



# Festus Focus

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## Revamping Lucas Field

Changes are on the horizon for Butch Lucas Field at West City Park. The Festus Tourism Commission approved a budget of \$20,000 to improve the infield grass and \$15,000 to purchase a new scoreboard that can be used for high school and Legion baseball. In addition, the Park Board and City Council approved removing the press box so bleachers could be installed directly behind home plate and afford a clear view of the whole field for spectators. These improvements will begin at the end of August and will be completed before the beginning of the 2014 baseball season.

The Festus Tourism Commission also approved these expenditures:

- ◆ Twin City Days headline band in 2014 - \$25,000
- ◆ Sunset Park softball field additional funding - \$35,000
- ◆ Singles tennis court surface overlay additional funding- \$6,000 (added to \$10,000 previously approved)
- ◆ Increase grass cutting on I-55 at Highway A - \$1,350
- ◆ Car Cruise advertising - \$1,000
- ◆ Tourism Brochure #2 - \$10,000
- ◆ Friends of the Festus Parks support - \$7,500
- ◆ Sunset Park concession stand set aside - \$30,000
- ◆ Firefighter Convention tourism support - \$5,000

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## New Life for 224 Main St.



Building owners sprucing up windows and brick mortar at 224 Main St.



What a great summer of reading and programs we've had this year! Kids still have plenty of time to turn in completed reading logs for great prizes, including a chance to win Cardinals tickets. We'll be accepting completed logs until the end of August. All Festus Intermediate students entering the 5th and 6th grades will only need to earn one point for their first quarter AR goal if they complete the Summer Reading Program. Adults have until the end of September to turn in completed reading logs. Congratulations to everyone who participated and visited the

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library this summer -you did a great job!

Don't forget that ebooks and eaudiobooks may now be checked out from the library by visiting our website at [www.CityoffFestus.org/library](http://www.CityoffFestus.org/library) and clicking on the Overdrive link. Visit the library if you have any questions or need help. It's easy to get ebooks onto your device and there are never any late fees!

Please consider donating to the Festus Public Library Foundation. When you make a contribution to help meet future goals, your name will be added to the contributors' board at the library. Contributions can be monthly, annual, or one time. Please call or visit the library for more information.



## Talent Show Winner

Congratulations to 7 year old Emilynn Marnin of Pevely who won the Children's Talent Show portion of the Festus Gong Show with a solo dance routine featuring acrobatic tricks. The Festus Gong Show was Saturday, July 13.





Congratulations to Jeremy Dennis of Crystal City. Jeremy won The Festus Gong Show with his rendition of "Amazed." Jeremy is to the left of Gong Show host extraordinaire, Chris Hagan. Thank you to all who came out to participate in and watch the event!

Thank you to Sam Stoll and friends who worked to replace the entrance sign at Billy Porter Park. Sam is a member of Troop # 484 in Festus and this is his Eagle Scout Project. Congratulations on your achievement and thank you for all your hard work!



**Used Book Sale**  
The Friends of the Festus Public Library will sponsor their Twin City Days "Used Book Sale" on Friday, September 6 from 9am to 5pm and Saturday, September 7 from 9am to 1pm. Hard back and paperback books will be available. Many are like new. The event will take place in the conference room of the Festus Library at 400 West Main St. Everyone is invited to attend this fundraiser.



Congratulations to Jerry Coplin, winner of the rain barrel drawing!

Fall Clean Up Day is Sat, Oct 19 at Public Works from 7am-3pm 950 N 5th St

**Council Work Session**— Aug 7 at 7pm  
**Council Meetings**— Aug 14 and 28 at 7pm  
**Park Board**— Aug 22 at 6pm  
**Planning & Zoning Meeting**— Aug 21 at 6:30  
**Library Board**— Aug 1 at 6pm

**Festus Blues and Funk Festival**

Saturday, August 10 6pm-11pm

West City Park Fairgrounds

The local Torrey Casey Band, 8604, will be opening for the Jeremiah Johnson Band with the Sliders, 2011 winners of the St. Louis Blues Society IBC Challenge and nominated in the 2012 RFT Music Awards Readers' Poll, at the 3rd Annual Festus Blues and Funk Festival. This event, sponsored by The Friends of Festus Parks and The Festus Park Board, is sure to be a lot of fun! The JJB, based in St. Louis, is an original blues jam band that plays Texas honkytonk mixed with St. Louis Big Horns.

We have added lots of activities for the kids! Kids can get free face painting, caricature drawings and the Tekno Bubble Bus. The kids' activities will be during daylight hours, from 7-9 pm. The Bubble Bus will be from 9-11pm. During music breaks we will have hula hooping and limbo contests as well as "Heads or Tails." Cash prizes will be awarded!!

If you haven't tried the new, local Louisiana Cajun style restaurant, Taytro's Bar and Grill, here is your chance! They will be the only food vendor at this event.

Bring your Mardi Gras beads and dancing shoes and let the party begin!

*Friends of the Festus Parks*  
*Presents...*

**Blues Festival**  
8/10/13 - 6 pm  
West City Park Fairgrounds  
Torrey Casey Band 8604  
Opening for...

**TAYTRO'S BISTRO**  
Serving...  
Food  
Drinks  
"Free" \$2 Parking

**THE JEREMIAH JOHNSON BAND WITH the Sliders**

Activities for Everyone!  
Bubble Bus  
Face Painting  
Caricature Artist

*No Colors Please!*