



# The Tesson Times

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## July Meeting

**Date:** Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
**Time:** 3:00 pm  
**Place:** Dulany's Pub and Grille  
9940 Kennerly Road  
Directly across from St. Anthony's Hosp.  
**Cost:** \$10 – All you can eat



**Please note: There will NOT be a Thursday meeting this month. Our regular meeting will be July 19<sup>th</sup> at Dulany's Pub and Grille, 9940 Kennerly Road, directly across from St. Anthony's Hospital.**

This is a club fundraising event. The cost is only \$10/person for all-you-can-eat appetizers. There will be a brief meeting and we will be able to enjoy the broadcast of the Cardinals game that day. This will be an excellent time to socialize with other club members as well as talk to the state representatives who represent the various parts of the Tesson Township. So make it a point to support the club and enjoy a summer afternoon in the shade.



## June Meeting Highlights

Rep. Mike Leara (MO Dist. 96) addressed the group and gave a summary of the accomplishments of the 2015 Missouri legislative session. It was an "interesting" session with a new speaker, no main theme or priorities, but a lot of quality bills. They passed a budget with \$84 million allocated to education, \$12 million of which goes to higher education. This is the largest education allotment in Missouri history. There was a lot of fast-track legislation so that the governor would be forced to veto issues while all the legislators were still in session and could override his veto. Here are some of the items passed.

- Medical malpractice legislation which places dollar limits on the settlements which plaintiffs can be awarded. This should help make Missouri a more attractive state for employers to consider.
- Welfare reform which overrode the governor's veto.
- Unemployment reform (HB 150).
- Incentives for data centers to be located in Missouri.
- Dairy revitalization act to give a boost to the lagging dairy industry in the state. This was a favorite of the out-state legislators.
- Municipal court reform has passed and is waiting the governor's signature. This limits the revenue that municipalities can get from court fines.
- Education reform (school transfer bill) Students can't transfer out of their district if there is an accredited school in their district.
- Right-to-work passed, but there are not enough votes in the house to override the governor's veto meaning that there were a number of Republican legislators who would not vote for the override
- Insurance companies have been mandated to cover treatment of eating disorders.
- Incentives to keep the Geo-Spatial center in St. Louis and to facilitate the development of the old Chrysler plant.

An area of concern is funding for the Missouri Department of Transportation (MODot). Next year, MODot will lose millions of dollars due to the loss of federal funds. The Missouri legislature did not pass a fuel tax increase to make up for this loss. There will be less snow plowing and maintenance of state roads as a result.

Lori Trakas, member of the Mehlville School Board addressed the group regarding the financial problems of the district. On August 17<sup>th</sup>, there will be a meeting open to the public regarding a tax rate increase to address the budget shortfalls of the district. This will be in the Mehlville High School library. On August 25<sup>th</sup> the initiative to put a tax increase on the November ballot will be filed.

Committeewoman Zina Hackworth updated the group on the following items from the Republican Central Committee.

- Jay Ashcroft will start the movement to collect signatures to put the voter id issue on the ballot. This signature drive will be from July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 through May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- Kurt Witzel, Oakville Township announced a Grass Root Township Development Class to be held at the Cliff Cave Library on June 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.
- The 2016 Lincoln-Reagan Days Banquet will be held at Orlando Gardens-Dorset on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

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## Marsha Haefner to Announce Candidacy for State Senate

Please plan to attend Marsha Haefner’s announcement of her candidacy for Missouri State Senate District 1 on July 8, 2015 from 6:00 to 7:30p.m. This event will be at Haefner’s Greenhouse 6703 Telegraph Road, St. Louis MO 63129. If you want to access Marsha’s website it is currently [www.marshahaefner.com](http://www.marshahaefner.com). To donate to her campaign you write a check to *Citizens for Marsha Haefner*, 6703 Telegraph Road, St. Louis, MO 63129. Marsha has done a great job as state representative and will do a great job as senator. Please get behind her as she will need everyone’s help to win this race. Thank you.

*John Judd - Committeeman*



## South County GOP Townships’ Picnic – Sunday August 30th

The annual South County Republican Township Clubs’ picnic will be held Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at Cliff Cave Park from 4:00 to 8:00 pm. We reserved the large pavilion overlooking the Mississippi River which offers plenty of shade and a beautiful setting for a fun event. The event is FREE, but you need reservations so that we have enough food for all who attend. You may reserve your spot online at <http://www.concordlemaygop.com/> or mailing the attached form to Rene Artman, 1530 Winter Chase Drive, Fenton, MO 63026. When you make your reservation, you will receive a receipt that you should bring with you. This receipt will put you in the food line ahead of those who did not make reservations. Hope to see you there!

## Coming Events



- **Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015**, 3:00 pm, fundraiser at Dulany’s 9940 Kennerly Rd. (across from St. Anthony’s).
- **Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015**, 7:00 pm, TFTRC board meeting.

- **Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 7:00 pm**, regular TFTRC meeting at Abiding Savior Lutheran Church
- **Sunday, August 30 2015** , South County GOP Township Picnic at Cliff Cave Park.

## Good Book to Read



We live in a multi-cultural society in which all lifestyles and world views are considered equally valid until we get to Christianity. Suddenly the “tolerance” expressed for all world views turns into an attack and many Christians feel hard-pressed to defend their beliefs. Nancy Pearcey, author of *Finding Truth*, was a former agnostic who returned to her Christian roots, earned a graduate degree in theology and did further graduate work in philosophy. She became convinced that people need critical thinking skills in answering the questions regarding their faith. They also need such skills in analyzing any other world view.

She has identified five principles that can be applied to any philosophy or religion in contrast to Christianity. These principles ask vital questions that challenge the world view’s foundation, logic and contradictions and how these stack up with Christianity by contrast. This book may not appeal to everyone because it is more theoretical in nature, but it is well-written and very clear in its presentation. It should be required reading for any college student since most colleges and universities are actively anti-Christian and a serious student should be presented with both sides to any issue. Unfortunately this book isn’t available at the library yet although you can find an earlier book of hers (*Saving Leonardo*) on their shelves. She’s a good author, very enjoyable to read and worth checking out.

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