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# Apply for MDC Spring Managed Turkey Hunts

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**Online applications opened January 9th and  
run through February 28th**

Jefferson City, Missouri - Missouri youth, archery, and firearms turkey hunters can apply online for managed hunts during the 2015 spring turkey season beginning Jan. 9 to Feb. 28 through the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) website at [mdc.mo.gov/node/11252](http://mdc.mo.gov/node/11252). Managed hunt details and application procedures are outlined on the webpage. Application results will be available beginning March 13.

Spring turkey hunting youth weekend will be April 11 - 12 with the regular spring season running April 20 - May 10.

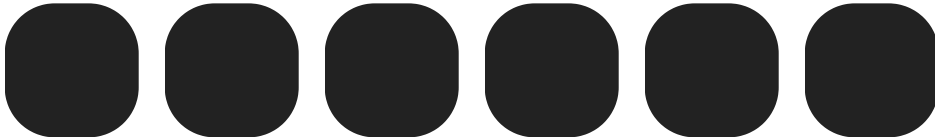
Detailed information on spring turkey hunting will be available in MDC's 2015 Spring Turkey Hunting Regulations and Information booklet available online at [mdc.mo.gov](http://mdc.mo.gov) in late January with printed booklets available from permit vendors and MDC offices and nature centers around the state beginning in mid-February.

Conservation makes Missouri a great place to turkey hunt. To learn more, go online to [mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/turkey-hunting](http://mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/turkey-hunting).

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# Missing Woman Considered to be in Danger

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**Bollinger County, Missouri** - Crews are actively searching for a missing woman they consider to be in danger, according to the Bollinger County Sheriff's Department. Deputies say Brandi Lee, 34, was last seen wearing a heavy, pink coat.

She left her home on Highway H on foot around 12:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 12.

She is described as a white female, 5-feet, 1-inch tall and 95 pounds with a petite build.

According to the sheriff's department, her house is located south of Highway FF on Highway H.

They say search crews are staging down the road at a church at the intersection of Hwy. H and County Road 538.

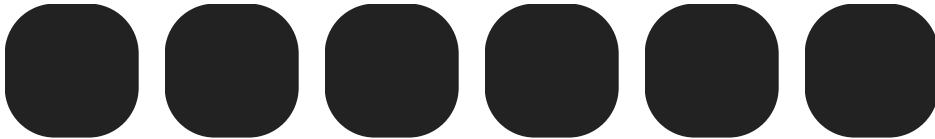
If you don't need to be in the area, deputies ask that you avoid it because the search crews are using dogs to try and pick up her scent. They say they do not need volunteers at the moment.

If you have any information, you're asked to call the Bollinger County Sheriff's Department at 573-238-2633.

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# Turtle Power!

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## Turtle Power!

**Missouri** - As winter sets in, some of our wildlife, like turtles, seem to disappear. According to Bruce Henry, a natural history biologist with the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC), turtles are still here, they just have ways of hiding away to stay safe from the elements.

Instead of hibernating, cold-blooded turtles slow their metabolic processes down tremendously when temperatures drop, he said.

“They’re in a dormant, inactive state,” he said.

When temps drop they seek out environments that will provide the most stable temperature to wait out the winter months. Turtles have to save energy in order to survive the winter, so if they have to endure fast temperature changes, it costs them some of their fat stores, which puts them in danger.

“For example, a common snapper may descend to a deep submerged log pile in a pond or creek and curl up and wait out the winter with little movement, if any,” Henry said, adding that even the turtle’s respiration and heart beat rates will decrease dramatically to help save energy.

“Instead of breathing, aquatic turtles can absorb oxygen from the water through their skin,” he said.

Box turtles dig burrows and red eared sliders burrow into mud at the bottom of wetlands for protection from extreme winter temperatures. They won’t eat as much food throughout the winter either since eating will increase their metabolic rate.

“Slow and steady is the name of the game for a turtle to survive the winter,” Henry said.

Henry said people can help turtles by providing good places for them to hide. They need soil to burrow in the forests, plants to take shelter in in the wetlands, and overall healthy habitat and waters where they can seek refuge from the cold.

“Like us, turtles need a place to take shelter from the cold,” he said. “That shelter can be a rotted-out log on the south slope of an Ozark woods or a downed cypress treetop in a bootheel slough.”

“Turtles and other wildlife are tremendously stressed when temperatures decline to the levels we experience in Missouri,” he said. “The main thing people can do during the winter months make sure they don’t disturb habitat unnecessarily when weather conditions are bad.”

For example, a pond drained in the winter may freeze many of the aquatic species that may have been able to move to nearby wetlands had the temperatures been higher.

“Wildlife can’t survive the disturbances or destruction of habitat while they struggle against adverse weather conditions,” he said.

To find more information on winter wildlife and what you can do to help them, go online to [mdc.mo.gov](http://mdc.mo.gov).

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## Hunters Harvest 11,025 Deer During Alternative Methods

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### Hunters Harvest 11,025 Deer During Alternative Methods

**Jefferson City, Missouri** - The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) reports that hunters harvested 11,025 deer during the Alternative Methods portion of the 2014 deer hunting season, which ran Dec. 20-30. Top harvest counties were Oregon with 269, Franklin with 248, and Howell with 244. The total harvest for last year's Alternative Methods portion was 11,967.

For 2014 harvest totals by county and season portion, and for past season totals, visit the MDC website at <http://mdc.mo.gov/node/29442>.

**This** season's deer hunting continues with archery hunting through Jan. 15 and the firearms late youth weekend Jan. 3-4.

The alternative methods portion replaced the muzzleloader portion of firearms deer season in 2012. Hunters are allowed to use muzzle-loading firearms, center-fire pistols, air-powered guns, bows, crossbows, or atlatls during the alternative-methods hunt.

Conservation makes Missouri a great place to hunt deer for about 520,000 hunters. Deer hunting is also an important economic driver in Missouri. It supports more than 12,000 jobs and gives a \$1 billion annual boost to state and local economies. Many businesses

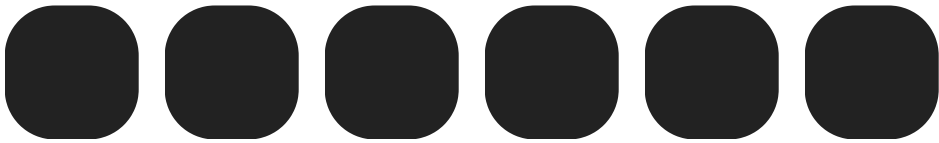
rely on deer hunting as a significant source of revenue, such as meat processors, taxidermists, hotels, restaurants, sporting goods stores, and others.

For more on Missouri deer hunting, go online to [www.mdc.mo.gov](http://www.mdc.mo.gov).

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# No Limits Monster Trucks to Appear at the Show Me Center

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## No Limits Monster Trucks to Appear at the Show Me Center

**Cape Girardeau, Missouri** – The Show Me Center will present “No Limits Monster Trucks and Hot Rod Truck & Tractor Pull” the weekend of February 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Gates will open at 6:30 p.m. and racing begins at 7:30 p.m. The Monster Truck competition will be side-by-side racing and car-crushing freestyle.

Monster Medic, Wicked Sickness, Twisted Addiction and the Defender will be on hand to delight the crowd with their powerful engines!

Heavy Hitting Hot Rods with mega horsepower will there and just might knock a few shingles off the roof!

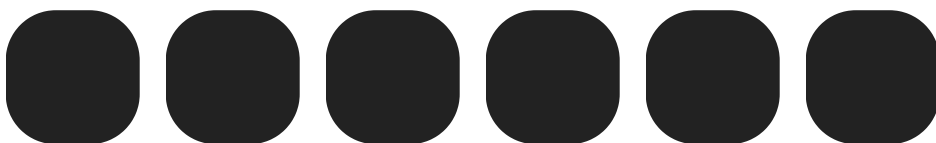
Tickets are on sale now!

Front row seats are just \$50 with all other seats \$25 for adults. Children 12 and under are \$15.00.

This is an indoor motorsports event with loud noise and some exhaust fumes. Not recommended for children under two years old. No video cameras or professional extended lens cameras are allowed.

Tickets can be purchased by clicking **HERE**, by calling 573-651-5000 or in person at the Show Me Center Box Office.

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