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The Missouri Department of Conservation has issued a new warning concerning a new invasive species in the state.

“Be warned of our state’s newest invasive species threat—Zombies,” said the department in a bulletin. “While zombie management is largely left to the police, military and health agencies, conservation plays a role in protecting Missouri’s fish, forest and wildlife resources—and Missourians—from this invasive species.”

Department spokesman Joe Jerek says hunters, campers and others in the outdoors should know there is always the chance they may encounter a zombie while out in the field. Good preparation helps you know what to do if you encounter this newest invasive species in Missouri.

Jerek says they fit the definition of an “invasive species.” Zombies are not native to Missouri (if anywhere), they have no natural predators to keep their population growth under control, and they wreak havoc on the state’s natural environment.

Jerek said there are some key indicators that you have a zombie in view:

- It has a gray-green dull skin tone.
- It is wearing inappropriate clothing for the season or terrain (no coat or shoes, for instance).

- It has open wounds, other injuries and/or missing or damaged limbs but no sign of bleeding.
- It does not respond to verbal stimulus or exhibit any interest in its immediate surroundings.
- It is trying to eat you.

Zombie Hunger and Habitat

Zombies require meat and brains. While human is the preferred source, fish and wildlife are another ready source of nourishment.

While zombies are primarily found in populated areas, there are zombies in undeveloped rural areas, far from cities and towns. Evidence suggests that these zombies are transient, and moving to populated areas in search of their primary food source: brains. They are known to travel in packs or swarms, especially near food sources, but it is not uncommon to find solitary zombies in the field.

Cold weather slows down zombies. When the weather is below freezing, zombies may “hibernate” under leaf litter or underwater until warmer spring weather.

Jerek advises that a tree stand is an important tool in protection from zombies.

“A tree stand is a readily defensible position, but keep in mind that free-standing tree stands can be toppled by a small pack of zombies. Follow manufacturers’ instructions when setting up your stand. There are unconfirmed reports that some zombies may be capable of climbing tree stands.

Always practice proper tree stand safety and wear a safety harness. Falling from a tree stand can injure you or make you dead. Falling from a tree stand into the gaping maw of a zombie can make you undead.”

Anglers should note that Jerek advises that if you snag a zombie, cut it from your line as soon as possible.

Happy Halloween!

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Wright Awards Prizes At Fish Fry

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Door Prize Winners

State Rep. Billy Pat Wright hosted his annual Fish Fry recently and as part of the evening a number of door prizes were awarded to those attending. Winners included (from left) Andrea Duckworth of Dexter, Mary Beth Davidson of Bloomfield, Danny Dubar of Kennett, Marrine Grobe of Dexter, Les Williams of Dexter and Sue Edwards of Dexter. (SMT Photo)

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Bearcat Seniors Shine On Senior Night

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It was a perfect night for high school football. Yes, there had been rain showers during the day, and the evening was damp and chilly. But it was a perfect night - a perfect night to recognize seniors Bearcats!

It was Senior Night at Charles Bland Stadium and the Bearcat Nation paused for a few moments before the game to thank seniors for their hard work, dedication, and for the thrills and excitement they have added to our community. Seniors recognized participated in football, cross-country, tennis and marching band.

Each senior stepped forward as announcer Aaron Mathis called their name. Mathis introduced each senior and their parents and told a bit about their accomplishments and future plans.

Camera flashes were popping as family and friends took plenty of photos of the special night. The ShowMe Times was there, too, with photographers Annabeth Miller, Andrew Cato and Kay Stephenson taking photos of seniors and parents up and down the long line in Charles Bland Stadium.

Congratulations, seniors! You have given much and you have wonderful, bright futures ahead. The Class of 2012 rocks!

Photo Above: Senior Zach Lacy leans over to give mom Kim a kiss during the Senior Tribute on Thursday evening. (SMT Photo by Annabeth Miller)

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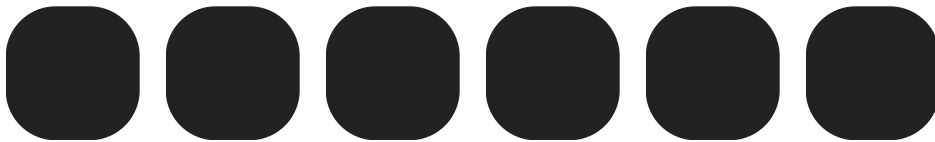
Bearcat Senior Night

Photos by Andrew Cato, Kay Stevenson & Annabeth Miller

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Fun Halloween Weekend In Community

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North, south, east and west; young and old; scary, funny and goofy; ghosts and goblins and banshees.

It's Halloween time at all points of the compass for "kids" of all ages. Lots of events are planned in local communities for the spooky holiday.

Check out these tricks and treats and events in the area this weekend.

Bearcat Football & Senior Night: The "weekend" begins Thursday evening as the Dexter Bearcats celebrate Senior Night and the end of a regular season that has been described as "historical."

The Bearcats take on the Fredericktown Black Cats in a Thursday evening at on Bearcat Field at Charles Bland Stadium. Senior Night recognition for the football, cross-country, tennis and Marching Bearcat Band will be held in pre-game festivities beginning at 6:30 p.m.

DHS Future Teachers of America Blood Drive: On Friday, the students to Dexter High School are joining together to save lives.

The DHS Future Teachers of America organization is hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive. The blood drive will be held in the DHS gym from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Give the gift of life!!

Halloween Science Fun: The fun continues Saturday in Cape Girardeau for kids.

Children ages 5-12 are invited to learn that science is "a blast" at the FREE Halloween Science Night at Southeast Missouri State University. Children will be transformed into scientists and will have the opportunity to see exploding pumpkins, learn about things that glow, see creepy creatures and carnivorous plants, and participate in gooey, gross and awesome activities.

The event will take place from 2 - 5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 29 (check in from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.) in Dempster Hall on the Southeast Campus.

The event is free, but online registration is required at the event's page on the University website at [Halloween Science Night](#).

Genealogy Workshop: Keller Public Library in Dexter in conjunction with the Stoddard County Genealogy Society will host a Genealogy Workshop Saturday. The workshop will be held from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the library on Grant Street. There is a \$5 cost to cover materials

Halloween Fun In Dexter: The City of Dexter has designated Monday evening, Oct. 31 as the "official" time in the city for trick-or-treating. Trick-or-treaters make make their run from 6-10 p.m. Monday night.

Trunk-Or-Treat: The Dexter High School Student Council will once again sponsor the ghostly-popular Trunk-Or-Treat event on Halloween Night – Monday, Oct. 31 - for youngsters in pre-school through grade 5. The event is held at the DHS parking lot from 5:30 – 7 p.m. and is free and a fun time for all.

Photo Above: Oh my!! What has frightened Malinda, Lauren, Hannah and Kaycee?! The Halloween weekend is full of fun activities! Safe trick-or-treating! (SMT archive photo by Annabeth Miller)

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Politics & Coffee: Steelman In Dexter

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Politics & Coffee: Steelman In Dexter

*By Annabeth Miller,
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It was an early morning of politics and coffee as the race for the U.S. Senate came to Dexter Wednesday.

Republican Sarah Steelman brought her Senate campaign to town for an early morning meeting with supporters. The meeting room at the Airport Café was packed for the breakfast political gathering.

Steeleman used the opportunity to speak casually to the group on a range of issues –from the economy, federal regulations and trade.

Steeleman said one stranglehold over the economy has become the hold federal agencies have over business in the county. She relayed a story of a small business near Marshfield and regulators came into the business with the purpose of finding two violations.

The inspectors. Steelman said, told the business owner that they had been instructed to find two violations.

“Those violations will cost that business owner \$10,000 a piece,” Steelman said. “Most people are operating on a very slim margin today, and you have two violations that are \$10,000 a piece – that’s enough to put you under. This is ridiculous and scary attitude for government to have towards people who are creating jobs and economic activity in this country.”

Steeleman of Rolla, was elected Missouri State Treasurer in 2004 and was elected to the State Senate from the 16th senator district in Mid-Missouri. She is seeking the Republican nomination to challenge Claire McCaskill in the November 2012 election. She faces two opponents in the August 2012 primary – U.S. Congressman Todd Akin and St. Louis businessman John Brunner.

Earlier this month Steelman challenged Akin and Brunner to a “series of old-fashioned debates.”

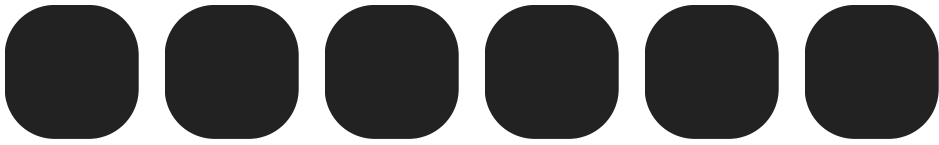
“I haven’t heard a word from them,” she said of Akin and Brunner on the debate challenge. She said while she has not heard a word from Brunner, Steelman and Akin were scheduled to both appear on a radio show in the Kansas City area. But the radio station cancelled the program due to lack of response from Brunner.

“I think people are hungry and thirsty for a debate about the issues,” Steelman said, “just a good, healthy discussion about solutions and what people think, that engages the public. It’s good for us to do that; it’s good for the voters. And that’s all that I’m after.”

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