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City of Old Monroe Levee Project is Complete



During flooding of December 2015 - January 2016, the levee on the Cuivre River in the City of Old Monroe was damaged and the area declared a Federal Disaster under declaration DR-4250. Excessive flows from the flooding damaged the levee streambank and public road on top of it. If not repaired, the citizens would face future threats of flood waters destroying houses, separating people from access to emergency services, and destruction of public streets and property.

The City received funding from Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to help in addressing this important need, but lacked the additional amount necessary for local match and payment for other flood repairs. Boonslick Regional Planning Commission (BRPC) assisted the city by writing an emergency grant to secure funds through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. CDBG funding served as the local match, enabling the City of Old Monroe to utilize NRCS funding to complete the project. BRPC served as administrator, and Program Coordinator Chuck Eichmeyer as inspector for the project which was completed in September of this year.



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Director's Update



Autumn in Missouri River Country is here! We have several projects going on in communities and workforce development is thriving. The Boonslick region is 100% Certified Work Ready! Congratulations to BRPC staff, partner agencies, local schools and businesses for all your hard work and perseverance.

NEW Program! BRPC can assist with fingerprinting for employment, record checks, or background screenings. Please call us for information.

We continue to engage our communities with their needs and projects. Local comprehensive plans and GIS projects are in the works, MO Rides and the Recycling Center continue to provide services, and the Revolving Loan Fund is available for financing.

Reminder: Grant funding with MoDOT for the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). This

opportunity is for infrastructure-related projects including safe routes to school, street crossing and traffic diversion improvements, pedestrian/bicycle trails, sidewalks, conversion of abandon rail corridors. TAP applications are due November 2. If you have any questions, then please contact us.

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 cegggen@boonslick.org.

Montgomery County Celebrates Certified Work Ready Designation

Supporters of Montgomery County's effort to attain designation as a Certified Work Ready Community (CWRC) gathered to celebrate the achievement of this goal on Thursday, September 27, 2018.

Montgomery County Presiding Commissioner Ryan Poston welcomed everyone. He explained that 228 individuals in the county had attained a National Career Readiness Certificate, showing they had skills needed by employers. Mardy Leathers, Director of the Division of Workforce Development – Missouri Department of Economic Development, served as guest speaker for the event. He shared his excitement that all three counties in the Boonslick Region have achieved the CWRC designation, and presented Montgomery County officials with a proclamation from the Governor's office.



Mardy Leathers (left) presents proclamation to Montgomery County Commissioners Ryan Poston and John Noltensmeyer.

Northeast Missouri Workforce Development Board Director Diane Simbro shared information about the CWRC initiative and spoke about how there is a real focus on workforce development and the importance of having good jobs in rural communities. Greater Montgomery County Economic Development Council President Brent Speight confirmed that employers have been expressing the need for skilled workers.



BRPC Business Outreach Coordinator JoAnn Toerper thanked the many people involved in helping the county achieve designation as a Certified Work Ready Community. She encouraged everyone to keep working together.

More photos of the event, along with a video, can be seen at <http://boonslick.org>.
Congratulations on this achievement! The Boonslick Region is Work Ready!

Job Center Hosts Successful Hiring Events

Boonslick Regional Planning Commission has been a busy place! The Job Center hosted a hiring event for Schnucks September 26–28. The company has constructed a new 37,000 square foot grocery store on Veterans Memorial Parkway in Warrenton, just west of Highway 47. The store will open on November 7 of this year and bring 60 new jobs to the area.



The event was very successful, with individuals attending for on-the-spot interviews. Representatives from Schnucks indicated they were very pleased with the turnout and services provided by staff, and asked to return on October 3 and 4. In total, 300 people attended the two hiring events.

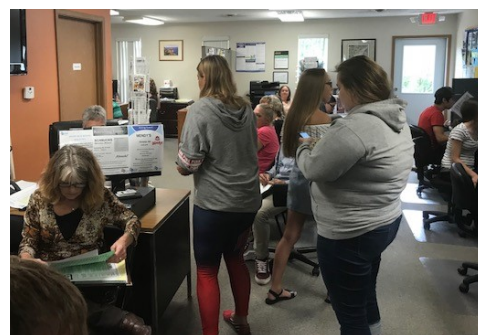
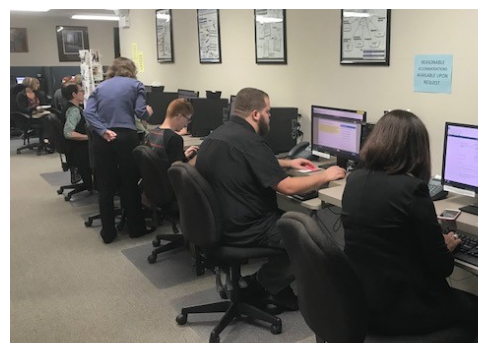
Thus far, forty-five people have been hired for a variety of positions. Several other individuals have been scheduled for additional interviews with Schnucks.

Job center staff provided assistance with creating flyers, marketing the hiring events throughout the region, and posting the open positions on jobs.mo.gov. Staff were on hand to greet job seekers, help them register, and fill out online applications. They also assisted the team from Schnucks with the flow of customers waiting for interviews.



The hiring events showcased the many services the job center can provide for both employers and job seekers. For information about these services, as well as the Adult and Youth programs available for residents in the

region, contact Janet Hickey at jhickey@boonslick.org.



SAVE THE DATE

East Central Missouri
Solid Waste Management District—
Region I Annual Meeting

Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2018
Starts at noon with
lunch being served!



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Boonslick Regional Planning Commission has contracted with Idemia to assist with background checks through the Missouri Highway Patrol.

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Presentation for Community Agency Partnership

Conflict Resolution

Communicate! Communicate! Communicate!



Dr. Pamela Moehl served as the guest presenter at a Community Agency Partnership meeting held at BRPC on September 19, 2018. Dr. Moehl, who is a specialist in organizational development and training, spoke about conflict resolution.

Each of us develop behavior patterns which tend to come out when conflicts arise. Some behaviors, such as allowing issues to build up over time, blaming others, or lashing out in anger, promote conflict escalation. To prevent this from happening, it is important to communicate.

Dr. Pamela Moehl Dr. Moehl discussed the advantages and risks of several ways individuals respond to conflict. She stressed that people can improve their communication skills and shared that being able to respect yourself and other people is the foundation of integrity.

Community Agency Partnership meetings provide an excellent opportunity for providers in the region to share information about the programs and services they offer.



Calendar of Events - Contact us for More Information

October

- 2 Job Center outreach, Reach Church, Montgomery City, 12:00—3:00
- 3 Schnucks Hiring Event, Missouri Job Center-Warrenton, 9:00—4:00
Job Center outreach, Wellsville City Hall, 11:00—3:00
- 4 Schnucks Hiring Event, Missouri Job Center-Warrenton, 9:00—4:00
Wendy's Hiring Event, Missouri Job Center-Warrenton, 10:00—1:00
- 5 Manufacturing Day, Montgomery County, 9:00—1:00
- 8 BRPC closed in observance of Columbus Day
- 17 Community Agency Partnership meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- 25 Manufacturing Day, Warren County, 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

November

- 2 Transportation Alternatives Program applications due
- 4 Daylight Savings Time ends
- 8 Thriving Thursday Hiring Event 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
- 13 East Central Missouri SWMD Annual Meeting, 12:00 p.m.
- 15 BRPC Transportation Advisory Committee meeting, 11:00 a.m.
- 21 Community Agency Partnership meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- 22 BRPC closed in observance of Thanksgiving

December

- 5 BRPC Annual Meeting **Please note:** This year the annual meeting will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Montgomery City.

Remember to
set your clock!

