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National VFW Day is observed annually on September 29. This day is devoted to the VFW organization and those members who have served our nation.

OBSERVE

Honor the VFW members and veterans in your community. Let them know that you appreciate the sacrifices they have made for all of us. We truly are the land of the free because of the brave. Use #NationalVFWDay to post on social media.

HISTORY

The VFW was established on September 29, 1899 by a group of veterans from the Spanish-American war. It has since grown to be the nation's largest group of combat veterans. They continue "to honor the dead by helping the living." The VFW promote patriotism, good will and youth scholarships. They also provide military assistance and community service programs, promote youth activities and volunteer many hours in their local communities.

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Dexter, Missouri - Please join First Midwest Bank of Dexter to celebrate Mark Snider's retirement of 33 years in the banking business.

Mark has spent the last 14 years with First Midwest Bank.

A special reception will be Friday, September 25th from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Please stop by 819 W. Business Hwy 60 and wish Mark a happy retirement!

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New Duck Blind Built for Hunters with Disabilities

Puxico, Missouri - The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) has installed a new accessible hunting blind at Duck Creek Conservation Area (CA) for waterfowl hunters with disabilities. The blind, which is ready for use in the upcoming waterfowl seasons, is a final piece of renovations to the area.

“We want to help all people discover nature and this accessible duck blind is part of making that happen,” said Keith Cordell, manager of Duck Creek CA.

The ADA blind is in the south central corner of position 16 in Unit A. A paved walkway starts at a parking pad and descends toward the blind, which reaches out into the pool. The structure took an MDC construction crew about six weeks to build.

To make a reservation to use the blind, hunters may call the Southeast Regional Office at (573)290-5730 on or after Oct. 1. Once the season starts, the Duck Creek Office will manage availability of the blind and can be reached at (573)222-3337.

During the waterfowl season, if the blind isn't reserved by a hunter with disabilities, the position/blind will go into the morning draw and may be used by other hunters.

More information on accessible conservation and hunting areas can be found online at mdc.mo.gov or by calling the MDC's Southeast Regional Office at (573)290-5730.

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Dexter, Missouri - On Saturday, September 26th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Dexter Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public its tenth opportunity in five years to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs.

Bring your pills for disposal to the Dexter Police station at 305 Cooper Street. (The DEA cannot accept liquids or needles or sharps, only pills or patches.) The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

Last September, Americans turned in 309 tons (over 617,000 pounds) of prescription drugs at nearly 5,500 sites operated by the DEA and more than 4,000 of its state and local law enforcement partners. When those results are combined with what was collected in its eight previous Take Back events, DEA and its partners have taken in over 4.8 million pounds—more than 2,400 tons—of pills.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs.

Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.

For more information about the disposal of prescription drugs or about the September 26 Take Back Day event, go to the DEA Office of Diversion Control site or contact the Dexter Police Department @ 573-624-5512.

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Dexter, Missouri - The Stoddard County Genealogy Society and the Daughters of the American Revolution Crowley Ridge Chapter are co-sponsoring a workshop at the Keller Public Library on Saturday, October 3, 2015.

"Who's Hiding in Your Family Tree" will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room. Coffee and refreshments will be available.

Glynda Bates of the DAR will have a presentation at 10:00 a.m. Christina Joy will present, "Understanding DNA" following Mrs. Bates.

Francis Moore and Betty McClintock of the DAR will present a pioneer skit at 11:30 just before they break for lunch. Following lunch, Paul White Eagle will speak on Cherokee Ancestries.

At 1:30 p.m., "Chasin' Women" will be presented by Carolyn Cox, followed by "Memories" at 2:00 p.m. by Nan Snider.

The Keller Public Library encourages anyone to attend. The cost is \$15.00 which will cover the cost of lunch.

RSVPs are appreciated by Saturday, September 26th by calling the library at (573) 624-3764 or email Shirley Richard at shrl.richard@gmail.com.

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