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**MDC and CFM encourage deer hunters to Share the Harvest
Help feed hungry Missourians through this annual statewide effort.**

Jefferson City, Missouri - The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) and the Conservation Federation of Missouri (CFM) encourage deer hunters around the state to share their harvests through the state's Share the Harvest program. Administered by MDC and CFM, Share the Harvest coordinates the efforts of thousands of deer hunters, numerous participating meat processors, many local supporting organizations, and a handful of statewide sponsors to help feed hungry Missourians.

The program works by deer hunters donating their extra venison -- from several pounds to whole deer -- to participating meat processors throughout the state who grind and package the deer meat. The packaged venison is then given to food banks and food pantries for distribution to Missourians in need of food assistance.

“Hunters started Share the Harvest because they saw a need in their communities,” said MDC Director Sara Pauley. “And hunters remain the driving force behind this popular program that helps feed our fellow Missourians who are in need. We sincerely thank the thousands of deer hunters who support Share the Harvest, along with the many participating meat processors and sponsors.”

Processing fees are covered entirely or in part by numerous local sponsors, along with statewide sponsors that include: MDC, CFM, Shelter Insurance, Bass Pro Shops, Missouri

Chapter Safari Club International, Missouri Chapter National Wild Turkey Federation, Midway USA Inc., Missouri Food Banks Association, and United Bowhunters of Missouri

Hunters should contact individual processors to determine what funds are available. The cost of processing is the hunter’s responsibility when funds to help cover the full cost of processing are not available.

“Share the Harvest is a partnership of citizens, agencies, organizations, and corporations working together to provide healthy, protein-rich meat to those who may otherwise go without,” said CFM Executive Director Brandon Butler. “Hunters across Missouri should be proud of this outstanding program.”

Nearly 4,300 Missouri deer hunters donated more than 198,000 pounds of venison to the program last deer season. Since the program was started in 1992, Share the Harvest has provided more than 3.6 million pounds of lean, healthy venison to help feed hungry Missourians.

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Morgan Aldridge is a member of the Lady Cats Tennis team.

She is the daughter of Jimmy and April Aldridge.

Morgan has been a member of the Lady Cats tennis team for three years, Lady Cats volleyball team for one year and Bearcat Cheer Squad all four years of high school.

She is also a member of Future Business Leaders of America, Future Teachers of America, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Student Council, and Sr. Beta Club.

Her future plans are to attend Missouri State University and major in Psychology.

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Austin Adams is #45 on the football team.

He is the son of Tim and stephanie Adams and Candice and Josh Copeland.

He has been a member of the Dexter Bearcat Football team two years, wrestling two years, and track and field all four years of high school.

He is also a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

His future plans are to enlist in the United States Marine Corps and serve our great nation.

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Cape Girardeau, Missouri - The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) is continuing the annual winter trout program in southeast Missouri, stocking rainbow trout in Perryville's Legion Lake, Jackson's Rotary Lake and Farmington's Giessing Lake.

Legion Lake will receive 3,760 rainbow trout, Rotary Lake will receive 1,900 and another 1,200 will be stocked in Giessing Lake. In addition, each lake will receive a number of 'lunkers'. The cities of Jackson, Farmington, Perryville, as well as Perry County, the Perry County Sportsmen's Club and the Missouri Department of Conservation, purchased the trout to be stocked.

The annual winter trout fishing program begins Nov. 1, marking the opening of Missouri's winter trout season in lakes around the state. Anglers can fish for this popular cold-water fish through the fall and winter months on a catch-and-release basis. Anglers may harvest trout as of Feb. 1, 2018. Rainbow trout are cold-water fish which live in water temperatures less than 70 degrees. They do well in local impoundments during the colder months.

Paul Cieslewicz, MDC fisheries management biologist, cautions anglers to remember that from Nov. 1 through Jan. 31, all trout must be released unharmed immediately.

“During this time, anglers may only fish with flies, artificial lures, and unscented plastic baits,” Cieslewicz said. “In addition, they may only use one fishing rod at a time and chum is not permitted.”

Starting Feb. 1, any bait may be used and four trout may be kept regardless of size. All anglers between the ages of 16 and 64 must have a valid Missouri fishing permit and any angler harvesting trout must possess a trout permit as well.

Mike Reed, MDC fisheries management biologist, said trout can be caught on a wide variety of lures.

“Flies, which imitate aquatic insects, are popular with fly fishers,” he said, “but spinners, small spoons, and other small lures are good choices.”

Light line and tackle will typically produce more fish than heavier tackle. Successful anglers typically use two to six pound test line when fishing with lures and add little or no additional weight to the line.

“Set the drag light as a trout often hits hard and makes strong runs which can break weak or frayed line,” Reed said.

For more information about trout stocking in southeast Missouri, contact MDC’s Southeast Regional Office in Cape Girardeau at (573) 290-5730. For more information about fishing in Missouri, go online to mdc.mo.gov/fish.

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Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter High School Scholar Bowl will open with their first competition on Monday, October 23, 2017 at the Bearcat Event Center classroom against Bell City. Both the varsity and junior varsity teams will compete beginning at 6 p.m.

2017-2018 DHS Scholar Bowl Schedule

Oct 23 - Bell City (H) V,JV

Nov 13 - at Leopold V

Nov 20 - Twin Rivers (H) V,JV

Dec 6 - Advance (H) V,JV

Dec 11 - Quad Match with Kennett, Caruthersville, Gideon Varsity Only

Jan 8 - at Caruthersville J,JV

Jan 13 - Bell City Tournament Varsity Only

Jan 29 - Quad Match with Portageville, Bernie, Malden Varsity Only

Feb 5 - Malden (H) JV Only

Feb 8 - Quad Match with Kennett, South Pemiscot, Campbell JV Only

Feb 26 - at Gideon V,JV

Mar 3 - Bloomfield Round Robin - Bell City, Bernie, Bloomfield Varsity Only

Mar 5 - Richland (H) V,JV

Mar 19 - Bernie (H) V,JV

Mar 26 - Quad Match with Bloomfield, Puxico, Twin Rivers Varsity Only

Apr 9 - at South Pemiscot V, JV

Apr 14 - District Tournament Varsity Only

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