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Sunset Bridge

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A modern cement bridge now spans the Pomme de Terre River where the historic “iron” Sunset bridge once connected people in eastern Polk County with Bolivar and the rest of Polk County. The area has also been a social gathering place where swimmers linger on hot summer days and a nearby church goes for baptisms.

The new bridge has unfortunately been subjected to graffiti multiple times over the years, but two different youth groups and their sponsors stepped up to make a difference.

In 2021, the first group was the LEO Club. LEO is an acronym for Leadership, Experience, Opportunity. Like the Lions Club, LEOs are service-oriented, and they were discussing what they could do for a community service project. One member brought up the Sunset Bridge. The LEO sponsor from that time, Becky Legan, recalls that the girl brought it up because it was a favorite teen hangout and vandals “put the awfulest stuff on the bridge.” The group enthusiastically embraced the bridge cleanup for their project. “One member’s grandparents were on the fire department near Polk, and they brought a firetruck over to spray it clean.



After 19 years sponsoring the Halfway Art Club and leading generations of bridge-painters, Ms. Banks has transferred to the Skyline district, where she hopes to inspire many more up-and-coming artists.



Elizabeth Albin is the bridge across generations, connecting Ms. Banks’ (student) Art Club days to the current generation. Pictured with her is her daughter, Mary Ann Brazzell, 2025 Halfway Art Club student. CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS



This year’s theme was inspired by post-impressionist Van Gogh’s “The Starry Night.”

Bob Parker, the Lions Club member who had initiated the LEO group to start with, got 10 gallons of Kilz and the boys rolled it on there. Everybody helped with it. The girls went behind the boys and filled in the places that didn’t get covered. We planned that the next night after school, that Kathy (Mrs. Roweton) would come with the Art Club. We put four sets of calligraphy that said “Sunset Bridge.” Kathy took a spray can and outlined the

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Citizens Memorial Hospital joins The Alliance for Healthcare Education as a workforce affiliate

Citizens Memorial Hospital has joined The Alliance for Healthcare Education as a workforce affiliate, expanding career pathways and bringing the voice of rural health care to Missouri’s future workforce.

The announcement was made as The Alliance for Healthcare Education celebrated a major milestone Monday, Aug. 25, breaking ground on a \$15 million expansion at Cox North Hospital.

Launched in 2023 as the first-of-its-kind model in the nation, The Alliance unites healthcare providers, higher education institutions and K-12 schools to create seamless, affordable pathways into healthcare careers.

Monday’s ceremony highlighted not only the expansion of facilities, but also the expansion of partnerships—with Burrell Behavioral Health and Citizens Memorial Hospital officially joining

The Alliance as workforce affiliates.

“This expansion is about more than bricks and mortar—it’s about creating opportunity at scale,” said Shallina Goodnight, Executive Director of The Alliance for Healthcare Education. “We’re building a system where a high school junior, an adult looking for a fresh start, or a current healthcare worker ready to upskill can all find an affordable, clear path to a meaningful career. By joining forces with Burrell and CMH, we’re ensuring that behavioral health and rural healthcare are front and center in shaping the future workforce.”

Michael Calhoun, CEO/ Executive Director of Citizens Memorial Hospital and CMH Foundation, reflected on the importance of rural access: “Rural health care depends on homegrown talent. By partnering with The Alli-

ance, we’re making sure students from rural communities not only have access to world-class training but also a clear path to remain home and serve. This expansion is a lifeline for rural Missouri and the patients who count on us.”

The Alliance was founded through a partnership among Cox Health, Springfield Public Schools, Missouri State University and Ozarks Technical Community College, later joined by Evangel University. With the addition of affiliates such as CMH and Burrell Behavioral Health, the organization continues to align education and health care resources to remove barriers, strengthen partnerships and support Missouri’s future health care workforce.

Information about The Alliance is available at <https://www.allianceche.org/>.

Be safe when traveling or shopping over Labor Day weekend

Better Business Bureau® (BBB®) has tips for avoiding travel scams and too-good-to-be-true deals this Labor Day weekend.

Labor Day heralds the end of the summer and often acts as a last call for weekend trips and outdoor fun. It also brings in some of the biggest sales of the year. Unfortunately, scammers may take advantage of the hype by offering fraudulent Labor Day discounts.

“High-demand travel and shopping seasons are a prime target for scammers,” said Michelle L. Corey, BBB St. Louis president and CEO. “If you plan to shop the sales or take a last-minute trip this Labor Day, do your research before you spend!”

For any Labor Day purchase – whether you’re planning a trip or taking advantage of end-of-summer deals – it’s wise to research the business in advance and pay with a credit card.

Weekend travel tips:

Beware of outrageous deals. If a deal on a hotel, car rental or airfare seems too good to be true, it probably is.

Watch out for rental scams. BBB commonly receives reports about scam vacation rentals. Whenever you can, do business with reputable rental companies. Before paying for a rental, research the property’s address and owner’s name, and search BBB.org for any past customer complaints.

Share with care on social media. As tempting as it is to post about your big

trip, strangers – including those with ill intentions – may be able to see that you’re away from home. Consider setting your social media accounts to private or saving the post for after the trip.

Labor Day sale tips:

Don’t click on links or download attachments in emails about Labor Day sales, especially if they’re unsolicited. Scammers often create phishing emails intended to look like major retailers. The links or attachments may contain malware or lead to a fraudulent website designed to steal your money or personal information.

Research retailers before you buy. Many major retailers have Labor Day sales, and illegitimate vendors might also try to cash in on the end-of-summer sale trend. It’s safer to stick with brands you know and trust, but if you’d like to try a new store, check it out at BBB.org before you shop to see its rating, reviews and complaints.

Shop with a credit card. It’s easier to dispute charges you didn’t approve or get your money back if there’s a problem. Keep receipts and order confirmations so you have a record of your purchases.

Check website security. Make sure your connection to the site is secure. The URL should begin with “https://” and there should be a lock icon to the left of it.



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I SPY

Polk County

Congratulations, Randi Patke, for winning the August I-spy.

Randi correctly guessed Freddy's as the location. Be watching for a new location starting on Sept. 3.

How well do you know Polk County?

Do you recognize where this might be? Watch each week for a picture to see if you can guess where it is. A new picture of the same spot will be featured each Wednesday and Friday. Winner will be chosen in a random drawing from the entries with the correct guess. Winner will be announced in the last edition of that month's Friday paper. Place your guess for the chance to win a \$25 gift certificate to the sponsoring business.

Rules:

- One guess per person per week.
- May enter online via Facebook Messenger, email news@bolivarmonews.com or drop off your guess at the BH-FP office.
- Include name, phone number and email address to your entry.

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SUNSET BRIDGE

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letters and then the kids came in and painted the letters solid. The worst of that plan was that then the teens had an even better place to put their stuff (in the spaces in between)," says Legan.

When Roweton retired in 2006, one of her former art students (and a fourth grade student of Legan) was hired for the art position in Halfway. The new teacher, Ms. Colleen Banks, stepped up to the bridge project. Seeing that vandals were making use of the cleaned, empty spaces for more vandalism, Banks decided to paint artistic designs completely covering the sides of the bridge visible as you travel over the bridge. Similarly to Roweton, Banks outlined her designs and let students fill it in.

Together, with their multiple generations of students, these ladies have created an era of modern history for their modern bridge and built a cultural bridge between individuals and community. Banks relates the following story: "One boy was part of the group doing the graffiti. Then he joined the Art Club and helped paint the bridge. It gave him a new perspective and built respect in him for the work of others."

When Banks assumed the Halfway teaching and Art Club duties, she decided to make the switch from spray painting to hand painting the old-fashioned way, with paint brushes. She came up with general ideas or themes and students generated the designs, working together to make a cohesive work each time they painted the bridge. This summer, they used zentangle designs with a Van Gogh, Starry Night theme.

Ana Hood, a student who helped paint this year, is in her third year of Art Club; this was her first year to help paint



Freshman Art Club student, Ana Hood, was happy to do her part to keep this community landmark "fresh and pretty."

the bridge. "I was happy to help Ms. Banks paint to keep the bridge looking fresh and pretty," she says. "It is a community landmark. The lesson we learn is to respect your community and give help when needed." Ana is a freshman at Halfway this year.

The LEOs disbanded several years ago, and with Halfway being the small school that it is, participation in Art Club and its various projects fluctuates. Only two students were able to participate this summer; one of their mothers, a former student of Banks, joined in the effort. Though during the early years,

the LEOs and Lions did fundraisers to buy the paint for the project, in recent years, Polk County Road and Bridge has provided the paint.

Art Club student Mary Ann Brazell and her mother, Elizabeth Albin also helped paint the bridge this year. Mary Ann joined the Art Club to follow in her mother's footsteps. She learned that "volunteer work can be much fun." The mother-daughter duo also believes that much of the community "is delighted by the art work; it puts a smile on their faces."

This fall, Banks left her beloved school where she graduated and taught

for 19 years to join the faculty of Skyline, in Hickory County. A brand new teacher, Kalen Bradley, has filled Halfway's Pre-K through 12th grade art teacher position. Of course Banks hopes the Halfway Art Club will continue this project that several generations of students have worked on, but every teacher has their own ideas. She says if they don't do it, she will probably try to gather some Art Club alumni to do it. She has recently taken on a nearby bridge on her own, the Flat Bridge, which she says is a monumental job for one person.

CMH Foundation to host third annual Sporting Clay Fundraiser

Citizens Memorial Health Care Foundation will host its third annual Sporting Clay Fundraiser on Friday, Sept. 19, at the Ozark Shooters Complex, 759 US HWY 65, in Walnut Shade, between Ozark and Branson.

Presented by SGC Foodservice, the event is open to four-person teams and includes 100 clays with two rounds at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Each team member will receive 100 clays, a grab-and-go breakfast, lunch, snacks and complimentary drinks. Golf carts and guns are available to rent, and 12- or 20-gauge shells are available at Ozark Shooters.

Each round will be scored separately. A trophy will be awarded to the overall best shooter per round and the first-place team in three flights. A maximum of 60 teams will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

All proceeds from the tournament will be donated to the CMH Foundation, a philanthropy division dedicated to Citizens Memorial Hospital and the enrichment of communities in the eight-county CMH service area.

The tournament offers a range of sponsorship opportunities at varying levels.

- Platinum Sponsor \$3,000 (three available): Includes two four-person teams, eight event gifts, two golf carts, logo on banner at the main entrance, social media, advertising and program.
- Gold Sponsor \$1,500 (unlimited available):

Includes one four-person team, logo on event gifts, logo on banner at the main entrance, social media, advertising and program.

- Silver Sponsor \$1,000 (unlimited available): Includes one four-person team, logo on banner at the main entrance, social media, advertising and program.

- Lunch Sponsor \$2,500 (one available): Includes logo on banner at lunch, social media, advertising and program. Opportunity to meet and greet shooters and to distribute marketing materials and promotional items.

- Drink Sponsor \$1,500 (one available): Includes logo on banner by drink coolers, social media, advertising and program.

- Snack Sponsor \$1,000 (one available): Includes logo recognition at snack stands, social media, advertising and program.

- Bronze Sponsor \$700 (unlimited available): Includes one four-person team, four event gifts, logo/team name on station sign, social media, advertising and program.

- Team Only \$500 (four shooters): Includes one four-person team.
- Single Shooter \$150: Includes one shooter.

- Station Sponsor \$250: Includes one sign at station, social media, advertising and program.

To donate or register a team for the tournament, contact Tara Akins, director of community relations and development, at 417-328-6318 or register online at <https://cmhbolivar.info/Clay-Shoot25>.

BIRTHDAY

Katie Francka to celebrate 88th birthday

To help Katie Francka celebrate turning 88-years-old, come by the Pitchfork from 1-3 p.m., Monday, Sept. 1.

The Pitchfork is located at 4894 S. 138th Road, Bolivar.

Bolivar CTA accepting scholarship applications

The Bolivar Community Teachers Association is now accepting applications for the fall 2025 student-teaching scholarship. Bolivar High School graduates currently involved in a student-teaching experience should contact Renee Shelenhamer at Bolivar Primary School 417-326-5247 or rshelenhamer@bolivarschools.org for an application.

The purpose of the \$500.00 scholarship is to help individuals with the rising cost of student-teaching expenses and fees. The application must be made in the semester in which the individual is student-teaching and needs to be returned to Mrs. Shelenhamer at the BPS. Applications for fall 2025 need to be completed and returned no later than Sept. 30.

Bolivar Board of Alderman Meeting, August 26: Summary

The Bolivar Board of Aldermen met in regular session August 26, 2025.


In old business, the board discussed three things: a funding opportunity presented by Christina Bravata from CMH to use the City's Opioid Settlement to support services for people in the justice system, a bill to have Sun Solar, LLC install solar at the aquatic center, and administration and security service from Jmark Business Solutions, Inc. All of

these items were approved.

In new business, the new property tax rate was set, certain subsections to a bill related to water detention system design were amended, Empire Electric's (Liberty's) contract to provide services was discussed and a bill providing for a resource officer at Bolivar Schools was passed.

The Community Calendar of Events was reviewed: (from the meeting agenda) September 9th, 2025 Work Session; Sep-

tember 23rd, 2025 Regular Session; September 5th, 2025 SBU Home Cross Country Meet at Golf Course; September 6th, 2025 SWCCCA Richard Clark Invitation Cross Country Meet at Golf Course; September 6th, 2025 Country Days; September 6th, 2025 1st Annual Pickleball Tournament at Cribbs Youth Park; September 14th-17th, 2025 MML Conference; October 25th, 2025 Rock the Rec Concert at the Recreation Center.



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SHERIFF'S REPORTS

The Polk County Sheriff's Office released the following reports for:

- Wednesday, Aug. 20**
- A 29-year-old male of Bolivar was booked on a 24-hour hold for domestic assault — 1st degree.
 - Robert Knapp, 45, of Springfield was arrested on a warrant for aggravated fleeing a stop or detention, failure to wear a seatbelt, exceeding the speed limit by 26 MPH or more, driving without a valid license and

owner operator of a motor vehicle without maintaining financial responsibility.

- Thursday, Aug. 21**
- Jail capacity: 36
 - Inmates incarcerated: 30
 - Jacob Nardo, 29, of Humansville was arrested on a warrant for aggravated fleeing a stop or detention, armed criminal action, assault — 2nd degree-special victim, assault — 3rd degree, burglary — 1st degree and unlawful possession of a firearm.
 - Patrick Deaton, 63, of Osceola was arrested on a warrant for possession of narcotic equipment.
 - Jose Mascorro, 38, of Kansas City was arrested on a warrant for driving while intoxicated — persistent, exceeding speed limit 20-25 MPH, fugitive from out of state and driving without a valid license.
 - A 43-year-old female of Pleasant Hope was booked and released for possession of marijuana/synthetic cannabinoid.
 - A 47-year-old male of Pleasant Hope was booked and released for possession of marijuana/synthetic cannabinoid.
 - Haven Bennett, 24, of Sunrise Beach was arrested on a warrant for trespassing — 1st degree.

- Saturday, Aug. 23**
- Jared Harrill, 33, of Bolivar was arrested on a warrant for illegal/improper turning.
 - A 52-year-old male of Pleasant Hope was booked and released for possession of a controlled substance, trafficking drugs or attempt -1st degree and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.

- Sunday, Aug. 24**
- A 43-year-old male of Bolivar was booked on a 24-hour hold for assault, resisting/interfering with arrest for a felony and trespassing.
 - Chevy McElroy, 36, of Bolivar was arrested on a warrant for driving while revoked or suspended, driving without a valid license, stealing and tampering with service of utility or institution.
 - Kristopher Kern, 35, was arrested on a warrant for fugitive from out of state and possession of a controlled substance.

- Tuesday, Aug. 26**
- A 33-year-old female of Brighton was booked on a 24-hour hold for endangering the welfare of a child — create substantial risk- 1st degree — no sexual conduct, escape or attempted escape from custody while under arrest for felony, harassment — 1st degree, operating a vehicle in a careless and imprudent manner and resist arrest/detention/stop by fleeing — create substantial risk.

POLICE REPORTS

The Bolivar Police Department released the following reports for:

- Friday, Aug. 1**
- Officers took a report of theft near the 1100 block of South Martin.
 - Officers were dispatched to South Springfield Avenue regarding an ex-parte violation; contact was made with the reporting party and a report was taken to document the incident.
- Saturday, Aug. 2**
- Officers responded to the 800 block of East Bufalo Street in reference to a report of a dog bite which resulted in a report being taken and forwarded to animal control.
 - Officers responded to the 800 block of South Pike Ave-

nue in reference to a report of domestic assault.

- Officers responded to the 1700 block of South Canton Avenue in reference to a mental health crisis.
 - Officers responded to the 300 block of North Hartford Avenue in reference to a theft that occurred there which resulted in a report being taken.
- Sunday, Aug. 3**
- Officers responded to the 2000 block of South Maple Tree Lane regarding miscellaneous found property.
 - Officers were dispatched to the 1300 block of North Oakland for a report of property damage.
- Monday, Aug. 4**
- A report was taken at the police department for found property.
 - Ambrea Dawn Buckner, 24, was arrested on a misdemeanor warrant at Highway 13.
 - Terry Steven Chamineak Jr., 31, was arrested on a misdemeanor warrant at Highway 13.

Wednesday, Aug. 6

- Officers took a report for driving while suspended near the 600 block of North Main Avenue.
- Officers took a report at South Clark Avenue regarding a controlled substance violation.
- Officers took a report regarding fraud.
- James Cullin Crowell, 66, was arrested on a felony warrant at West Aldrich Road.
- A 42-year-old male was arrested on a charge of driving while suspended or revoked at East Division Street.

Friday, Aug. 8

- Officers responded to the 100 block of North Dunningan for a report of assault, a 33-year-old male was arrested.
- Officers were dispatched to the 700 block of East South Street regarding a domestic assault involving a weapon. Officers made contact with the reporting party and initiated a report, the offender fled in a vehicle prior to officers arrival.
- A 29-year-old male was arrested on a charge of domestic assault at South Springfield Avenue.

Saturday, Aug. 9

- Officers took a report of a dispute near the 600 block of West Jackson Street.

Monday, Aug. 11

- Officers responded to the 100 block of East Aldrich in reference to an assault which resulted in a citation issued and a 22-year-old male was arrested.

Tuesday, Aug. 12

- Officers responded to South Hartford for a cardiac arrest call.
- A 33-year-old male was arrested on a charge of domestic assault at West Aldrich Road.

Wednesday, Aug. 13

- Officers responded to the 600 block of North Main for a report of theft.
- Officers were dispatched to a callback regarding an unknown person(s) attempting to break into a vehicle in the 600 block of North Main Avenue. Officers obtained video footage of the incident and initiated a report to document the incident and for follow-up investigation.

Thursday, Aug. 14

- Officers responded to West Broadway for a complaint of property damage.
- A 19-year-old male was arrested on a charge of felony property damage at West Auburn Street.

Friday, Aug. 15

- Officers were dispatched to the 700 block of East Parkview Street for a report of a missing person. The subject was located.
- Officers were dispatched to the 1100 block of South Springfield Avenue regarding a missing person. Officers obtained descriptions of the individual and put out the information to all surrounding counties and began to search the area. The individual reported as missed was located in Bufalo.
- Officers responded to the 600 block of North Holt Avenue in reference to a theft.

LAND TRANSFERS

The following transfers were recorded in the office of the Polk County recorder of deeds:

- Duncan, Michael Jeffrey and Duncan, Annette and Duncan, Cynthia Annette to Jones, Josie and Durham, Dakota; LT 75 Lakewood Hills 1st 11-33-23 PB3/29.
- Grave, Paula to Hook, Josh and Hook, Shannon; LT 2 BL 5 B W Mitchells Addition Morrisville FF South 1/2 LT 2 BL 5 B W Mitchells Addition Morrisville FF 6' Off South Side of North 1/2 LT 3 BL 5 B W Mitchells Addition Morrisville LT 4 BL 5 B W Mitchells Addition Morrisville.
- Sunny Rock LLC to Tarbox, Judy; LT 25 Southwest Estates 1st PB3/31 LT 26 Southwest Estates 1st PB 3/31 LT 5 Southwest Estates 2nd PB3/38 FF North 30' LT 6 Southwest Estates 2nd PB3/38 FF North 30'.
- Cobb, David T. and Cobb, Hayley N. to Dietrich, Tara Lyn; STR 11-32-23 /NE/SW SUR BK/PG: CS3/20 FF Tract A-Beg at SE Corner STR 11-32-23 /NE/SW SUR BK/PG: CS3/20 FF Tract B-Beg on The South Line.
- Freeze, Trenton and Freeze, Rebecca to Mitchell, Keith Jacob; STR 20-32-24 / SW/NE FF South 1065' of West 315'.
- Dobbins, Timothy W. and Neill, Terry J. and Dobbins, Kimberly and Dobbins, Benjamin to Neill, Terry J. Trust; STR 21-32-24 /NE/SW FF West 560' STR 21-32-24 S/SE/NW FF West 560' STR 21-32-24 / SW/NW FF Lying North + East of Turkey Creek Less Beg at East Bank STR 21-32-21 / NW/SW FF Beg at NE Corner.
- Dobbins, Timothy W. and Neill, Terry J. and Dobbins, Kimberly and Dobbins, Benjamin to Dobbins, Kimberly and Dobbins, Benjamin; STR 21-32-24 /NW/SE FF Lying East of Centerline of County Road STR 21-32-24 E/SW/NE.
- Dobbins, Timothy W. and Neill, Terry J. and Dobbins, Kimberly and Dobbins, Benjamin to Dobbins, Timothy W.; STR 21-32-24 /NE/SW FF Less West 560' STR 21-32-24 S/SE/NW FF West 560' STR 21-32-24 /NW/SE FF Lying West of County Road STR 21-32-24 W/SW/NE AC 2 FF 2 Acres off South End.
- Barnett, Billy W. and Barnett, Elda L. By POA to Prewitt, Emily M. and Tran, Alexander N. and Prewitt, Nelson; STR 26-32-24 N/NW/ NW FF South 310' of Described Less North 15'.
- Case Retirement Plan and Compton, Nanette K. Trustee to Rochin, Rodrigo and Rochin, Tina; LT D3 Kelly Acres 15-32-21 PB6/34.
- McDaniel, Gayle Lynn and McDaniel, Kenneth and Craig, Joyce Elaine and Craig, Steven E. to Craig, George Allan and Craig, Kara Michelle; STR 11-31-24 S/ SE/SE FF Lying East of Row of KCC+S RR STR 12-3-24 S/ SW/SW FF Less Lying East of County Road.

Kelsch, Raiphe and Kelsch, Marie to Johns, Christopher and Johns, Joey; LT 7 Stonebridge Estates Phase 3 12-33-23 PB9/44.

Mills, Edith Trust and Taylor, Gail S. Trustee to Deters, Wayne E. and Deters, Stacy L.; LT 18B Scenic Ridge 34-32-22 PB8/79.

Keith, Randall B. Trust to Sac River Investments LLC; STR 26-32-23 /NW/NW FF Beg at SE Corner Less One Acre Beg at SE Corner.

Shrauger, Kaylee to Ferris, David R. and Ferris, Tara E.; LT 1 STR 3-33-22 /E/NW SUR BK/PG: RS3/185 FF Beg at NW Corner W/Easement STR 2-33-23 /SW/SE FF Beg Where West Line of RR Row Crosses South Line.

Shrauger, Kevin; LT 11 Sunny Slope Acres #2 PB3/48 LT 12 Sunny Slope Acres #2 PB3/48.

McPhail, Eldred to Painter, Nathan and Levno, Hannah; LT 10 BL 7 John I Reed 1-33-23 PB2/9 FF North 140' LT 11 BL 7 John I Reed 1-33-23 PB2/9 FF North 140' LT 12 BL 7 John I Reed 1-33-23 PB2/9 FF North 140'.

Patterson, Donald and Patterson, Sheryl Ann to D/CBC LLC; STR 30-34-22 /SW/NW SUR BK/PG: CS13/120 FF Beg 370' West + 270' South of NE Corner.

W & D Real Estate LLC to Miller, Holly Dawnyell; BL 12 Hendricks Addition Bolivar FF Beg NW Corner 85' x 135'.

Beesley, Dorothy Carol Estate and Circuit Court of Polk County to Hicks, Johnnie R. Jr. and Brown, Amanda J. and Beesley, Jessica D.; STR 29-33-22 /W/NW FF Beg on West Line of Section 789.4' South of NW Corner.

Cornelison, Jeremy and Cornelison, Alexis to Carper, Idemarie and Carper, Kros; LT 14 Sha Ree Subdivision 26-34-23 PB5/77.

Simpson, Morgan W. and Simpson, Lorrie and Sutphin, Melissa R. and Sutphin, John Anthony Sr. to Wilson, Raymond C. and Wilson, Betty J.; LT 12 Karlin Acres 6th 31-33-22 PB9/85.

Miller, David E. and Circuit Court of Clay County to Tilley, Brenda; LT 39 Deerbrook Amended 10-33-23 PB6/39.

Todd, Raymond and Lopez, Jrefugio Rocha; STR 12-31-21 ??NE FF Beg at Corner W/Easement.

Box, Herbert Afton to Box, Herbert Afton Trust and Box, Donna D. Trust and Ward, Candi J. Trustee; STR 22-32-24 /NE/NE AC 9.68 FF South Less East 460' STR 22-32-24 /NE/NE AC 9.68 FF 11 Acres Off West Side of North Less Described.

Cryer Rentals LLC and S Bar Farms LLC to Hudson, Misty; LT 26 BL 2 Johnsons Addition Humansville LT 27 BL 2 Johnsons Addition Humansville LT 28 BL 2 Johnsons Addition Humansville.

Mid Missouri Bank to Touch & Go Properties LLC; LT 2 BL 11 Hendricks Addition Bolivar FF West 1/2 LT 3 BL 11 Hendricks Addition Bolivar FF East 1/2.

Woods Supermarket Inc. to Citizens Memorial Health Care Foundation; STR 13-33-23 /E/SW SUR BK/PG: CS10/253 AC 65.38 FF Lying West of Hwy 13 + BO Spfd. Road Bet at Center STR 13-33-23 /W/SE SUR BK/PG: CS10/253 AC 65.38 FF Lying West of Hwy 13 + BO Spfd. Road Beg at Center.

COMMISSION MINUTES

According to the minutes, Polk County Commissioners Shannon Hancock, Kyle Legan, and Bob Moreland conducted the following business during

recent meetings of the commission:

- Monday, Aug. 11**
- Present: Shannon Hancock, Kyle Legan, Bob Moreland
 - Minutes of the last session were approved.
 - Election worker checkers were presented for approval and payment. Moreland made a motion to approve and pay invoices as presented. Legan seconded the motion; Call of the vote; Hancock — yes, Legan — yes, Moreland — yes.
 - Asa Murray, Bolivar updated the commission on his World War II Memorial project for Eagle Scout.
 - The commission read and discussed the Code of Ethics documents required to establish procedures to disclose potential conflict of interest and substantial interest for certain officials for the County of Polk. Legan made a motion to adopt the Code of Ethics Policies for the County of Polk Moreland seconded the motion. Call of the vote; Hancock — yes, Legan — yes, Moreland — yes.
 - Road & Bridge employee David Crews visited with the commission — general discussion.
 - Fabick Cat representatives Wayne Sergent and Ryan Tate visited with the commission regarding equipment needs for the Road and Bridge Department .
 - The commission discussed the proposals for Tax Exempt Lease Purchase Agreements that were received on Friday, Aug. 1, 2025. Moreland made a motion to accept the 7-year advance payment option at 4.33% from US Bank. Legan seconded the motion. Call of the vote; Hancock — yes, Legan — yes, Moreland — yes.
 - A 12-month Auctioneers License was issued to Harold Gambriel dba H&L Auction.

Tuesday, Aug. 12

- Present: Shannon Hancock, Kyle Legan, Bob Moreland.
- Minutes of the last session were approved.
- Payroll was presented for approval and payment. Legan made a motion to approve and submit for direct deposit. Hancock seconded the motion. Call of the vote; Hancock — absent, Legan — yes, Moreland — yes.
- Minutes of the last session were approved.
- Invoices were presented for approval and payment. Moreland made a motion to approve and pay. Legan seconded the motion. Call of the vote; Hancock — yes, Legan — yes, Moreland — yes.
- Development Disability Board member LaNelda Presley visited with the commission regarding a board opening for an unexpired term. Legan made a motion to appoint Roy Harms to the board to fill the unexpired term. Moreland seconded the motion. Call of the vote; Hancock — yes, Legan — yes, Moreland — yes.
- Board of Equalization meetings held at 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- Public Works Supervisor Bryan Griffin, Road and Bridge employees Charles Brown and Dave Walter, Hancock, Legan and Moreland viewed Willow Creek Bridge on S 233 and S 237, S 240, E 500, E 505 roads and met with David Agee while viewing roads.

Legals

“Because the people must know”

IN THE 30TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, POLK COUNTY, MISSOURI JUDGE OR DIVISION: PROBATE

In the Estate of DORIS JEAN SPAINHOWER, Decedent. Case Number: 25PO-PR00075 NOTICE OF HEARING DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP

You are hereby notified that you are entitled to appear and be heard at a hearing to be held on September 30, 2025, at 01:30 PM in the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Polk County, 102 E BROADWAY ST, BOLIVAR, MO 65613.

/S/ Sheila Elliott Clerk Signature

IN THE 30TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, POLK COUNTY, MISSOURI JUDGE OR DIVISION: PROBATE

In the Estate of MARY FRANCES WILLIAMS, Decedent. Case Number: 25PO-PR00076 NOTICE OF HEARING DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP

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/S/ PAM BOWERS Clerk Signature

NOTICE OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE'S SALE

For default in the payment of principal and interest now past due on certain promissory notes dated July 20, 2021, October 19, 2021 and December 2, 2022 and secured by a deed of trust dated June 5, 2019 signed by Nathaniel A. Latham, and recorded on June 5, 2019, in Book 2019L at Page 1961 as Instrument # 2019L1961 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for Polk County, Missouri, as modified by Modification of Deed of Trust dated July 20, 2021, recorded July 26, 2021, in Book 2021L at Page 3782, as Instrument # 2021L3782 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for Polk County, Missouri, Lee J. Viorel, III will, at the request of the legal holder thereof, on the 9th day of September, 2025, between the hours of 9 o'clock a.m. and 5 o'clock p.m., specifically at 1 o'clock p.m. at the North Door of the Polk County Courthouse, located at 102 E. Broadway, in the City of Bolivar, Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash, the property in the deed of trust described as:

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which has the address of 1240 E. 567th Rd., Willard, MO 65781.

for the purposes of satisfying the note and costs.

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CMH Hospice to offer bereavement support group classes this fall

Citizens Memorial Hospice will offer an eight-week bereavement support group series beginning Tuesday, Sept. 16, at 10 a.m.

The support group is open to anyone grieving the loss of a loved one and is free to attend. Sessions will be held in CMH Community Room

2 at Grand Missouri Bank, 1630 S. Killingsworth Ave., in Bolivar.

Valerie Noblitt, CMH director of home care services, said the support group is designed to educate participants about grief and loss, help them develop coping and adapting skills, and provide emotional support.

The sessions will be led by CMH Hospice chaplains Austin McCrickard and Dustin Preston, along with counselors Terry Warren, LMSW; Angel Townsend, MSW; Kimberly Lannan, MSW; and hospice coordinator Connie Duryee.

Topics will include understanding the grief

experience, managing complex emotions, coping with changes, preparing for holidays and special occasions, and finding meaning after loss.

Pre-registration is requested. For more information or to register, contact Duryee at 417-326-3585.

Fifth-Sunday Sing

Rondo Baptist Church will host their 5th Sunday Sing, at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 31.

Red Letter Edition — Bob Lovett will perform. Hope you can come, this band is great and truly a blessing.

There will be a cookout before the show, starting at 5 p.m. We will be serving burgers, hot dogs and potluck sides.

Rondo Baptist Church is located at 999 E. 340 Road, Flemington.

Share your milestones

The Bolivar Herald-Free Press invites residents to send their engagement, wedding, baby, and other milestone announcements.

Include important date(s) and time(s), names, hometowns, and any other relevant information. A picture can also be included in the announcement.

The BH-FP will share the announcements for free in the newspaper as space allows.

To send the announcements, email news@bolivar-mo.com, drop off in-person at the BH-FP news office (located at 335 S Springfield Ave.), or mail to P.O. Box 330, Bolivar, MO 65613.

Johnsongrass appears in NW Missouri crops, pastures

Johnsongrass seems to be rearing its ugly head again in northwestern Missouri, says University of Missouri Extension agronomist Wayne Flanary.

Johnsongrass is not new to Missouri, but its appearance in areas where control is difficult is concerning, says Flanary. In 2015, Missouri Department of Agriculture listed Johnsongrass on its noxious weeds list.

Reaching over 6 feet in height, this perennial is a common weed of roadside ditches, crops and pastures, says MU Extension weed scientist Kevin Bradley. It grows quickly and is very competitive with other crops and forages.

Once established, Johnsongrass is hard to eradicate, mainly due to the rhizomes — root-like structures that spread underground and put out new shoots. Its large seed heads produce as many as 80,000 seeds in a year, assuring its return in spring. Seeds shatter easily and can remain dormant and viable for more than 10 years. They can spread by water, equipment and wildlife such as birds and deer.

Johnsongrass is sometimes mistaken for shattercane, barnyardgrass or fall panicum, but these weedy grasses are annuals and do not produce rhizomes.

Some Johnsongrass populations in northwestern Missouri have shown resistance to glyphosate (Roundup, etc.), one of the most common herbicides for the control of this species, says Bradley.

“Although for the most part we do a pretty good job at suppress-

ing Johnsongrass with spring or summer herbicide applications in corn or soybean, this is not the ideal time to treat this species with herbicides,” Bradley says. “Early fall herbicide applications are more likely to result in herbicide translocation to the rootstocks and longer-term control.”

If plants have been cut off with a mower or combine, wait for plants to resume active growth before treatment for best results. Glyphosate and/or group 1 herbicides with clethodim, sethoxydim, fluazifop or quizalofop are some of the most effective options available, says Bradley.

Also, control Johnsongrass in non-planted areas around the field to reduce the spread of this weed. Drive equipment around weedy patches instead of through them to avoid seed spread.

MU Extension veterinary toxicologist Tim Evans says Johnsongrass can cause issues in cattle and other ruminants. These include prussic acid poisoning, nitrate toxicity and sorghum cystitis.

To prevent cyanide poisoning in immature or frost-damaged leaves, avoid grazing it until it reaches at least 24 inches and wait 14 days after frost. This does not apply to cured hay.

Nitrate poisoning occurs in lower stalks during dry weather and testing may be warranted. It remains toxic in hay, but toxicity is reduced by half in silage.

Nitrate poisoning happens quickly in animals and can cause quick death. Evans recommends grad-

ually introducing animals when moving livestock to new pastures to allow them to adapt. Take special caution when introducing pregnant animals, and carefully observe animals to detect problems in the early stages, he says.

Sorghum cystitis caused by Johnsongrass affects only horses, and only a small percentage of them. Affected animals lose control of their back legs and bladder, with permanent damage to the spinal cord.

Control requires an integrated approach of physical, chemical methods and other methods, including heavy grazing and low mowing. Single methods rarely provide adequate control, says Bradley.

In tall fescue pastures or hayfields, weed wiping or spot treatment of glyphosate is one of the most effective herbicidal options. Visit the Mizzou Weed Science website at <https://weeds.cmo.edu> for more information.

Practice grazing management of 12-18 inches, or higher in drought, and good grazing or clipping to prevent seed development. Use caution when applying nitrogen and harvest at or before boot stage or. A conditioner or surfactant also may be needed.

You can identify Johnsongrass by photos on the MU Weed ID Guide at <https://mizzou.us/Johnsongrass>.

Sources: Wayne Flanary, 816-279-1691, flanaryw@missouri.edu; Kevin Bradley, bradleyke@missouri.edu, 573-882-4039



Polk County Senior Center Menu for the week of Sept. 1

Monday, Sept. 1 — Closed for Labor Day.
Tuesday, Sept. 2 — Goulash, side salad, WG roll, yogurt/fruit.
Wednesday, Sept. 3 — Turkey open face sandwich, mashed potatoes with WG gravy, green beans, rice crispy treat.

Thursday, Sept. 4 — Cashew chicken or sweet and sour chicken, WG rice, oriental veggies, egg roll, fortune cookie, min chocolate cake.

Friday, Sept. 5 — Brown beans and ham, stewed tomatoes, cornbread, dessert.
 Menu subject to change

Polk County Senior Center has a suggested donation of \$4.00 for seniors. Patrons 59 and under are required to pay \$8. Lunch is served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Alternate entree available on fish or pork day.

Tri-County Fifth Sunday Service

The Tri-County Baptist Group will hold its regular Fifth Sunday service on Sunday, Aug. 31, at Red Top Missionary Baptist Church in Polk County.

After Sunday School at 10 a.m. the morning service will begin at 11 a.m. with preaching by Bro. Mike McCurry.

After lunch on the grounds and a business meeting, the afternoon sermon will be preached by Bro. Brook Divine.

Pomme De Terre Fishing Report

Lake Conditions

Lake Level: 839.03, 84 to 87 degrees

Water condition: The lake is currently .03 of a foot high, down from last week. The water color is stained, it is clearer toward the main lake.

Crappie

Action: Good
 The crappie fishing is good; they are still in a summer time pattern, the subtle bite is back. The best way to capitalize is to down size your jig and slow your presentation. With the cool front this week the bite should get more aggressive soon.

Pattern: On standing timber in 10 to 30 feet of water in creeks, coves and transitions. Most of the crappie are 10 to 20 feet deep, they will hit a jig that is swimming past them, as long as it is a very slow retrieve. Cast your jig past the tree, let it fall and slowly reel it back. The first half of the coves and creeks have been best. If you struggle to get a bite, try a vertical presentation — hold the jig still for a few seconds and then slowly reel it up.

Brush piles have been good, focus on 15 to 25 feet of water. The crappie are in the brush. Cast a jig, let it fall to the top of the brush and reel back over it. They are coming out

of the brush and hitting the jig. After the aggressive fish stop biting a few more can be caught by downsizing your jig and presenting it vertically.

Lures: As the water temperature has gotten warmer a smaller profile jig will help get more bites. The preferred colors are: in the main lake natural ones like toothpaste pearl, the natural, sapphire ghost or sunset pearl. As one moves farther away from the main lake the water color changes: pink lemonade, white pearl chartreuse, orange/chart glow and silver pepper glow.

Bass

Action: Fair to Good
 Pattern: Offshore structure, brush piles, main lake coves, secondary points, bluff ends and cuts in the bank have been the best location.

Crankbaits across points has been very productive. Top water in the early morning and late evening is putting some fish in the boat. Throwing worms, creature baits or jigs in brush piles. Crankbaits across points, humps, dips or rocks. Ned rigs with small plastics have been very productive.

Lures: jig, creature baits, buzz bait, spinner bait, topwater.

Get it on your calendar Country Days — Saturday, Sept. 6

The annual Country Days event is scheduled to take place on Saturday, Sept. 6, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Downtown Bolivar Association, along with a large number of volunteers, is proud to bring this event to the community each year.

It will be a day filled with entertainment for all ages, featuring dancing, gymnastics, singing, and street magic by Dusty Campbell.

Free games for everyone:

- Putt Putt 9-hole golf course

- Golf simulator
- DAV Bingo
- Inflatables (provided by Life Church)
- Kids Games
- Trivia Trailer (an agriculture-based game show on wheels)
- Polk County Bike Club Bike Ride

- Country Days Car Show. A variety of vehicles, ranging from 1900 to the present, including exotic and foreign models, rat rods, muscle cars, street rods, and trucks, will be on display.

Watch for full schedule in next weeks Friday edition.

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SATURDAY EVENING

AUGUST 30, 2025

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SUNDAY EVENING

AUGUST 31, 2025

Table of TV programming for Sunday, August 31, 2025. Columns include time slots (7:00-11:30) and channels (ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, ION, A&E, AMC, ANIMAL, BET, BRAVO, CARTOON, CMT, CNN, COMEDY, DISCOVERY, DISNEY, EI, ESPN, ESPN2, FOOD, FREEFORM, FX, HGTV, HISTORY, LIFETIME, MTV, NEWSNAT, NICK, PARM, SYFY, TBS, TCM, TLC, TNT, TRAVEL, TV LAND, USA, VH1, HBO, MAX, PARSHO).

MONDAY EVENING

SEPTEMBER 1, 2025

Table of TV programming for Monday, September 1, 2025. Columns include time slots (7:00-11:30) and channels (ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, ION, A&E, AMC, ANIMAL, BET, BRAVO, CARTOON, CMT, CNN, COMEDY, DISCOVERY, DISNEY, EI, ESPN, ESPN2, FOOD, FREEFORM, FX, HGTV, HISTORY, LIFETIME, MTV, NEWSNAT, NICK, PARM, SYFY, TBS, TCM, TLC, TNT, TRAVEL, TV LAND, USA, VH1, HBO, MAX, PARSHO).

TUESDAY EVENING

SEPTEMBER 2, 2025

Table of TV programming for Tuesday, September 2, 2025. Columns include time slots (7:00-11:30) and channels (ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, ION, A&E, AMC, ANIMAL, BET, BRAVO, CARTOON, CMT, CNN, COMEDY, DISCOVERY, DISNEY, EI, ESPN, ESPN2, FOOD, FREEFORM, FX, HGTV, HISTORY, LIFETIME, MTV, NEWSNAT, NICK, PARM, SYFY, TBS, TCM, TLC, TNT, TRAVEL, TV LAND, USA, VH1, HBO, MAX, PARSHO).

9x9 Sudoku puzzle grid with some numbers filled in.

SUDOKU

Here's how it works: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box.

ANSWERS

9x9 grid containing the solved numbers for the Sudoku puzzle.

Advertisement for Erie Home Roofing, featuring a 50% off installation offer and a free estimate. Includes contact information: 1.888.809.1119.

Advertisement for Consumer Cellular, highlighting big wireless coverage and low cost. Includes contact information: 844-211-0742.

Advertisement for the 'Greatest Challenges of Our Time' lecture featuring Lech Walesa. Includes registration information: www.HistoryExplorer.com.

Advertisement for MFA Oil, promoting propane contracting services. Features '3 Ways to Save' and contact information: keepwarm.com.

Advertisement for QSI (Quality Structures), offering garages, shops, and ag buildings. Includes contact information: 800-374-6988.

THE ROCKWOOD FILES

Hair, hair everywhere

The blessing and the curse of laser vision

My mom and I have joint custody of a fancy vacuum cleaner. A few years ago when we both needed a new one, we decided to pool our money because we live just a few steps away from each other and can easily share. We figured if we joined forces, we could afford to get one with a few bells and whistles designed to make a vacuum cleaner truly suck — in a good way.

So I did the research, read the reviews, and compared prices. Then we waited for a Black Friday sale before we made our move. A few days later, the package arrived on my doorstep, and we became the proud owners of a new Dyson stick vacuum with a feature called “laser dust detection.”

But wait, you say. Aren't human eyes also capable of

dust detection? Well, yes and no. Our eyes can see dust and pet hair, but only when it accumulates to a certain level. But if your vacuum has a laser light attached, you can see every little speck of every little thing — all lit up in disturbing detail. Mom and I were expecting to see dog hair on the floor when we plugged in our new vacuum. But because it's now illuminated with a green laser light, it looks like we have three thousand dogs in the house instead of just three. It's a hair-hair-everywhere situation.

We've been using the laser vacuum for a couple of years now, and we still have mixed feelings about it. We love it, yet we're also shocked and disgusted by it. Once you see through the eyes of your laser-equipped vacuum cleaner, you can't unsee it. What might look like an ordinary kitchen floor at first glance suddenly becomes a huge, hairy mess when you see what's actually down there. Were our naked

eyes better off before technology came along and showed us the ugly truth?

But will that truth set us free? This green laser light has opened our eyes to reality, but I doubt this house will ever be hair-free. Two of our three pups are “double-coated,” which means they have an undercoat and an outer coat. The undercoat is a soft, insulating layer of fur that functions like thermal underwear, helping to regulate a dog's body temperature. Vets advise against shaving it off. Instead, the undercoat naturally sheds or “blows out” at least twice a year.

At the height of shedding season, the undercoat begins to poke up through the outer coat in what looks like white tufts waiting to be plucked out like bolls of cotton. The dogs, however, prefer not to be plucked and have to be bribed with treats to sit still for a thorough brushing.

If it only happened twice a year, this extra hair affair

would be manageable. But our dogs are overachievers who shed year-round and can sometimes drop as many as 100,000 hairs per day! If I wait too long before vacuuming, small tumbleweeds of dog hair begin to roll across the hardwood floors. Eventually, they drift into hairy sand dunes under the kitchen table, and it looks like we've been shearing sheep in here. We need all the vacuum power we can get.

And I must admit that laser-guided vacuuming feels so very satisfying. I'm not just randomly running this thing across the floor like I did in the '90s. I'm now a heat-seeking missile on a mission to search and destroy all the hairy targets lit up along my path. Sometimes I vacuum with the lights off because the laser works even better in the dark. I've also found that when you tell a man that a vacuum has a laser on it, he'll be vastly more interested in taking it out for



GWEN ROCKWOOD
COLUMNIST

a spin. If this vacuum could also show reruns of Star Trek, this place would be spotless.

Whether or not you can handle the truth served up by a laser-equipped vacuum cleaner is a personal decision. For some households, ignorance is bliss. For others, seeing is believing. And for dog-lovers like us, our floors might be hairier than average, but the dogs will always be worth it. Just grab a vacuum and suck it up.

Gwen Rockwood is a syndicated freelance columnist. Email her at gwenrockwood5@gmail.com. Her book is available on Amazon.

THE GREAT OUTDOORS

September

September, in our area of the country, offers a blend of lingering summer heat during the day and the first hints of autumn during the evenings. Summer is still officially with us until the 22nd.

Days may start with a hint of crisp morning air, but warm up to summer temperatures during the day and then cool off at night. Look closely, and you will see the leaves starting to change a little. Some leaves may have already fallen and crunch underfoot. Squirrels will be busy collecting leaves and sticks to build nests and gathering acorns to store away for the winter.

Hopefully, they will remember where they hid them when they need them.

Some of the birds usually seen at your feeders will be leaving, especially the hummingbirds. They have started heading south to escape the winter that is coming. You will begin to see geese flying south in their V-formation, honking encouragement to those up front as they go.

At night, you may even smell a hint of wood smoke in the air from a campfire or backyard fire pit being used to warm a cool evening. We watch the flames dance and flicker. The sparks float upward in a hypnotic twirl. As we watch them go up into the night sky, we see at least a million stars and a bright moon.

When I look at that, I always talk to God and thank Him for all he has created for us to enjoy.

For those of us who love the great outdoors, September stirs our souls. It is a great time for camping. The crowds are gone from the campgrounds of summer.

The crowds are also gone from our lakes, rivers, and streams. It is a time for paddling around in a canoe or kayak. The night air also cools the water, and hungry fish respond to an enticing-



LARRY WHITELEY
CONTRIBUTING COLUMNIST

ly cast lure or bait.

The first day of September is the start of the fish gigging season. While others are watching football games, some of us are out on the water with bright lights on our boats and a long, wooden handle fish gig in our hands in pursuit of the sucker fish.

When we reach our limit, we come in and fry up some of them right there on the riverbank. Sucker fish are ugly, but they are delicious. Most folks will never try it, and that is okay with those of us who love them.

September 1st is also the start of dove season. Hunters grab their shotguns and head to the grain fields. My kids grew up with me hunting doves. Grilled bacon-wrapped dove breast is delicious. Just ask my sons.

September 13th, waterfowl hunters start hunting Teal. They are smaller than most waterfowl. They are also great wrapped in bacon and grilled.

Archery deer season begins Sept. 15th. Deer should start actively feeding and moving around. Be sure to check all the Missouri Department of Conservation deer hunting regulations. I am ready for grilled venison steaks smothered in mushrooms.

On the cooler days of September, lace up your hiking boots and get outdoors. Even if it is hiking around the neighborhood or a local park. That way, you are in shape for hiking up one of our Ozark hills when fall colors arrive and paint the landscape. I love September, because it is a prelude to my beloved October.

You will not regret making time to get outdoors and enjoy the great month of September.

Something to think about

“Ah, September! You are the doorway to the season that awakens my soul.”
-Peggy Toney Horton

MDC asks public to report hemorrhagic disease in Missouri deer

The disease is spread through the bite of a native midge. Outbreaks usually happen July into October and reporting helps MDC track cases.

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) is receiving reports of hemorrhagic disease (HD) in Missouri deer this summer and is asking the public to help determine the extent of the disease by reporting suspected cases.

HD is a general term for two related viruses: epizootic hemorrhagic disease and bluetongue. They are spread to deer through the bite of a tiny, native midge, often called a “no-see-um” or “gnat.”

While MDC does not anticipate a large outbreak this year, every report helps biologists monitor deer health and better understand the impacts of the disease.

“Hemorrhagic disease is a naturally occurring virus in Missouri's deer population,” explained MDC Wildlife Health Program Supervisor Deb Hudman. “Outbreaks are most common between July and October and typically end after a heavy frost kills the midges that spread it.”

Signs of HD in deer can include reluctance to move; difficulty breathing; swelling of the head, neck, or tongue; and unusual behavior such as appearing dazed or unresponsive. The virus can cause high fever, prompting infected deer to seek water. Deer that die from HD are often found

in or near water. Death can occur within days of infection, though some deer survive and develop immunity. There is no cure or vaccine for HD.

HD kills deer quickly, making the effects of the disease highly visible. However, the disease does not have long-term effects on the overall health or sustainability of Missouri deer numbers. Even after a severe outbreak, the deer population recovers within a few years.

“We care deeply about Missouri deer and deer hunting,” Hudman said. “By reporting suspected cases of HD, members of the public can help us track where the disease is occurring and how it's affecting deer numbers in specific areas.”

Missouri's most severe HD outbreak occurred in 2012 during an extreme drought when deer gathered around limited water sources, increasing their exposure to infected midges.

Learn more about hemorrhagic disease at mdc.mo.gov/wildlife/wildlife-diseases/hemorrhagic-disease.

To report a suspected case of HD, contact the local MDC office or speak with a conservation agent. Find local MDC offices and agents online at mdc.mo.gov/contact/engage/local-mdc-contacts.

People can also report suspected cases online through MDC's Wildlife Health Event Reporting Application at mdc12.mdc.mo.gov/applications/WildlifeHealthReporting.

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