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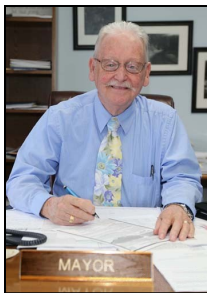
*"Shine your light and make a positive impact on the world; there is nothing so honorable as helping improve the lives of others." — Roy T. Bennett*

Sadly, three cities in the region recently lost the mayors who had so generously stepped up to serve their communities. Boonslick Regional Planning Commission would like to take a moment to recognize these individuals.

**City of New Florence Mayor Glen Devlin** passed away June 12, 2017. Although he had just been elected as mayor in April of this year, Mr. Devlin had a history of service to the community. He was a member of the New Florence Volunteer Fire Department for over 30 years, serving as chief for 15 years. Mr. Devlin was also a member of the New Florence City Council for several years before being elected as mayor.



**City of Truesdale Mayor Murray Bruer** passed away on July 1, 2017. He became mayor of Truesdale in 2008, when he was appointed to fill the vacant position. Prior to that he served as president of the Truesdale Board of Aldermen. He was then re-elected and served as mayor until his passing. Mayor Bruer played an active role in serving not only the interests of his community, but also in working to improve the region as a whole. He became a member of the BRPC Executive Board in 2009 and served as Chairman from 2013-2016. Following his role as Chairman, he continued to serve on the Executive Board as a member. Mayor Bruer was active in the Greater Warren County Economic Development Council and was a strong supporter of the Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce. He was also a very active member of the Knights of Columbus.



**Wright City Mayor David Heiliger** passed away July 6, 2017. Mr. Heiliger was elected mayor in April of 2010. Wright City Clerk and Economic Developer Karen Gironde shared that Mayor Heiliger loved Wright City and was a driving force to make Wright City and the region a better place to live. She also shared that when a project or idea was brought to him, he would ask if it was good for Wright City, and if so, he would say, "Get it done." and would back it 100%. Mr. Heiliger was the owner of Heiliger Distribution, LLC. He was a past president of Wright City Lions Club, a member of Pauldingville Masonic Lodge, a charter member of Wright City Jaycees and a Wright City Band Booster.



*Our sincere appreciation to these gentlemen for the service they gave to their communities.  
Our heartfelt sympathy to their families and friends. They will be missed.*

## Director's Update



We are saddened by the recent loss of three leaders in the Boonslick region, but we will always remember their zeal to serve and the importance they put on giving of themselves and their time to their local communities. As the summer sails along, we use these intrinsic values to propel us to continue to find ways to serve.

Staff have been busy with projects for MO Rides, recycling, onsite wastewater, Revolving Loan Fund, GIS mapping and resiliency projects, community planning, environmental reviews, and traffic counts and speed trailer requests. If you have need of any of these services, then please contact us.

We continue to assist communities with planning and project management, work with local entrepreneurs and businesses on workforce needs and hiring events. We are excited to find new ways to connect with residents in the region on Adult and Dislocated Worker programs as well as the Summer Jobs and other Youth programs, and to partner with local organizations to promote economic development and transportation coordination.

As a reminder, several new projects are lined up for the coming fiscal year including the Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan and

the Missouri River Country regional initiative.

In the coming days, you will receive your membership dues invoice in the mail. These funds support the planning and technical assistance activities that we provide to you, our members. This investment allows BRPC to provide staffing support to work with you and to leverage much needed state and federal funding opportunities.

BRPC is here for you. If you have any questions or need assistance of any nature or would like a staff member to attend one of your meetings, please don't hesitate to call (636) 456-3473 or email [ceggen@boonslick.org](mailto:ceggen@boonslick.org).

## Back-to-School Safety



***Use of a speed display trailer can increase driver awareness of school zones.***

It's that time of year again...students will be heading back to school. Many of them will be walking or riding bicycles. It's never more important for drivers to slow down and pay attention than when kids are present, especially before and after school. By observing the posted speed limits in school zones, motorists

have a better chance of slowing down or stopping in time to avoid hitting a pedestrian or cyclist.

Boonslick Regional Planning Commission has a speed display trailer available to assist local governments in maintaining safe roads. The trailer will display the posted limit and the actual speed of travel to oncoming vehicles. A report can be generated to show the speed all vehicles are traveling through a monitored corridor.

In addition to school zones, the trailer is ideal around city limits and construction zones. The speed display trailer can help maintain safe speeds through education instead of enforcement.



## Missouri Job Center Outreach



The Missouri Job Center of Warrenton is a valuable resource for both residents and employers in the Boonslick region. Offering a wide variety



Workforce Specialist Dennis James provides information about Job Center programs.

of services, the Job Center's mission is to empower individuals to become productive members of society and to assist businesses and communities in gaining access to a trained and skilled workforce. Recognizing that some individuals in need of services find it difficult to travel to Warrenton (particularly if they have no means of transportation), Job Center staff has decided to go out in the region to serve them.

On July 1, 2017, the first stop was Montgomery County. Several Job Center staff went to Reach Church in Montgomery City. Reach Church provides assistance to people in the county and the surrounding area. One of the services they provide is a food pantry. Job Center staff were on hand during this initial visit to provide information and let people know that they would be coming back to offer assistance with job search and workforce training opportunities. Approximately 200 packets of information were given out.

Also attending this initial reach out effort was BRPC Mobility Manager Kelly Anders. She was able to provide information about the MoRIDES program which is a transportation referral service.

Job Center Functional Leader Janet Hickey reports that the return visit to Montgomery County was very successful! Nine individuals took advantage of the opportunity to register on MoJOBS and receive assistance in searching for jobs. Janet shares, "We are trying to reach the customers who can't get to us. We're trying to get to them and let them know the resources we have."



Individuals register on MoJOBS and receive assistance with job searches.

Opportunities for youth and young adults were also shared. Job Center Youth Workforce Specialist Cindy Schwada provided information about the Summer Jobs program to four youth. She has plans to conduct one of the Youth workshops at the site, making it easier for young people in the area to attend.

This outreach has been so successful that staff plan to return to Montgomery County on September 5. Veterans Representative Lon Little will be attending to offer assistance to veterans in the area. Staff would like to reach out to the residents of Lincoln County as well, and will be working to set up a site visit there soon.

*A special thanks to the people at Reach Church who have partnered with Boonslick Regional Planning Commission to provide services to those in our region!*



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## New Manager for East Central Missouri Recycling Center



James Chitwood, Manager  
East Central Missouri  
Recycling Center

Boonslick Regional Planning Commission welcomes James Chitwood as the new manager for the East Central Missouri Recycling Center. James brings experience in the waste collection industry and many skills which will be instrumental in the operation of the facility. He has a passion for the difference people can make by recycling items instead of discarding them in a landfill. He also believes in the importance of good customer service and looks forward to meeting and helping the residents who use the recycling center. If you have any questions, James can be reached at

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The East Central Missouri Recycling Center is open Tuesday—Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on Saturdays from 8:00 to noon. It serves the residents of Franklin, Lincoln, Montgomery & Warren counties.

For a list of items accepted, visit <http://boonslick.org/recycling-center/>

## Solar Eclipse

A total solar eclipse will occur on August 21, 2017 and will be visible in the Boonslick region. Sites to visit for more information include:

<https://www.greatamericaneclipse.com/missouri/>

<https://www.mo.gov/eclipse/>

<http://www.stlouiseclipse2017.org/>



## Calendar of Events - Contact us for More Information

### August

- 8 Region I SWMD Executive Board Meeting, 11:30 a.m.
- 9-11 Missouri Recycling Association Annual Conference, Tan-tar-a Resort, Osage Beach
- 16 Community Agencies in Partnership meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- 16 Youth Workshop, Missouri Job Center-Warrenton, 4:00 p.m.
- 17 BRPC Transportation Advisory Committee meeting, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- 25 Hiring Event—Missouri Dept. of Corrections, Job Center, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

### September

- 5 BRPC closed in observance of Labor Day
- 6-8 Governor's Conference on Economic Development, St. Louis
- 20 Community Agencies in Partnership meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- 25 BRPC General Membership meeting, noon

## Job Center Workshop Calendar

The Missouri Job Center in Warrenton offers free workshops for job seekers each month. Please contact us at (636) 456-9467 if you are interested in a calendar of events.

