Patrick Instills

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With this training I'm learning more about the food industry," says Wilson.

Each year some 30-40 men and women discover successful careers in the restaurant industry after completing St. Patrick's program.

McMurphy's Express is open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. It is a convenient option for breakfast and lunch. The café offers a wide variety of menu items and since they are non-profit you pay no sales tax.

McMurphy's Express offers box lunches catered to your office if you have a lot on your agenda that day and can't get away. They will also cater office meetings for breakfast and lunch too.



McMurphy's Express not only provides food for customers on the run but self-sufficiency and dignity to people who want a chance.



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Reaching for High Marks



Tammy Garrett's Brittney will be performing in Circus Harmony: Tessitura, January 7th, 8th, 14th and 15th at the City Museum every Sunday at 1p.m. and 3 p.m.

Circus Harmony is a non profit organization whose mission is to teach the art of life through circus education to children.

"She took a class in the spring and really got serious this fall. She goes 6 days a week for classes from ballroom dancing to contortion," says Garrett.

Garrett says Brittney is interested in going to circus college in Canada where the world class Cirque du Soleil headquarters is located.

Corrections: For October
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The spelling of Geneta Jacobs' first name

The spelling of Elizabeth Lydon's former last name

The spelling of the word Multimodal concerning the GTC

Dr. Stone's Grand-Daughter's Team Scores

Internal Audit Executive, Dr. Kenneth Stone's grand-daughter Ashlee Holloway's Kindergarten and 1st Grade co-ed soccer squads went undefeated 7-0-3 against an all boys team this past season. "This is a first time win for Grace Christian Academy", say Dr. Stone.



**JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER:
THE COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE 2011 HOLIDAY
CELEBRATION IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15TH, 2011
11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
AT**

**HODAK'S
RESTAURANT & BAR
2100 GRAVOIS AVENUE
ST. LOUIS, MO 63104**

**PAYMENTS ARE DUE BY
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2011**

**PLEASE GIVE ALL PAYMENTS TO
JOHN DILIBERTO (1520 MARKET) OR
JOHN ZAKIBE (ROOM 311)**

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