



Editorial: Short takes on moms with guns, and a student's very bad 9/11 judgment

Packing heat in the drop-off lane

Apparently, some moms think a good way to get kids to learn history is to reenact scenes from the Wild West on school grounds. Hazelwood Police Captain James Hudanick says two mothers dropping off their kids at McNair Elementary School got into an argument when one cut off the other in the drop-off lane of the school.

Hudanick said the offending mother walked up to apologize to the other, but the apology wasn't accepted.

The second mom pulled out a gun, whereupon the first mom countered by producing her own gun.

The women decided to stand down. They dropped off their children and left the parking lot without incident.

But police aren't standing down and have handed the case over to the St. Louis County prosecutor's office for unlawful use of a weapon.

Lesson, yes. But this case is definitely not history.



This Week's Eureka-Wildwood Area Prep Sports Schedule

Lafayette High School Lancers — Boys Varsity Football

Vs. **Hazelwood West High School Wildcats**

- **When:** Friday, September 24th, 7:00 p.m.
- **Where:** Lafayette Football Field
- [More Info](#)



High School Sports In And Near Chesterfield: The Week Ahead

Parkway Central High School Colts — Boys Varsity Football

Vs. **Hazelwood East High School Spartans**

- **When:** Friday, September 24th, 7:00 p.m.
- **Where:** Parkway Central Football Field
- [More Info](#)



This Week's Kirkwood Area Prep Sports Schedule

Kirkwood High School Pioneers — Boys Varsity Football

Vs. **Hazelwood Central High School Hawks**

- **When:** Friday, September 24th, 7:00 p.m.
- **Where:** Ernest L. Lyons Memorial Field
- [More Info](#)

Banks, Price carry Hazelwood Central to convincing win over Seckman



FLORISSANT — Jamarion Price hadn't had a chance to sit on the bench yet when the Hazelwood Central football team's coaching staff shouted for the offense to get ready Saturday afternoon.

"But we were just out there," Price deadpanned for a laugh. A senior running back, Price was kidding, but he wasn't wrong. The Hawks offense had just been on the field. Then again, the speed at which Hazelwood Central scored it wouldn't be out there long.

Hazelwood Central had two scoring drives that were one play and another two that were two plays as it rolled to a 46-13 nonconference win over Seckman at Hazelwood Central. The No. 6 large school in the **STLhighschoolsports.com** rankings, Hazelwood Central (4-0) baptized up and comer Seckman (3-1) with a steady diet of size and speed.

On the Hawks' second offensive play, and his first carry, Price rolled 51 yards for a touchdown to tie the game at 6. After the defense held and standout Armani Turner's spectacular punt return gave Central a short field, it was senior running back Lionel Banks' turn. On his first carry of the game he went 27 yards for a touchdown to put the Hawks ahead 13-6 with 5 minutes and 47 seconds to play in the first.

"We knew they had some good backs and if we didn't get them at that first tackle they were going to go long," Seckman coach Nick Baer said. The Jaguars knew it was coming and couldn't stop it. Price carried the ball seven times for 130 yards and scored two touchdowns. Banks had 10 carries for 122 yards and three touchdowns, the shortest of which was 9 yards.

"When he scores I want to score harder," Banks said. "I score two times, what are you going to do? He scores two times. It's like that." Banks and Price consistently brushed off first contact — and often second and third contact — to break through Seckman's defense time and again. The pair are fast, strong and hard to wrangle. Banks is 5-foot-6 and 180 pounds. Price is 5-foot-5 and 170 pounds. Not one Jaguar was fast enough to catch them from behind on their way to the end zone.

"Too much touchdowns isn't enough touchdowns so we have to keep going," Banks said.

Local African-American women win Women of Achievement awards



Women of Achievement recently honored the 2021 Women of Achievement – a selection of 10 extraordinary volunteers from the St. Louis metropolitan region. The St. Louis Women of Achievement Award, which was founded in 1955, is the oldest, ongoing program in the area whose sole mission is to honor and recognize the volunteer service and volunteer leadership of women.

The 10 honorees were recognized at the 66th Women of Achievement Awards Celebration—an hourlong awards broadcast on Nine PBS on Monday, September 13. A recording of the program is also online on Women of Achievement’s website (woastl.org).

Health Advocacy- Dr. Lannis E. Hall

Dr. Hall received incredible guidance from her grandparents during her childhood, and she often recounts how devastated she was at the time of their passing. As she grew older, Dr. Hall learned that three out of her four grandparents were lost to preventable cancers. When she ultimately chose the field of Radiation Oncology, Dr. Hall promised to dedicate herself to educating the community about early detection and the prevention of similar tragedies. For the last 20 years, Dr. Hall has honored that promise by dedicating herself to reducing cancer disparities and promoting health and wellness in the St. Louis region. Some of the many ways Dr. Hall has exemplified this dedication include: partnering with church leaders to provide health, wellness, and cancer education for congregations across St. Louis; co-founding the Prostate Cancer Coalition, an organization that educates the community and healthcare providers about the tragic disparities of prostate cancer survival as well as the importance of early detection and screening; co-developing an 11-episode podcast series called Our Healthy Men: The Prostate Cancer Question and Answer Show; partnering with the **Hazelwood School District** to present breast health education to nearly 3,000 young ladies; and co-creating a 17-minute breast health education video called Pink Table Talk: A Sisterly Discussion on Breast Health with The St. Louis Chapter of the Links.

Teach For America picks 15 for school leadership training after pivot



Teach For America St. Louis said it has selected 15 new participants for a year-long program that aims to train school leaders.

The cohort is the eighth for the program, which launched in 2014, but also comes as the nonprofit seeks to "deepen its investment" in its 600 alumni in the area, while also no longer sending new graduates into St. Louis schools, citing disappointing results. It announced that development in June.

"Studies support that school leaders are uniquely positioned to have impact at scale, while also being proximate enough to directly influence student outcomes," said **Elizabeth Bleier**, interim executive director of TFA St. Louis.

The organization said nearly 75% of the 2021-2022 cohort identify as coming from a historically underrepresented community, with 53% people of color and 33% first-generation college graduates.

The organization said fellows will participate in monthly cohort meetings during the school year, four days of professional development and career discussions. They're also invited to pursue a masters in education leadership to earn their principal certification through Saint Louis University, it said.

Emily Philippine, ESL/ELL teacher, Hazelwood Central High School

Teach for America, which says it has a presence in 50 markets, for fiscal 2018 reported revenue of \$324 million and expenses of \$288 million. Assets totaled \$460 million and liabilities \$60 million.

Week 4 football roundup: Oakville tops Hazelwood West for second consecutive victory



Thomas Cairra has suffered through his share of tough times.

The Oakville High senior linebacker counted up the numbers and realized that the Tigers had lost 14 of 15 games entering this season.

Those losing ways are quickly becoming distant memories.

Oakville downed Hazelwood West 55-26 on Friday afternoon to claim back-to-back wins for the first time in five seasons.

The Tigers (2-2) knocked off Webster Groves 14-10 on Sept. 10 to break an eight game losing skid. They followed that up with an impressive triumph on Friday.

“The culture is changing around here,” Cairra said. “We’re turning things around.”

Oakville scored on six of its first seven possessions to stun the Wildcats (2-2) in the contest at West.

Freshman quarterback Adam Kilburn ran a ground-and-pound offensive attack to perfection.

“This is real big, huge for us,” said Oakville coach Mike Genge, who is in his second season. “We’re preaching belief, work ethic and these young men have bought in.”

Joey Romano scored on a 2-yard run late in the first half to break a 20-20 tie and send the Tigers on their way. Damien Moore tallied on a 23-yard burst up the middle in the first possession of the second half. Kilburn then hit Romano on a 31-yard TD strike to push the lead to 41-20.

https://www.stltoday.com/sports/high-school/football/week-4-football-roundup-oakville-tops-hazelwood-west-for-second-consecutive-victory/article_b643cf2e-182f-11ec-b84b-0714334a60f5.html

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