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Poplar Bluff, Missouri - On Wednesday, Feb. 4, in E.T. Peters Gym, Ozark Federal Credit Union hosted a Reality Fair, its third budget-planning event involving Poplar Bluff Schools, with the participation of 280 high school seniors along with 38 local businesses and organizations.

Students each received a unique packet stating their occupation, salary, debt history, marital status and whether or not they had children. Then they were assigned to visit with real industry professionals to purchase necessities such as a mock house, transportation, furniture, clothing and food. The object was to attempt to keep within budget in a workbook.

Sponsored by the Missouri Credit Union Association in partnership with the Missouri Council for Economic Education, the Ozark Federal Credit Union Reality Fair has become the largest in the state, according to Davine Conover, business development specialist. The Ozark FCU is a certified community development financial institution under the U.S. Department of Treasury, teaching financial literacy in a six-county region, including Butler.

Shown in the photo: Jamie Hobbs, a PBHS senior, visits the 'fun stuff' table manned by Sgt. Clark Parrott of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, to select from entertainment activities including sports equipment, hobby supplies, movies, concert

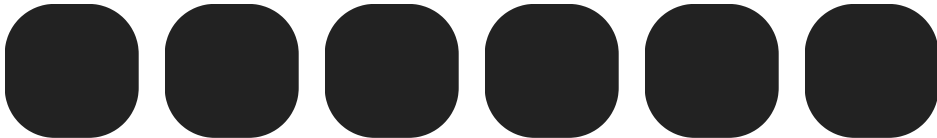
tickets and vacation packages.

Submitted by Tim Krakowiak, Communications/Marketing Coordinator, Poplar Bluff R-1 School District.

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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.

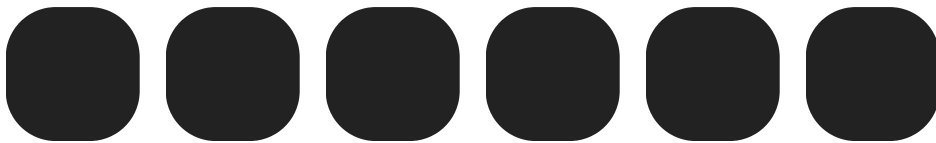
If you don't need to be in the area, deputies ask that you avoid it because the search crews are using dogs to try and pick up her scent. They say they do not need volunteers at the moment.

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

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Washburn, Missouri - The Barry County Sheriff's Office in Missouri has issued an **AMBER** Alert for a child abduction in Washburn, Mo.

The sheriff's office said the abduction happened at 23233 Farm Road 1055 at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 5.

Alli Anne Paschall, a 2-year-old white female, was abducted. She has brown hair.

They say the suspect is believed to be Christopher Lee Paschall, a 37-year-old white male, 5 feet, 6 inches tall and 150 pounds. He has brown hair and hazel eyes, and a barbed wire tattoo on his right arm.

The suspect vehicle is a dark blue 2013 Nissan Rogue with Arkansas license 052 PZL.

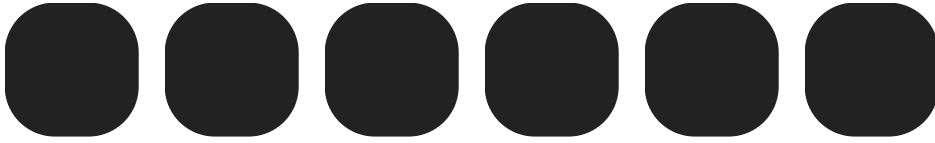
Anyone who has seen the the victim or vehicle, or anyone with information related to the abduction, should immediately call 911.

Washburn, Missouri is southwest of Springfield near the Rogers, Arkansas border.

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United States – Blue Light Week is a national campaign to honor police officers that have died in the line of duty. YOU can participate by flipping a switch!

This is the first ever “Blue Light Week” and it is the hopes of many that it will become a annual nationwide event. From January 1st through January 7th change out your light bulb on your porch to blue! Turn it on at night and leave it on each night.

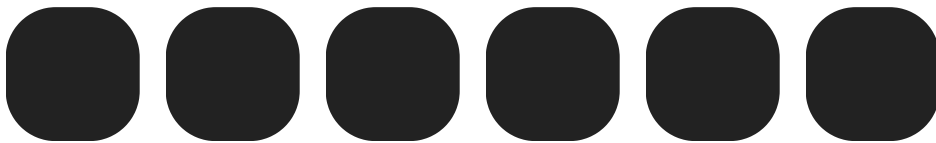
A former Virginia policeman who wanted to start something positive for the law enforcement community created the campaign.

Please join them throughout the week and support your local law enforcement as well!

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Stoddard County, Missouri - A St. Francois County man is missing, last seen six weeks ago just west of Advance in the Sturdivant/Arab area.

According to the Stoddard County Sheriff's Office, Kenneth Willard, 53, was last seen with blue jeans, shirt with a pocket on it and hunting boots.

He's from St. Francois County, but **has a family farm in the northern part of Stoddard County.**

Willard is 5 feet, 11 inches tall, heavy build with blue eyes, brown hair and tattoos.

According to the sheriff's office, **a camper was set up and a car was in the area of the family farm.**

They say he was reported missing on Sunday, Dec. 14 by family.

If you see Willard, please contact the Stoddard County Sheriff's Office.

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