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» BRIEFLY

Former Telegraph columnist Earl Atlakson passes away



Earl Atlakson, a former weekly columnist for *The Saint Joseph Telegraph*, passed away December 29th at his home. He was 84 years old.

Earl, who retired from Prudential Insurance Company, was very active in St. Joseph's South side. He was one of the founders of the South St. Joseph Progressive Association, the SouthSide Fall Festival and active with the South Side Rotary.

Earl wrote a column about South Side activities for *The Telegraph* for several years and remained a strong supporter of *The Telegraph* until his passing.

His complete obituary can be found on page 8.

Cotillion for Achievement to announce finalists

The Cotillion for Achievement will announce the 20 finalists for the Cotillion's 2010 class.

The event will be held on Sunday, January 10, 2010 from 2-4 p.m. at Room 214 Spratt Hall at Missouri Western State University.

For additional information contact Candy Sheehan Cotillion Public Relations 279-8893 or candishesheehan@yahoo.com

KCP&L Offers Cold Weather Tips

With more snowfall predicted this week, KCP&L is putting additional crews on standby and offering safety tips for customers.

In terms of crew preparations, extra personnel are added to shifts, which run 24 hours per day. The combination of round-the-clock availability and additional staffing minimize restoration times. Tree trimmers are also being deployed to proactively address tree limbs that could become problematic.

"Whenever there's a situation with nasty weather, safety has to remain the top priority," said Bill Herdegen, vice president T&D operations for KCP&L. "While we are readying our teams, customers can brush up on their knowledge of basic safety reminders, making us all better prepared to respond to potential out-

- ages."
- Winter Weather Safety Tips
- 1-- Prepare a winter storm kit by gathering extra supplies for your home and your car, including:
 - First Aid kit and essential medications
 - Battery-powered radio, flashlight and extra batteries
 - Canned food and can opener
 - Bottled water (at least 1 gallon per person per day)
 - Warm clothing, blanket, coat, gloves, hat and water-resistant boots for each family member
 - 2--Stay indoors during the storm, if possible. If you must move to an alternate location, dress warmly with several layers of clothing, wear gloves and a hat to avoid exposing your skin to dangerous wind chill.

- 3--Walk carefully on snowy and icy surfaces. Avoid traveling by car and risking being stranded, but if you must . . .
 - Carry a "disaster kit" in the trunk.
 - Keep the car's gas tank full for emergency use and to keep the fuel line from freezing.
 - Always let someone know your destination, route of travel and expected time of arrival.
 - Carry a cell phone if you have one.
 - Listen to weather radio or local radio and TV stations for updated storm information. If you have Internet access, you also can check KCP&L Power Watch maps at www.kcpl.com.
- 4--For family members on a life support system -

Public Meeting on Wastewater Options

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CITY OF ST. JOSEPH

The city of St. Joseph's Water Protection program will hold a public meeting to present and obtain feedback on major wastewater infrastructure investments needed on the eastside of the city.

The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 12, 2010, starting at 5:00pm. The meeting is open to the public and is scheduled to end around 6:30pm. The meeting will be held at Frederick Boulevard Baptist Church,

Room 123, located at 5502 Frederick Boulevard, St. Joseph.

The Water Protection program team would like to present and obtain feedback from the public on the following potential infrastructure improvement alternatives:

- Build a new eastside wastewater treatment plant (water protection facility) OR
- Build a new eastside wastewater pump station

Public input matters to the city. This is a good opportunity for the public to



be briefed on the issues and the potential solutions and to ask questions.

The Water Protection program is a city program that will address major wet weather challenges, including the need to renew and replace aging infrastructure, improve water quality, and maintain regulatory compliance.

Graves Nominates Academy Students

U.S. Congressman Sam Graves(R-MO) today announced he has nominated three St. Joseph area students to United States Service Academies.

Nathan Goblen was nominated to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland. Goblen is a senior at Benton High School in St. Joseph. He is a member of the National Honor Society and is a member of the Sea Cadets. He is the son of Steve and Lavera Goblen.

Dylan Klawuhn was nominated to the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colorado. Dylan lives in Rushville, but attends Atchison High School in Kansas. He was active in Boy Scouts and played football and golf. He is the son of Jeff and Robyn Klawuhn.

Jacob Tula, Maysville, was appointed to the Air Force Academy. He is a

student attending the Missouri Academy of Science, Math and Computing at Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville.

"They are excellent individuals and students," said Graves.

"They have proven that they can excel both in and out of the classroom."

The nomination system is a very competitive process. The various military academies hold very selective admission standards. To help in the nomination process, Graves created an Academy Nominations Review Board. The board, made up of service academy graduates and citizens of the 6th District, interviewed and reviewed all applicants and made final recommendations to Graves.

Graves, who notified each

student by phone that he was nominating them, said it was a very difficult to make his final selections since all the students that applied were so exceptional. All of the applicants had impressive academic credentials and extensive involvement in school and community activities.

"The Sixth District continues to produce some of the most outstanding candidates in the nation," said Graves. "They have made a commitment to be the best and to serve our nation's armed services. I am very proud of all of them."

Students interested in being appointed to a service academy can find out more information by contacting Graves' district office in Liberty or by visiting his website: www.house.gov/graves.

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