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Welcome to 'The Floating Capital of Missouri'

Welcome to an area overflowing with charm, friendship and scenery, along with numerous activities and events to participate in and enjoy. Welcome to Steelville! Known as "The Floating Capital of Missouri", the quaint town of Steelville is located on three major rivers, the Meramec, the Huzzah and the Courtois. These great natural wonders provide our visitors with lots of fun on the river - anything from floating to kayaking!

Steelville's many resorts offer enjoyment for all ages. Enjoy a horseback ride, a delicious barbeque or a night of singing around the campfire! Many of these locations have lodging accommodations, camping sites, and RV hook-ups. Steelville also boosts motels, quaint cottages, and charming bed and breakfasts for a comfortable night's stay.

The area also offers first class entertainment. The Meramec Music Theatre, from April through October, features gospel, country and golden oldies music shows, along with special Patriotic shows in November and Christmas shows in December. One can also enjoy featured guests artists in intimate concert settings at Peaceful Bend Winery and Wildwood Springs Resort. Several other resorts host featured guest artists in concert throughout the year.

During the day, browse our specialty and antique shops along Main Street, visit the many parks, or take a tour of the historical Jonas Museum. For a bite to eat, feast at one our many restaurants. The area boosts beautiful scenic attractions such as the surrounding National Forests and Wildlife areas, the Dillard Mill Historic Site, and Meremac Springs Park. There are also a variety of small towns surrounding the area that will catch everyone's interests.

Steelville is known for the great festivals the Steelville Chamber of Commerce hosts throughout the year. Enjoy a spectacular fireworks display, entertainment and a car show during the annual Freedom Fest on July 4th. The whole community gets involved with the Harvest Festival during the first week of September. Enjoy the week-long activities such as the Gospel Sing, Queen Pageant and the Ozark Trailblazers Rodeo. The finale of the week is a grand parade down Main Street. There are also a variety of activities during the Christmas season.

Steelville truly has something for everyone! We invite you to visit our area "Where the Rivers Run and the People have Fun!" Our Chamber office located at 114 E. Main St. is open six days a week during the summer. For more information, contact us at 573-775-5533 or visit us at www.steelville.com/chamberofcommerce.



The Steelville Chamber of Commerce operates a visitors center on Main Street at the corner of highways 8 and 19.



County's first bank has convenient locations

Peoples Bank was the first bank in Crawford County, but it's become the largest bank in the area by giving customers more value and better service.

A good example is the free checking account that Peoples Bank introduced to Steelville. This account has no monthly fees and no limits on check writing, with no minimum balance. The account has proved very popular with customers in the area.

Peoples Bank also offers area residents extra convenience. In addition to the bank's full-service branch in Steelville, Peoples has two locations in Cuba and another office in Bourbon. The bank's free debit card and network give customers instant access to their money.

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Peoples Bank offers a team of knowledgeable residential lenders with the experience to provide affordable home loan solutions for newcomers who are ready to buy real estate in the area. The bank also offers attractive home equity lines to help consumers save hundreds of dollars on home improvements, college tuition, high interest debt or almost anything else.

Newcomers wishing to move or start up a business should be aware that Peoples Bank is one of the state's leading SBA lenders, with broad experience in supporting businesses of all sizes and kinds.

Hoppe Spring Park is located along the Yadkin Creek in Steelville. It features a spring pond, history museum, library and playground.

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SEATED LEFT TO RIGHT: Jerry Bryan, Bonnie Walker, Tim Mullen, Tiffany Pratt. Standing from left, Nicole Richter, Amanda Davis & Trish Huff.





Conservation areas await exploration

Residents of Crawford County can take advantage of three large wildlife areas maintained by the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC). These public lands feature hunting, fishing, hiking and camping opportunities.

Huzzah

Conservation Area

The largest section of MDC land in Crawford County Huzzah isConservation Area. The area consists of 6,144 acres and is located southeast of Leasburg on Highway H and northeast of Steelville on Highway E.

Rugged forest terrain, the Meramec River and Huzzah and Courtois Creeks draw many visitors to this area. The Ozark Hiking Trail transacts most of the area and allows hikers across to many of its unique features.

The Narrows, located in the extreme southwest portion of the area, is a narrow hogback ridge divide between the Huzzah and Courtois Creeks. This area features extremely steep topography and rapidly

changing vegetation from ridge to creek bottom.

Huzzah Conservation Area is also home to a unique part of Missouri history. The remains of the Scotia Furnace and Iron Works, build by John G. Scott, Robert Anderson, Thomas Howard and Anvil James, produced pig iron form 1870 to 1880. Much of the forest in the vicinity of the furnace remains was clear cut during that period to produce charcoal to fire the furnace.

The area is managed for a variety of game and nongame wildlife species. Timber harvests have been used to produce forage and cover for wildlife. Watering ponds and permanent food plots have been established for the benefit of wildlife.

THINGS TO DO

• Hunting. The area supports good populations of deer, turkey and squirrel.

• Fishing and floating. Huzzah and Courtois Creeks and the Meramec River are popular with both anglers and canoeists.

• Camping in designated

Bourbon

areas

- · Hiking. Five miles of the Ozark Hiking Trail crosses the area.
- Nature study and bird watching.
- Outdoor photography.
- Picnicking.
- Target shooting.

Woodson K. Woods

Memorial Wildlife Area The Woodson K. Woods Memorial Wildlife Area is located off Highway 8 between Steelville and St. James. The area consists of 5,580 acres in Crawford and Phelps counties.

The area was purchased in 1971 with funds from the MDC, the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation and the James Η. Woods Foundation.

opportunities Fishing abound at Woodson K. Woods, Rainbow and brown trout lurk in the cool waters of the Meramec River and bluegill, catfish, largemouth bass and other warm-water species can be caught from the slow, murky waters of Dry Fork Creek. Access to the Meramec is at Highway 8; the next public access is

at Scotts Ford, located nine miles downstream.

Deer, turkey, squirrel, rabbit, quail, great blue heron, eagles, ruffed grouse and many other species frequent the area, 80 percent of which is forested. The forest is managed to provide food, cover and water for wildlife and to maintain a healthy forest

Much of the history of Woodson K. Woods is tied directly to the Maramec Spring Ironworks. The area borders the James Foundation's Maramec Spring Park, which houses the relics of a once-thriving community of Shawnee Indians. Those Native collected Americans hematite, a red-colored iron ore, for make-up ornaments and for trade. In the early 1800s, European settlers started mining the iron ore, cutting away much of the timber in the area to fuel the smelters.

THINGS TO DO

· Hunting. Good population of deer, turkey and small game are available to walk-in hunters



• Hiking.

Nature study, bird watching and outdoor photography.

• Frogging.

Blue Springs Creek Conservation Area

Blue Springs Creek Conservation Area is located in Crawford County south of Bourbon. The area can be reached by taking Highway N five miles south from I-44.

This area was acquired from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in 1983. An additional tract was added in 1992, increasing the size of the area to 857 acres.

The area was named after Blue Springs Creek, which flows for three miles through the area to its confluence with the Meramec River. Blue Springs Creek is fed by four springs that arise on nearby private property. The springs provide a flow of between four and seven million gallons of water per day. A five-acre lake, fed by a small round spring with a daily flow of approximately 100,000 gallons, is also present on the area.

Blue Springs Creek is managed for rainbow trout and the adjoining property supports a wide variety of game and non-game species. Deer, turkey and squirrels are abundant.

The area's diverse vegetation includes lowland timber species, such as sycamore, willow and river birch and upland hardwoods, including black, white and post oak and hickory.

THINGS TO DO

• Fishing. Blue Springs Creek primarily provides fishing for rainbow trout. The five-acre lake and Meramec River provide fishing to other game and nongame species.

• Hiking.

· Nature study and bird watching.

• Outdoor photography.

• Hunting.

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Community Bank is turning 101 this year

At First Community National Bank, personal, friendly and quality customer service is a top priority. The staff of the bank takes great pride in the services and products they deliver daily to their customers.

The rich history of First Community National Bank dates back to their original charter in 1906. The bank was founded in Leasburg, but moved to Steelville in 1936. This year, they are celebrating 101 years of providing great banking services to the Crawford County community.

First Community National Bank now serves the communities of Steelville, Cuba, Sullivan, Vienna, Rolla and Eureka with a total of seven bank locations. With assets of over \$170 million, the bank remains locally owned by Steelville native Paul Perkins, who serves as CEO and Chairman of the Board. The tradition of family service continues with his son, Scott Perkins as President.

First Community National Bank offers a full range of bank

products: From free checking to home loans, First Community National Bank is prepared to serve all of their customer's financial needs. Customers can enjoy FREE checking, FREE debit/ATM cards and FREE online banking!

They also offer the most convenient ways to bank, with a 24 Hour ATM, online banking, online bill pay and telephone banking. With these features, First Community National Bank is always open for business!

In Steelville, the lobby is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Drive-up window hours are Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Friday 8 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

The 24-hour ATM is located outside in the drive-thru area. Online banking is also available 24 hours a day at www.fcnbanks.com.

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The Steelville Community Park and Recreation Area is located on Highway 8 east and has ballfields, a playground and swimming pool.

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The Steelville City Museum is located in Hoppe Spring Park.

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The Jonas Museum is located on Main Street.

Museums offer visitors a glimpse of the past

The Steelville Community is proud of its two wonderful museums. You won't find any finer museums for a town of this size anywhere.

Jonas Museum was a gift to the community in 2001. "This house has more antiques gathered under one roof than I have ever seen," was a comment heard during a tour. The decor has been planned to emphasize the early 1900's with emphasis on the Victorian era. There are five rooms downstairs, two rooms and a hallway upstairs.

There's an old fashioned kitchen, oak and mahogany items, a fainting sofa, a dining room table and six chairs with buffet and china cabinet and sideboard. The front room includes furniture, a fireplace and beautiful staircase leading to the second floor.

Opening day for the museum is May 28 through September 5. It will also be open on Saturday of the Harvest Festival Parade. Hours are from 1–4 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Admission is free but donations are welcome.

Another great place to spend some time is at the City Museum located in Hoppe Spring Park. The sixroom museum is located on Church and Spring Streets, just off Main Street behind Bouse's Ice Cream & More Store.

Take a step back into time as you see lots of old fashioned memorabilia.

There is an old-time kitchen, a children's room, an organ, spinning wheel, farm equipment, a side saddle, a "postage stamp," quilt, period costumes, dishes, farm equipment and much more.

The museum is open 1–4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday, (closed Monday and Tuesday), from Memorial Day until Labor Day. Admission is free, but donations are sometimes given.

This museum is located in a small city park with a beautiful spring that feeds Yadkin Creek that runs through town. Children love to take bread, crackers, popcorn, etc. to feed the ducks along the spring pond. The park has grills, picnic tables and playground area.

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Hardecke Real Estate staff offers customers more than 100 year of combined experience

Hardecke Real Estate was established in April of 1988 and is celebrating 19 years of listing and selling real estate in the Crawford County area.

After opening and operating the business for several years in the Rhea Insurance building, the business was relocated to a newly renovated building located on the corner of Fourth Street and Main Street. This convenient location offers excellent visibility and easy parking for customers.

Sharon Hardecke is the broker/owner. She and her husband Gary, have lived in Steelville for many years. They own a cattle farm on Highway 8 west, and Garv is a school bus driver for the R-3 School District. They have two children. Their daughter, Becky is vice president and marketing director for First Community National Bank. Their son, Matthew, is vice president and branch manager of Farm Credit Services in Farmington, Mo. Having owned her own business for 18 years, Sharon enjoys meeting new people who come to the area and assisting them in finding their home in the country.

Forrest "Ike" Lovan has been working for Hardecke Real Estate since its inception. He has been licensed since 1975. He and his wife, June, own and operate Lovan's Jewelry, Gifts and Antiques in downtown Steelville. Ike is a board member of the Meramec Music Theatre. He is past president of the Conservation Federation of Missouri. Ike is an avid hunter and fisherman and fosters a great love for the outdoors. He will be happy to share the Ozark country with you as you look for your special place in the country!

Warren Hendrix began with Hardecke Real Estate in 1995. He has had his real estate license for more than 30 years. After retiring from the Missouri Highway Department, Warren is now concentrating on selling real estate. His wife, Shirley, is a legal professional. They live on Highway 8 East with their grandson, Will. Warren and Shirley keep busy attending all of Will's school activities! Warren is looking forward to helping you find just the right spot here in the Ozark foothills!

Harold "Bud" Isaak joined the office team five years ago. He retired from the University Extension as a small farm assistant. Bud and his wife, Marlene, live on Highway Y. He loves cattle and the farmland that surrounds them! His expertise in rural property and especially small farms is a definite asset when you are looking for your dream property!

Mike Pounds joined the Hardecke Real Estate staff three years ago. He has several years of real estate experience. He and his wife, Melanie, have three children, Zachary, Austin, Kaitlyn and Jared. With a background in mortgage finance, Mike has a special interest in the financial portion of real estate. He works hard helping people to obtain acceptable financing for their country dream property!

With over 100 years of combined real estate experience, the staff at Hardecke Real Estate offers you the best in real estate service. They offer a "state of the art" web site: www.hardeckerealestate.com and our email address is: hardecke@misn.com

Check their web site for a complete listing of all our available properties. They work well with the other real estate brokers in the area, and do offer Buyer's Agency to interested parties. Hardecke specialize in all types of rural property including farms, river property, vacant land, country homes and commercial property.

For the best in experience and service, see Hardecke Real Estate today!

Help keep the area beautiful

Steelville area businesses and outfitters are always happy to extend a warm welcome to visitors. But everyone, including landowners, appreciates thoughtful guests.

A reminder that litter does not belong in the river or on the riverbank. Most outfitters will provide you with a litterbag or you might want to bring your own.

Be courteous to other river users and if land is posted ask for permission from landowners before camp¬ing or having a picnic on private property.

Lots and lots of people come to this area every year. Leave things as good or maybe better than you found them. Please do not disturb the beauty of nature you will find here so someone else can also enjoy it too.

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Mike, Bud, Ike, Warren, Sharon "The Team"

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Historic cabin once served as Crawford County courthouse

About 10 miles west of Steelville on Highway 8 is a historical cabin that has been preserved. The restoration is nearly identical to the old except for the flag and pole erected in the front yard.

The oak log house with a stone chimney that serves two fireplaces has a separate building at the rear of the cabin. One of the larger rooms served as the court of Crawford County in 1835 before a courthouse was built in Steelville.

Levi Snelson built the cabin but sold the house and 40 acres to James Benton for \$125. Benton rented the house to a rich slave owner, John Brinker, in 1837.

One of the slaves, a 16-year-old girl, was accused of drowning one of the Brinker children. She was convicted and hanged at the age of 17 in the public square in Steelville and was buried in an unmarked grave near there.

The Brinker children are buried in a cemetery east of the cabin. The cabin is open to visitors all year. Two rooms of the cabin can be toured, including one that contains a display about the structure's history.

The house is locked only with manual bolts, all that is asked that visitors is that they close any doors they have opened.

In addition to the cabin, visitors may tour a gazebo shaped outhouse, a smokehouse and the cemetery, which contains not only the Brinker daughters, but Civil War soldiers and Native Americans.

No camping or hunting is permitted on the property. The cabin was restored by the St. James Historical



The Snelson-Brinker House is located on Highway 8 west of Steelville. The building once served as the Crawford County Courthouse.

County hosts many annual events

Steelville and surrounding areas provide many fun activities from April through December. There are several festivals, a citywide yard sale twice a year as well as activities in nearby communities.

Santa Run

The second Saturday in June and the first Saturday in October feature citywide yard sales. There is a Dogwood Festival in May, a Freedom Festival in July and a Harvest Festival in September.

Christmas

Parade

The Cuba Chamber of

Commerce invites you...

to their monthly meetings every third Monday

at 12 noon at Country Kitchen in Cuba, Missouri,

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In Cuba

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The Crawford County Fair is held in Cuba each year. This year the dates are July 18-21.

The September Harvest Festival brings entertainment, sidewalk sales, gospel sing, coronations, a rodeo and the largest parade in the county.

Visitors enjoy Old Iron Works Days, the second weekend in October, at Maramec Spring located 10 miles west of Steelville.

The year would not be complete without Christmas in the Country with a children's pageant and special Christmas presentations at Meramec Music Theatre.

The music theatre is open from May through December and provides many performances of good country and gospel music. There are also monthly gospel shows on Friday from February through October.

For information about Steelville activities contact the Steelville Star at 573-775-5454 or the Steelville Area Chamber of Commerce at 573-775-5533.

For those who wish to attend church on Sunday, there are seven churches in the city limits of various denominations and many more in the vicinity.



Find family fun at The Centre

and Recreation Complex, boasts one of the most state-of-the-art facilities in the state, according to director Scott Caron. The 4,000 square feet facility is located at 1200 N. Holloway in Rolla.

The Centre has two full-size basketball courts, an indoor aquatic center and a fitness center. It also features the latest in health and wellness equipment. with over 30 pieces of cardiovascular equipment in the fitness center. In addition, the fitness center has 3,000 pounds of free weights, 17 pieces of selectorized weight equipment and 1/10-mile walking track.

The indoor Aquatic Center has a beach-like, interactive area featuring a waterslide, warmwater therapy pool, lazy river, vortex and four 25-yard lap lanes. The pool is zero-depth entry.

Smaller kids will enjoy the children's play area and frog water slide. Lap swimming lanes are subject to closure to accommodate programs. The heated therapy pool is perfect for relaxation and exercise. Because this special pool is also used by the

The Centre, Rolla's Health hospital for patient treatments and serves as the splash down pool for the giant waterslide, it can only be made available to the public during limited hours.

Another feature of the Centre is the Stay-N-Play babysitting service for ages 3 months to eight years. Each child is allowed up to a 2-hour maximum visit. The parent or guardian must remain in the facility to use this service. The charge is \$2.50 per child or \$20 for a value pass, which is good for up to 20 visits.

Daily passes are \$7 for adults and \$5 for youth 17 and under. Senior passes (ages 60 plus) are only \$5. Family passes are \$20 each. Annual passes are available at discounted rates for youth, family and seniors. If you pay in full a 10-percent discount is available.

Summer hours, which run from May 1 through Sept. 30 are from 5:30 a.m to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday. Saturday hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Winter hours begin on Oct. 1 and run until April 30 are as follows, 5:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday: Saturday 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The Center offers something for the entire family whether it is fitness or just to have fun.

"The best way to stay healthy is to be physically active," Caron said.

The Centre offers a full cardio theater in their workout room with six different televisions. There are also about 75 classes taught on everything from mom and tot programs to seniors.

"We have people coming from Steelville, Cuba, Sullivan, Waynesville and St Robert. We cover a 40-mile radius and beyond," Caron noted.

The director says that the Centre is always staying on top of everything that is being offered across the state. They are always looking for new suggestions to make their place better and useful to the public.

"I just want to encourage everyone to come by and see it, because it's a beautiful facility," says Caron.

For more information, call 341-2386 or go to www.lifelongfun.org.

Chart a 2007 RV adventure

This is the season for planning and embarking on a vacation. For many vacationers, destinations are reached by plane, train or bus. However, many others choose to make the journey as much a part of the vacation as the final destination and travel via RV.

RVs come in sizes and price ranges to meet just about any budget. Motorized ones are more expensive and are generally a home on wheels. Towable RVs can be folding or conventional camping trailers that are pulled by another vehicle. When most people envision an RV, they are usually thinking of the motorized variety.

While RV owners come in all types, according to a University of Michigan study conducted in 2001, the majority of owners are Baby Boomers — the fastest-growing segment of RV buyers. They likely own their homes and spend their disposable income on traveling.

RVs provide a comfortable, affordable and practical method of vacationing, particularly in larger motorized homes. They can also foster a feeling of togetherness among families who RV vacation together. RVs provide one of the most flexible ways to see the country on vour own schedule. They can also be used for non-traditional purposes, such as tailgating, shopping and more.



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Civil War battles, Trail of Tears part of local history

On July 8, 1898 Steelville had its worst disaster in the form of a flood, in which 12 people drowned and many houses were washed away.

Steelville has always been the county seat of Crawford County. The present building on Main Street was believed to have been built in 1870. The county was organized in 1829 and records date back to 1832. The courthouse was modernized in recent years and new offices were added.

There are many old homes in Steelville that are more than 100 years. Some have been restored to their former beauty.

One old home located on highway 8, just past the bridge known as the old Wheeling Property is now owned by the heirs of Mabel Brown. The two story home looks just like it did when it was built.

At 106 Cedar Drive is the house known as the old Key Hotel. At 210 North Spring is th old A.J. Seay home, owned for many years by Mr. and Mrs. Grant Perkins. It sold recently to another family.

At 303 Hickory is the old Coffee residence. The huge evergreen trees in the yard are not native to the area. Across the street is the old Clark home, purchased in 1898 by Wilson Haley, later owned by his daughter

Maude McIntosh. It just recently sold. There are several old homes on High Street and Frisco Street. A home one block east of the old Key Hotel has been restored and made into a bed and breakfast. There are also some old homes on north First Street

Other Interesting Facts

In 1837 the infamous Trail Tears passed through Steelville. Some said they stopped at what is now our city park. Others say they camped on the Meramec River about 10 miles west of town. In the mid-1980s a wagon train following the Trail of Tears to Oklahoma camped for several days at the park and shared Trail of Tears history with all who came by.

During the Civil War a battle was fought at Huzzah Valley on what is now a camping resort owned by the Cottrell family.

At the time the valley was owned by the Hiller family. Bullets still remain in trees, two graves are nearby. A cumberland Presbyterian Church is inside the big red barn at the entrance. The church was used as a hospital during the battle. The Hiller family hid in a cave down the valley during the conflict. More details of Huzzah Valley are in this guide.



Crawford County has a rich Civil War history and has hosted battle reenactments in Leasburg, Cuba, rural Steelville and Davisville.







POWERFUL MEDICINE

Let your summertime adventure begin at Garrison's Campground

Summer fun and outdoor adventures begin at Garrison's Canoe Rental and Campground.

This great place is just a few miles from downtown Steelville. You go 1 1/2 miles east on Highway 8 and then left on Highway TT for 2 1/2 miles and you're there.

Garrison's cater to families, youth, church groups and all who want to have a good time in a wholesome country atmosphere.

They offer horseback riding, hayrides, cave tours, swimming in their pool (free) or in the Meramec River, nature and hiking trails, volleyball, basketball, bunkhouses, tent camping, cabins, RV hookups, meeting rooms, a chapel, dining lodge and organized activities.

There are over 200 tenting and 160 full hookup sites. You can also lease sites at yearly rates. They can put you in a canoe or raft in any one of three steams.

Campgrounds are fully equipped including bath houses and hot showers. There is a country store, outdoor pavilions, ranch house lodging, playgrounds, and recreation equipment. Garrison's has also recently added a 6,500 square feet enclosed air-conditioned recreation hall, which is available to rent for parties, family reunions and more.

You can experience a real western adventure, weekend splash package or bring your employees on a one-day adventure. Garrison's is a place to plan for your retreats such as family camps, youth camps, women's retreat and a pastoral restoration center. We can assist you in planning your upcoming events.

They also have facilities available for corporate meetings, luncheons and seminars. There are special events April through October including a customer appreciation month.

While at Garrison's you will want to stop by Garrison's Country Kitchen Dining Lodge. They have a full kitchen open on the weekends, with buffet breakfast and Saturday night barbecue and walk-ins are always welcome. And also check out their country store.

Their dining hall is available w/reservations for dinners, parties, etc. Just call them at 573-775-2410. They can also cater your company or family picnic. For the local folks, they also offer floating discounts during weekdays.

The lodge has daily specials, buffet breakfasts and BBQ dinners on weekends. They will pack a sack lunch to take along with you for your fun-filled day.

For information call 1-800-367-8945 or 573-775-2410. The fax number is 573-775-2404.

Fishing is fun

Can you remember your first fish? Most people can and a good feeling comes over them when they reflect on that first fishing experience. Usually, it is with a close family member, such as a mother and father, and it brought the parent and child closer together.

Teaching and sharing the joys of fishing with your youngster is something that will stay with them the rest of their lives. With a little luck and some careful planning, that first fishing experience will be remembered by the child and the parent.

The most important item is to do everything possible to assure youngsters will catch fish. Nothing is more disheartening than to fish all day without a keeper. Find a location that should be loaded with crappie, bluegill or sunfish.

Most kids have a short attention span so the more fish they catch, the more they will want to go on a second trip. In short, they will be hooked for life.

Try to use basic equipment. Asking children to whip buzzbaits or jig worms will only frustrate them. A spincasting rig or even a cane pole is ideal because they are virtually trouble free and kids will spend more time fishing than pulling out backlashes.

Young minds are eager to take in new information, but concentrate on the basics instead of flooding them with techniques and "fishing jargon." By learning the basics of the sport, young learning the basics of the sport, young anglers will retain more knowledge and become better fishermen.

Above all, patience is the key to a fun trip. Teach the child how to bait the hook and how to cast if his equipment warrants that, then sit back and let them have the fun. Fishing can be a wonderful experience for youngsters. The experience will hold even more enjoyment for the adults, who is willing to take the time and effort to teach them.





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the Maramec Iron Works.

Maramec Spring provides an abundance of water for trout fishermen.

Learn about the area's rich history at Maramec Spring most popular is Old Iron

Located 12 miles west of Steelville on Highway 8 at the site of the old Maramec Iron Works, Maramec Spring has a historical background.

There is an abundance of picnic and recreation facilities, a museum, nature trails and other points of interest. The spring branch is stocked with trout for fishing and always attracts several thousand fishermen on opening day of trout season.

There are many special



country food, as well as days, events and activities at demonstrations of many old time crafts. The big spring Maramec Spring. One of the furnished power for the grist mill and 500 people lived there when the iron works was at its peak. The ruins of the old furnace, mill race, etc., can still be seen. Meramec Spring Museum has been completely remodeled. The entrance features a 21 foot bluff with a small spring that cascades down from a bluff into a 600 gallon aquarium that contains fish. A model shows the recharge area of the spring. Using polar motion the streams appear to be flowing. Another interesting display is the water cycle that

> farmland has been created. Many species of wildlife have been preserved within the museum, presented in their natural habitat.

> shows how the surrounding

Work Days held the second

weekend in October every

year, featuring special enter-

tainment, old fashioned games, fiddling contest, good

Children love to visit the museum and adults enjoy the tour also. There is a small gift shop inside for those who want a souvenir.

Maramec Spring is maintained by the James Foundation. There is a fee per car to enter the park. For information call 573-265-7387 or 265-7124.



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STE Communications is not just about telephone service anymore. Today, the number one priority is meeting your total communication needs, and STE is constantly working and testing new equipment to keep up with the high technological demands. STE Communications is now comprised of our subsidiaries, which have undergone several major improvements over the last few years.

Steelville Telephone Exchange, Inc., was formed in 1952 when community members realized the need for telephone service for the area. Dial service was established in 1954. The recently renovated headquarters office currently resides at 61 E. Hwy. 8 in Steelville. Steelville Telephone Exchange, Inc., services more than 4600 access lines in the four exchanges of Viburnum (244), Cherryville/Davisville (743), Steelville (775), and Huzzah (786).

Meramec Interactive Services Network (MISNet), the dial up Internet service, made its appearance in 1995. MISNet has greatly expanded its Internet service and offers unlimited dial up service in the cities of Belgrade, Belleview, Berger, Bismarck, Black/Oates, Bunker, Bonne Terre, Boss/Bixby, Caledonia, Cherryville, Davisville, Desloge, Farmington, Gerald/Rosebud, Huzzah, Ironton, Leadwood, Lyon, New Haven, Owensville, Park Hills, Potosi, Steelville, and Viburnum. They also have a fully staffed Internet Help Desk that is available Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. to assist customers with questions or problems.

STE Rural Development, Inc., made its first lots available in 1994. STE Rural Development now operates four real estate developments in the Steelville area Mill Springs Estates, Oak Ridge Estates, Timber Glen Estates, and Hickory Ridge Estates. Lots from 5 to 10 acres are available, which offer choice residential building lots and have protective covenants. These lots have been very popular to people who have recently moved to the area and to retired folks wanting to build new homes and enjoy the small town atmosphere.

Steelville Long Distance, Inc. was introduced in 2000 when Southwestern Bell decided to no longer provide local long distance service in our area. SLD offers competitive rates and friendly customer service. Being able to call and speak to a live person is very important to customers, and Steelville Long Distance is able to meet that specific need. A customer service representative is always ready and willing to explain the billing to customers. And with Steelville Long Distance, customers receive only one monthly bill.

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STE Communications currently has 23 full time employees, one part time employee, and nine shareholders sit on the Board of Directors. STE Communications is open Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. They are constantly updating their fiber optic equipment, and now have all of the remote offices linked together with fiber that migrates back to the tandam switching office in the headquarters building. Improved services for customers will continue to be a priority to STE. We are ready and willing to meet the needs of our customers now and in the future.

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Nothing matches the local splendor

By Bill Cooper

Fiddleheads, fairy diddles, longbeards, forkhorns and bucketmouths? Yeah, ours is an unchanged land where these mysterious inhabitants share the rugged, forested reminants of the Ozark Mountains with the people of the Steelville area.

Just ask, and perhaps an accommodating local, wise in the ways of field and stream, will unravel some of these mysteries and reveal a glimpse of the wild that will direct you to some great outdoor adventure.

Steelville sits right in the middle of some of the most scenic country in the state. The outdoor enthusiast will think he has found heaven. Outdoor recreation opportunities abound. Fishing, hunting, camping, hiking, rafting and canoeing can all be enjoyed with Ozark scenery as a bonus.

To the east, the Courtois and Huzzah rivers twist and tumble their way through a breathtaking countryside. These two are definitely the big diamonds on a sparkling bracelet of rivers and



Whenever you visit the Steelville area, make sure you plan to take a float trip on one of our beautiful streams.

streams that course their way through our forested hills. Both the Huzzah and Courtois have reputation as some of the best smallmouth bass waters in the state. You haven't lived until you have tied into a fat "brownie". Flip a lure into the swift headwaters of a crystal-clear pool or next to a rock strewn bank. If a small mouth strikes, you are in for some rod bending action.

Outfitters provide excellent services. You can float leisurely for a day, or take an extended trip. The canoe rentals are operated by some of the most knowledgeable river folks around. They can tell you about river conditions, hazards to watch for, and point out places of interest along the streams. You can certainly experience the county at its wildest while floating down an Ozark stream.

The Meramec River, to the north, receives the flow of both Courtois and Huzzah plus it is larger, but still offers great fishing and canoeing. Bass and goggleeye are plentiful. The Meramec can also be floated many miles west of Steelville. A nine-mile stretch of river from Highway 8 to Scott's Ford has been designated as a "trophy trout area", by the Department of Conservation.

Maramec Spring Park, just west of the Highway 8 bridge, is operated by the James Foundation. The spring branch is stocked daily, from March 1 to October 31, with rainbow trout. A license, plus a daily tag, is required.

The Steelville area is more than adequately supplied with private campgrounds to meet the every campers need, be they primitive or modern. Many of the campgrounds provide canoe rental, as well as a variety of activities, including horseback rides, hay rides, tubing, rafting and for the adventuresome.

Meramec and Onondaga State Parks also offer excellent camping, fishing, swimming and canoeing opportunities. Meramec State Park contains some 20 caves and a dozen or more small springs run throughout the parks.

Tens of thousands of acres of Mark Twain National Forest, State Forests and Wildlife Management Areas are within stones throw of Steelville. Whitetail deer and wild turkey offer the hunter a chance to match wits with two of the craftiest game animals in the Ozarks. Rabbits, squirrels, raccoons and quail are small game animals that make for big hunting expeditions.

The Berryman Trail is a 24-mile horseback riding and hiking trail that winds through a variety of Ozark Topography, scenery and timber types, pine, oak, bottomland hardwoods and a variety of Ozark flora and fauna abounds in the diversity of habitats. Primitive camp sites are provided along the trail. Local legends has it that the Jesse James gang frequently camped in a cave near the trail.

So, friend, if it is outdoor adventure you're looking for, come to Steelville. There is plenty to go around. And, if by the way just to appease your curiosity, a fiddlehead is an immature wild fern, still tightly curled, thus resembling the head of a fiddle. They are a real Ozark delicacy. Fairy diddles are flying squirrels. These tiny creatures are primarily nocturnal and have the capability of soaring from tree to tree in a "fairylike" fashion. Longbeards are the majestic wild tome turkeys, the King woods. of the Ozarks Forkhorns are small whitebucks tail and Bucketmouths are trophy size bass.



eases are detected and contained, that chronic diseases like cancer and asthma are the targets of prevention programs, that drinking water is clean and safe, that restaurant food is safe, that plans are in place for emergency and disaster management, sewage violations are corrected and new constructions and repairs are in compliance with county ordinance and that education on health and injury prevention is available to everyone.



Find Mother Nature at The Rafting Company

When it's time to forget the hussle and bussle of everyday life, slip away to The Rafting Co. Camping-RV Resort in Steelville. It's a great place to relax and get in touch with Mother Nature.

Established in the winter of 1985, The Rafting Co. Camping-RV Resort is celebrating its 21st year in business. The Rafting Co. got its start on Main Street in Steelville, Mo. at the old Phillips 66 gas station building. Not realizing that river rafting would take off as fast as it did, TRC quickly out grew their location.

Looking for the right piece of river to setup their expanding business, The Rafting Co. acquired acreage off of what was known at the time as Fishing Springs Road now McCormick Road. This riverfront property would be where The Rafting Co. Camping-RV Resort would make its permanent home.

The Rafting Co. Camping-RV Resort has established itself as one of the Premier Floating Resorts in the area. Easily accessed off of the new Highway 19, TRC is located only one mile north of Steelville at the Meramec River Bridge. TRC offers a wide variety of activities for the outdoor enthusiast. From a day on the river in a raft or canoe to hanging out at the Family Beach, your stay at TRC will be one that you will want to experience time and time again.

You can find a wide variety of things to do while visiting The Rafting Co. Camping-RV Resort. If you're adventurous, try rafting, canoeing, kayaking, our special 3 mile tube float, hiking or camping on the river while on a float trip. If you just want to lay back, how about dropping a fishing line in the river at your campsite or maybe basking in the sun at the beach or the swimming pool. Sounds like fun?? Then come on down.

Located on the trophy small-mouth Bass section of the Upper Meramec River, you can experience some of their succulent barbecue at the Big Creek Pavilion where the Master BBQer's always have the open pit grill a smokin' on the weekends. If you're a Sports Fan, set and watch your favorite sporting event on their TVs and have a frosty cold one while you enjoy the outdoor dining. Big Creek Pavilion also offers entertainment throughout the summer so check the Steelville Star for upcoming events.

TRC offers a wide range of float trips. From a three miles to an extended 30 miles, The Rafting Co. can make sure you get your fill of on water time. Most of the Upper Meramec is 90 percent walkable, narrow, and shallow with plenty of gravel bars to stop at. One of the favorites of The Rafting Co. is their "Float N' Bloat" package. This package is just what it says. You go floating and they do all the cooking. From a pork steak, grilled chicken, or our famous open pit flame grilled steak you will be glad you decided to let them do the cooking. If you don't want to mess with a lunch on the river, TRC can do that to with our deli luncheon packed and ready to go when you arrive at the Resort.

Whether it's a getaway for two, or a company or family outing, you can rent a campsite, lodge room, or the Country Manor. There are escapes or retreats for all occasions. For those companies that want to have a company picnic, TRC is the place to go. With ample room and parking area, TRC is the perfect river resort to host your outing.

For the fisherman, The Rafting Co.'s Tackle Shop is geared toward the smallmouth bass, featuring Lucky Craft, Yamaoto, Megabass and much more. So if you're looking for that special lure, checkout the Tackle Shop at The Rafting Co.

For a free color brochure, call The Rafting Co. Camping-RV Resort at 1-800-426-RAFT (7238) or 573-775-BOAT (2628). Check them out on the worldwide web at www.misn.com/ TheRaftingCo or e-mail them at rafting@misn.com.

Crawford County

Meramec's crooked way, a river of delight. Huzzah and Courtois. a beautiful sight. Maramec, the greatest, a spring with few like it. Blue Springs is the neatest, Others also a hit. Onondaga, the cave, it's beauty not compared. Cathedral too a rave, and other to be shared. The Maramec iron works, the furnace, it still stands. The Midland works no quirk, is in memory lands. A part of Civil War, was at Leasburg so wrought. Steelville is up to par, with courthouse we have

sought. The cities of renown, Bourbon, Cuba, Steelville, and lovely Ozark towns, as Leasburg and Cherryville.

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Steelville was founded in 1835

Steelville, Missouri, located 85 miles southwest of St. Louis is the county seat of Crawford County. It is 759 feet above sea level.

Steelville was founded in 1835 when James Steel sold 40 acres of land to the Crawford County Court for \$50.

The court named the little settlement in honor of Mr. Steel. Crawford County has been organized since January 20, 1829. The town was laid out in 1835 and incorporated in 1859.

Steel was not the first settler in the Steelville area, according to the History of Franklin, Jefferson, Washington, Crawford and Gasconade Counties published by Goodspeed Publishing Company, Chicago, Ill., 1888. William Britton surpassed him by arriving in 1833.

Britton settled about 40 yards from the future town site of Steelville at a spring near Yadkin Creek. He built a log cabin and a grist mill and remained at that site for ten years.

He later moved six miles west to the Meramec River where he

built a larger grist mill and continued to run it for many years.

When Steel arrived to take possession of the 40 acres he purchased from the government, he opened a small store. That same year 1835, he sold the 40 acres to the county court on December 16 and deeds were recorded on December 18.

The town itself was not actualy plotted until June of 1836.

At that time Steel resigned as a commissioner to the county court form Steelville, and Simeon Frost was appointed in his place. One of the first assignments given Frost was to plot the town.

The first deeds recorded for purchase of land were in August of 1837, according to Goodspeed. Lewis Pinnell bought two lots for \$12 from Elias Matlock another two lots for \$26 on August 7, 1837.

From this modest beginning more and more settlers arrived in the area. Some of our old-timers can relate stories they heard as children about the "Big Flood," the "Bank Robbery," the "First Cars," etc.



The location of Hoppe Spring was one of the main reasons Steelville was settled at its particular location.



Quality care can be found at Gibbs

Gibbs Care Center and Gibbs Manor is a non-profit health care provider of long-term care service licensed with 66 skilled-care beds and 26 residentialcare beds. The facility opened in 1977.

Twenty-nine years of service to the Steelville community has proven that Gibbs Care is providing top quality care.

Obviously proud of the achievements of the Center's staff, center administrator Larry Howdeshell Jr. says he believes it is important to get the message out of their success, which benefits the entire community.

"We not only take care of Steelville residents, but we also draw residents from miles away," he said. "Also, we would like to serve as a link for the community as they deal with health reform. It is an issue that is hard to understand and we can help take the mystery out of it as people make plans for their health care.'

Like most facilities, the Center cares for residents requiring various levels of care. Today, they admit more residents requiring heavier care than in the past. They care for residents with Alzheimer's and related dementia, plus some with behavioral disabilities.

"The goal is to keep residents at their highest functioning level in the least restrictive environment," said Howdeshell.

The Center and Manor are staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week, which requires a large staff. The facilities currently have 60 full-time employees, 20 part-timers, plus a host of volunteers. The Center boasts many long-term employees. Four recently retired with 29 years of service, having worked at Gibbs since the facility opened.

The idea of a nursing home in Steelville was originally conceived in 1970 when the Session of the First Presbyterian Church voted a portion of the profits gained from the estate of Geraldine C. Gibbs to the city of Steelville. With this money, the community formed Steelville Community Services Incorporated, a not-for-profit corporation, which operates the Center and the Manor.

The members of the corporation elected a board of directors to develop and oversee the operations of the nursing home. Gibbs Care Center first opened to serve the community in July 1977 as a 60-bed intermediate care facility. Ten years later in July 1987, a 24-bed residential care facility, Gibbs Manor, was added to better serve the community.

In 1998, the facility filed application to add beds under the 10-bed, 10-percent rule. On July 10, 1998, the number of official licensing beds were increased to 66 skilled and 26 RCF IL.

On June 1, 1997 the skilled facility received Medicare certification and presently services provided include the following: Inpatient and Out-Patient Therapy services. Long Term Skilled Nursing Care, Assisted Living (RCF II) Care, Medicare, Medicaid and Hospice.

Howdeshell credits many people and groups with making Gibbs a success. Some of those who work hard to help insure quality care operations include the board of directors, Gibbs department managers and staff, consultants and other medical services, volunteers, memorial fund contributors and many other individuals and local businesses who contribute to the betterment of the facility.

Gibbs Care was fortunate in 2005 to have Mary Majors, our director of nursing, win the Missouri Health Care Employee of the Year award for the St. Louis Area District III. Also, our resident Ms. Olive Ruetz was first place in the Missouri Health Care Association 2005-06 Beauty is Ageless queen contest in St. Louis and then statewide in Jefferson City.

Definitely appreciated are those who respond to calls, especially nights and weekends, in good and bad weather, to help keep the facility full staff and in top condition to better serve the residents.

Visitors are always welcome.

PO lobby open

The Steelville post office is located at 204 First Street, one block south of Main Street. The lobby is open 24 hours a day.

There is a drive-up phone booth located on the east corner of the street near the post office. The community center is on the west corner of the street.

Add a gourmet touch to your camp meals

Ideas to lift camp meals into the gourmet status, courtesy of the Coleman Company:

• Add a dash of herbs and/or wine to a favorite casserole. Or top with a package cheese sauce and crou¬tons.

· Add a little homemade gar¬lic/herb butter to meats, vegetables, baked potatoes and French bread.

• Making biscuits, pancakes, cobblers, quick breads, cinnamon rolls, and more are easy with a good baking mix. Take along extra-good syrups and jams.

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Berryman Trail is part of Ozark Scenic Trail system

One of the finest—but hardly known hiking areas in the Crawford County region can be found just across the county line on Highway 8, outside Berryman.

The Berryman Trail is a 24 mile hiking and horseriding trail that loops through the Potosi Range District of the Mark Twain National Forest. It is well suited for hikers and horseback riders alike.

The trail showcases a wide variety of Ozark topography, scenery and timber types. It winds through a forest of pines, oaks and bottomland hardwoods, using switchbacks to move from low-level bottoms to higher Ozark ridges.

A variety of Ozark flora and fauna are featured throughout the trail, and the wildlife habitat improvement program of the Forest Service has produced healthy populations of deer and wild turkey in this area.

The Berryman Trail is a woodland trail with, unfortunately, few vistas or overlooks. There are no steep hill climbs, but the trail includes quite a few switchbacks because it was designed specifically for horseback riding. The average backpacker on foot should plan on hiking the entire trail in two or more days. A shorter hike can be planned using appropriate maps. While horses are welcome, motorized vehicles, including ATVs, are prohibited along the trail.

The trail begins at an old Civilian Conservation Corps campsite known as Berryman Camp, east of Steelville on Highway 8.

Turn left onto Forest Road No. 2266 when you see the Berryman Trail sign, and follow the road for one mile until you reach the Berryman Camp area. Once there, you will see signs pointing the way to the trailhead.

Even though the trail is pretty well marked, hikers should be cautioned to be observant and take care to note abrupt directional changes.

A map, food, water and compass are necessary for this type of strenuous hike.

If you're up for a good backpacking adventure without having to drive very far or are looking for a good trail to put the horses on, Berryman Trail is the right trail for you.



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The Berryman Trail, which is located east of Steelville on Highway 8, is popular with horseback riders



Music Theatre gettin' better all the time

By Bruce Campbell

You can't move forward by sitting still. That's a lesson the folks at the Meramec Music Theatre in Steelville have taught themselves. The wheels keep turning, and the bus keeps moving forward!

A weekend trip to the Steelville area is not complete without a visit to see one of the very entertaining shows at this amazing theatre nestled in the Ozarks. And there is a lot to choose from once you get there.

The venue seems to grow every year. Of course there is the mainstay, the very entertaining "Meramecs," providing you with Country, Gospel, Bluegrass, Pop, Oldies, Comedy, and more. In addition to this versatile group of entertainers, the theatre also offers shows featuring artists such as Ronnie Milsap, Brenda Lee, Rhonda Vincent and the Rage, The Kentucky Opry, Branson's Plummer Family, and others. They've even showcased the iconic Mickey Rooney in the past. Talk about variety!

If you're a Gospel fan, you'll enjoy The Crabb Family, The McKamey's, The Booth Brothers, to name a few.

Bruce and Jerry fans, get ready for the next generation. Kendall Alan Turnbough will be performing, and will include a few numbers featuring

proud papa Bruce and entertainment partner Jerry Beers.

Monty Dale Luke followers will enjoy his Elvis and Hee Haw tribute shows, as well as his own Rock-A-Billy show.

Did I mention Rich Vickers will be bringing his Elvis show to Steelville? This Salem native has taken his show on the road for several years, and is a real crowd pleaser.

Oh yes, back to those "Meramecs." Several past members have moved on over the years to perform in Branson or to go on the road with top name performing artists and bands. This year brings a return of most of the regular cast you've enjoyed over the years, with some newcomers that you'll learn to love. In fact, some of them you may have seen perform elsewhere.

Josh Driskill of Farmington is a third generation member of Branson's Plummer Family. He plays a number of instruments but will focus on lead guitar this season, as well as adding his vocal talent to the show.

You may remember Ashley Tate from several seasons past. This Ironton native has since moved on, working as a local TV personality and school teacher. She will be with the theatre for the Golden Oldies shows. Welcome back Ashley! Josh Gibbs of Rolla has 20 years experience as a Nashville studio instrumentalist.

Pianist William Owen has been playing since the age of twelve, a graduate of Cal State with a Music Comp degree. He performs as well as teaches piano. He was a member of the cast of the musical hit Music Man while in Seattle. He also plays virtually all stringed instruments as well as clarinet.

Drummer Dave Biele of Rolla comes to us with over 20 years experience.

Of course you'll still see most of your favorites from the past, be entertained with not only a wide variety of music, but zany comedy as well.

The ever-popular Patriotic Shows is a very moving tribute to America's veterans. This celebration of those who have given meaning to the word freedom is not something to miss, with music from the Revolutionary Period to the present.

And of course, this great season ends with the Christmas Shows in December.

Season tickets are available, as are senior and group discounts. For reservations call 573-775-5999. Don't miss out on "Branson Without The Traffic," right here in Steelville Missouri!

Remember your dog on vacation

If the only time your dog enters a car is to go to the vet, the car may present your dog with an unfavorable image. Here are a few tips from the Starcraft Camper Club to help a reluctant Rover.

• Start taking your dog along on short errands to the grocery or hardware store. After you return from these short trips give the dog a treat. Never leave your dog in the car in hot weather.

• Bring along a familiar blanket or chew toy to make your dog feel comfortable.

• Slowly increase the frequency and length of these little jaunts until the dog becomes comfortable, or even excited, about the prospect of riding in the car. Your dog is now ready for the road.

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Aug. 18	Ronnie Milsap** 2 &	: 7 PM
Aug. 25	Golden Oldies Show	7 PM
Sept. 1	Plummer Family Country Music	7 PM
Sept. 8	Gospel: Gold City	7 PM
Sept. 15	Country Variety Show	7 PM
Sept. 22	Golden Oldies Show	2 PM
Sept. 29	Golden Oldies Show	7 PM
Oct. 27	Monty Luke/Rock-A-Billy	7 PM
Nov. 3	Patriotic Show	2 PM
Nov. 10	Patriotic Show 2 &	& 7 PM
Dec. 1	Christmas Show	2 PM
Dec. 1	Gospel/Christmas: The Hoppers	7 PM
Dec. 8	Christmas Show 2 &	& 7 PM
Dec. 15	Christmas Show	2 PM

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Go take a hike!

• Steelville and Cuba both have hiking and biking trails

If you like to hike or bike, there are trails in both Steelville and Cuba to satisfy your appetite for some outdoor fun.

Hiking and biking enthusiasts can enjoy a stroll or a bike ride along the three-quarter mile hiking and biking trail on the Yadkin Creek in Steelville.

The trail begins at the Community Park at the east edge of the city limits on Highway 8.

Begin your adventure by crossing over the footbridge at the park where a scenic route winds along the creek to Cherry Street. There is another suspension bridge and a low water bridge over the creek along the way.

You will see wild flowers along the trail, lots of birds and occasional squirrels or chipmunks can sometimes be seen scurrying into the bushes along this wonderful walkway.

If you look carefully you will also see a beaver dam being built by a family of beavers that make their home along the creek.

Stately sycamore trees line the banks. Several benches are being installed along the trail this summer, in case you get tired or just want to sit and enjoy the scenery.

Yadkin Creek begins it's origin at Hoppe Spring Park just off Spring Street where millions of gallons of water come from the big spring there and meanders through downtown to meet the Whittenburg Creek at the Community Park. Both streams then wind their way to the Meramec River to the north.

In Cuba, a hiking and biking trail connects the Cuba School District campus with three of the city's parks. Portions of the Cuba trail have been open for several years, but the entire route was just recently completed.

Using the school campus as a starting point, the asphalt trail cuts through vacant property on the east side of Highway 19 to Parkdale St. in Highland Terrace Subdivision; goes east on Parkdale to Shenandoah: north on Shenandoah to Hwy. PP; east on PP to Lick Creek (Rutz Road); and north on Lick Creek to the Hood Park entrance, then into the park. From the park, the trail goes north on Lick Creek to Old 66; west on Old 66 to Albert; north on Albert to Margaret and into Tangle Creek Park on the parks' southwest edge. The trail exits Tangle Creek Park on its northeast side and goes west on Beldon to Martin; then north on Martin to Eldon; then east on Eldon to the Cuba Sports Complex.





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The area is known for its water play and trail hiking. Drinking wa¬ter is available from a drilled well and hand pump. Included are 46 sin¬gle camping units and vault toilets that may be used for a small user fee.

There are three group camping units with privacy, fireplaces, picnic tables and vault toilets. These accommodate up to 25 people or 26-50 people for small fees.

There are six nice picnic sites that are free on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Take Highway 19 south from Steelville to Cherryville, then east on Highway 49 to visit the Davisville/Dillard area. Red Bluff is near Davisville and is a part of the Federal Forest Service Park System.

Historical Dillard Mill is on the way and a story is in this issue.

For Red Bluff information, write Potosi Ranger District, P.O. Box 188, Potosi, MO 63664 or call 573-438-5247.

History is for sale at Rocky Creek Antique Mall

By T.L. Cale

Don't let his name mislead you...Art Junkerman (yes, that is his real name) deals only in high quality antiques and collectables. It's made Rocky Creek Antique Mall a very popular destination, not only for those searching for antiques, but also for those that are selling.

"We have a good selection of quality vendors bringing in quality products," Junkerman told me. "I'm very selective about the type of products I allow in. In fact, the vending contract explicitly states that we do not allow junk to be brought in and displayed. This is not a flea market.

Located on the north outer road just west of Voss Truck Plaza in Cuba, Rocky Creek Antique Mall has only been open since October 1, 2005, but the 9,000 square foot building is already home to top-of-the-line antiques and collectables from over 50 vendors, most of whom are not local.

Glass display cases filled with collectables beckon you to come in to the special ambiance of Rocky Creek Antique Mall. Your shopping experience is enhanced by wide aisles, bright light and nostalgic music from the era of Patsy Cline, Hank Williams, the Nashville Mandolins and others.

Junkerman is the third generation of his family to deal in antiques. His grandfather was an antique dealer, as was his father, and Art himself became engrossed in the business at a very young age. By the time he was 12, he had selected, purchased and restored all the furniture for his own bedroom himself.

Junkerman is originally from the area, but has been gone for some time. He recently owned an antique store in Quincy, Ill., but returned to the Ozarks to help care for his mother, Flo Mask, known by many local residents from her days as a nurse for Rolla's Dr. Jim Felts. In addition to his brick-and-mortar antique store, Junkerman also sold his items on e-bay, until the tragic events of September 11, 2001 that caused that business and the antique business in general, to decline 40-50 percent.

"After 911, people started becoming a little more careful with their money," Junkerman elaborated. "They weren't as willing to spend that extra cash on things that weren't necessary."

Junkerman was an antique show dealer for many years, dealing across the nation, participating in shows in Michigan, Texas, Illinois, Iowa, Georgia, Oklahoma and Florida. At one time he way also an antique collector, specifically of antique toys and kitchen advertising. His collecting days are over now because of his deep involvement in the dealing aspect. "I was always interested in history. Antiques are a part of history so it was a natural for me," he explained. "I appreciate the history behind each and every piece. I've tried working at other things in my life...but I always came back to antiques.'

Collecting, buying and selling antiques has allowed him to own some unusual items over the years which included a rare Courier print (before Courier & Ives joined forces) that sold for \$3,000, an early book of Morman, dated 1899 and sold for \$450, various papers including land grants to Civil War soldiers, signed by presidents, and many antique toys that are now on display in toy museums across the nation.

Junkerman once owned a bicycle from the early '50s that was totally encased in fiberglass and made to look very "space-age." It is currently on display at a museum in Indiana.

"The Quaker Oats company used to offer premiums that you could get by sending in cereal box tops with minimal payment," he told me, detailing one of his most memorable items.

"One of the items available was a Buck Rogers of the 21st Century action hero costume, I sold it for \$2,000."

Don't let the prices of those items scare you away. Rocky Creek Antique Mall has a broad and varied selection of items with prices starting as low as a few dollars, plus Junkerman encourages browsers. Some patrons look at his business as a free museum.

And, if you strike up a conversation with him while you're there, you might even get a free history lesson too.

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Steelville has much to offer



Downtown Steelville, which has taken on the look it had in the 1930s, features many craft and antique shops.



Steelville has many titles and slogans to describe the town. Some are "Home of Hospitality," "Floating Capital of Missouri" and it has been designated as "Population Center USA" 1990-2000.

For several years the downtown area has moved back into a 1930s decor with store fronts being renovated to reflect this era.

Discover Steelville and you will find magnificent waterways, picturesque settings and rustic charms in the seat of Crawford County.

Whether driving through the area, spending a weekend or vacationing, you will find that Steelville has a lot to offer its visitors.

Just eight miles south of I-44 on Highways 8 & 19, you will find the "Gateway to the Ozarks."

There are facilities for floaters, fishermen and hunters, as well as everything that is needed for those who just want to get away from it all.

You will find campgrounds, a bed and breakfast, canoe and raft rentals, hunting and fishing guides, along with other entertainment and leisure activities.

There is an abundance of wildlife with more than 45,000 acres in Mark Twain National Forest.

There are many streams in the area that provide excellent fishing. The Meramec, Courtois and Huzzah—the favorites among floating enthusiasts—are well known for their scenic beauty.

The Steelville vicinity is noted for its musical talents. To those who prefer the gospel sound there is almost a constant season of entertainment at various locations.

This is old-time fiddle country as well as country-western style of guitar and banjo pickin'. A weekly music theatre has been added to the entertainment roster.

For a day, week or weekend, you are invited to come to Steelville and discover for yourself all the great activities that abound for your enjoyment.





The Huzzah Conservation Area has miles of trails which are part of the Ozark Trail system.

Steelville's newest resort serves upper Meramec

Driftwood Resorts, Steelville's newest family-owned and operated campground and canoe livery on the upper Meramec River, provides camping and water equipment rentals promoting a family-friendly atmosphere.

Located at 860 West Hwy. 8 near Maramec Spring Park, Driftwood Resorts has plenty of shady campsites adjacent to the Woodson K. Woods Memorial Conservation Area, complete with picnic tables, fire pits, free hot showers and clean restrooms—all for just \$4 a night per person (plus tax). Kids younger than 7 years old camp for free!

Got a large group? You can rent the entire campground for up to 40 people for just \$80 a night. Perfect for your next family reunion, event or business outing.

If you are planning to camp at Maramec Spring Park or stay at the Lost Creek Ranch cabins and would like enjoy a great day on the river in a tube, canoe, raft or kayak, please call Driftwood to make arrangements for a courtesy shuttle to and from your campsite or cabin.

Driftwood Resorts features several different river excursions to choose

from on the crystal-clear upper Meramec River, ranging from a threehour tube float, to a two-day canoe trip. Some of the more popular trip options include floating through the red ribbon trout waters past Maramec Spring Park or floating the more tranquil waters above the Park.

Gaining popularity is their two- to four-hour tube float that ends where the Spring enters the Meramec River. They have a variety of tube sizes and styles to choose from.

Rates for Old-Town canoes are \$35 per canoe (Saturday and Sunday), \$32 per canoe (Friday and Monday). Pre-paid group rates are even cheaper! Rafts cost \$60 (min.) for a fourman raft, \$100 (min.) for a six-man raft, and \$140 (min.) for an eight-man raft. Kayaks can be rented for \$23 each, and tubes are just \$12 on weekends and \$10 through the week.

For more information or to make reservations, call 1-877-FLOATDW (1-877-356-2839), 573-775-5317, or email them at fun@driftwoodresorts.com. You can download a brochure and get all the information about Driftwood at www.floatdriftwood.com.



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Wm. Hearst's parents married in Steelville

Phebe Apperson Hearst, renowned philanthrophist and the founder of the P.T.A., was married in Steelville. On June 14th, 1862 George Hearst and Phebe Apperson came to the courthouse and signed a contract whereby Mr. Hearst gave her fifty shares of stock in the Goaldin Curry Gold and Silver Mines in Virginia City, Nevada.

They got their license and were married on June 15, by

the Rev. W.P. Renick, Presbyterian Minister at the home of Judge A.J. Seay. This house still stands and is located at 210 N. Spring Street.

Mr. Hearst was a mining magnate and United States Senator and their son was the noted publisher of newspapers, and magazines, Wm. Randolph Hearst. Her grandson Wm. Randolph Hearst, Jr. was head of the Hearst Publishing Company of New York.

J.J. Upchurch. Born in North Carolina in 1822, Mr. Upchurch came to Steelville in 1875. He was the founder of the fraternal benefit system known as the Ancient Order of United Workmen to protect working men and their families.

He traveled all over the United States organizing the A.O.U.W., which started in 1868. By 1946 there were 103 fraternal benefit associations with more than 8,000,000 members in the United States and Canada. He died here in 1887 and was buried in St. Louis.

Tom Woodruff, was an attorney here for a number of years and upon leaving Steelville went to Springfield, Missouri where he became active in business and civic affairs and he built the Woodruff Building there.

A. J. Seay, was a resident for many years, and owned a lot of property. He was District Judge for 12 years. He sold the Powell Farm of 160 acres to the parents of Dr. Zahorsky when they moved here from Ohio.

After leaving Steelville he became prominent in Oklahoma politics, and President Harrison appointed him the second territorial governor of that state.

governor of that state. John Zahorsky, (1871-1963). When you look about for the origin of great and good men you needn't search the archives of the mighty. The saviours of mankind were all of humble beginnings. One of these was Dr. John Zahorsky.

John Zahorsky was born in Mereny, Austria-Hungry. At the age of six months he was brought to the United States by his parents. They lived for 7 years in Ohio, then moved to a farm two miles west of Steelville.

He obtained his early education at Pleasant Valley School, and the Steelville Normal and Business Institute receiving his AB degree in 1892. That same year he entered the Missouri Medical College, received his M.D. Degree cum laude in 1895. He did post graduate work at the John Hopkins University and Clinics in New York and Baltimore.

Dr. Zahorsky was highly specialized in children's diseases and one of the foremost authorities in the field of Pediatrics. He was Professor **Continued on next page**



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of Pediatrics at St. Louis University School of Medicine, and from 1933 to 1946 was President of the Board of Directors of the Bethesda Hospital.

He wrote more than 100 articles on the practice of Pediatrics and is the author of three books. His last book, "From the Hills" is an autobiography and may be obtained at the local library. In 1947 he retired to his home here, country where he could enjoy his large library and study wildlife and plants in the hills and woods he loved.

Albert J. Reeves, born in 1873 near Steelville in the Liberty Community attended school in Crawford County including the old S.N. & B.I. He got his degree in law (1899) and practiced in Steelville from 1900 to 1909 He was form Representative 1901-1902 and was Supreme Court Commissioner in 1921 and in 1923 President Harding appointed him the Federal District Judge at Kansas City.

Funeral Home stands by to serve

"Traditions of Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" is the motto at Britton Funeral Home in Cuba.

Owned and operated by Don and Lesa Mizell since July 21, 2005, the Mizells are continuing to carry on a tradition of excellence that was started in 1905 by Ted Hollow. Their motto stands for the traditions of our forefathers, traditions of today's generation and the realization that tomorrow's generation will have their own traditions. The funeral home is currently celebrating its 101st year of service to the community.

The funeral home was originally located on Main Street in Cuba and was then known as Ted Hollow Furniture, Livery and Undertaking Business.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shanklin moved to Cuba in 1944 and purchased the Hollow business, moving it to 904 W. Washington and renaming it Shanklin Funeral Homes.

Following their retirement, the Shanklins sold the business to the Britton Family in 1967, and then it was known as Shanklin-Britton Funeral Home. The business became Britton Brothers Funeral Home in 1973.

The Britton Funeral Home of Cuba had three major building additions, the first in 1973, a chapel that can be divided into two was added; second, the connecting of the funeral home to the garage area; and third, the Veterans Chapel, restrooms and lounge which were dedicated in 1993.

In 2005, the business was sold to Don and Lesa, who are both licensed funeral directors/embalmers. They have been a part of the funeral industry since they were both teenagers. Both have over 50 years of experienced combined.

"This has been a dream of ours to own our own funeral home for a long time," Lesa said. "God has blessed us to be able to do what we love."

Lesa is originally from Salem and Don is from Granite City, Ill. Both worked in the funeral industry for many years before moving to Cuba. They have three daughters, Kayla, 14, Amanda, 14, and Jamie, 11.

Since moving to Cuba, the couple has become quite active in the community. Don is a member of the Cuba Lions Club, a Mason, Shriner and volunteers for the Cuba Fire Department. Lesa is a member of the Tri-C Club and they are both involved with the Chamber of Commerce, where Lesa serves as a board member. Both attend Cuba United Methodist Church. The couple lives on the property of the funeral home, providing 24-hour service 365 days a week.

Beginning in March 2006, the funeral home has had major renovations made to just about every aspect of its buildings, other than the garage.

The funeral home is able to offer three visitations a night and provide just about every need that is funeral related. A big chapel seats several hundred people and can be divided to accommodate smaller groups. A smaller chapel seats at least 100 people.

The Mizells pride themselves on being able to cater every service to meet the needs of family making each service feel like a celebration of life. They offer prearranged services and honor all other funeral homes' prearrangements.

"It's all about taking care of the family," Lesa said. "We find out what a person's legacy was and we try to honor that. Everything we do we do from the heart."

An added feature is that the funeral home provides online obituaries at its website at www.brittonfuneralhomecuba.com. It also provides a place for out-of-town visitors to sign an online guestbook or provide condolences.

Britton Funeral Home is located at 904 W. Washington in Cuba. For more information contact them at (573) 885-3355 or fax (573) 885-3913.





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Keep items safe and secure while towing



Before you start out on your vacation, always make sure your boat or camper trailer is securely hitched to your vehicle.



"It seems to me that our three basic needs, for food and security and love, are so entwined that we cannot think of one without the other." *M.F.K. Fisher*

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• Be sure your trailer is properly bitched to your vehicle before traveling to your vacation spot

Spring signals a rebirth of many things, including road trips, vacations and scenic drives. It's also a time when water lovers take boats and sporting apparel out of hibernation to be put into regular use once again. What this means is you're bound to be one of many people with a boat or jet ski hitched to your bumper or piloting an RV full of camping equipment. The key is arriving at your destination with equipment still in tow and in sound shape.

There are some preparatory steps you can take to make time spent towing equipment that much more safe and enjoyable. With a few simple tools and techniques you ... and your stuff should arrive in one piece. Here are some pointers, courtesy of Amazing GOOP, a line of top-quality adhesives for all kinds of repairs and projects.

TRAILER SAFETY

More damage can be done to equipment, like boats, by Continued on next page



improperly transporting them than from regular wear and tear. Your first step is to find a trailer that can accommodate your load adequately. For a boat, it should be long enough to support the entire length of the boat so that it is carried upright as it would float in the water. But, the trailer should be short enough so the engines can extend freely.

Prevent your load from bouncing around by using lower anchors or tying it down. The bow eye on a boat should be secured with either a rope, chain or turnbuckle in addition to the winch cable. Additional straps may be required across the beam of the boat.

Before you head out on the highway, be sure your trailer is hitched to your towing vehicle adequately. Bolts should be tightened and in place and you should check that your vehicle has enough power to pull the combined weight of itself and the load you're towing. Your boat or other equipment should also be evenly dispersed across the trailer. An uneven load could result in a trailer that is too heavy in places, which could result in rollovers or pressure on the tires, causing steering difficulty.

Be sure the brake lights, taillights and turn signals of the towed vehicle operate in sync with the vehicle being driven. This is a requirement in all 50 states. You can use brake/signal light accessory kits, which are strapped or magnetically connected to the rear of the vehicle being towed.

FIX-UP PREP WORK

The vibration of towing equipment can result in items shaking or coming loose. Stock a quality adhesive product like Amazing GOOP, which offers different varieties based on required use: Marine, RV and Automotive. Be sure to repair any cracks or flimsy items before embarking, such as making sure trim, mirrors and other items are secure. You can also mend tears in upholstery, reinforce frayed rope, secure reflectors or ensure that portholes or windows are adequately sealed. Using the right product — one designed to stand up to road vibration, UV rays and contact with water, is key. Amazing GOOP products dry to a flexible, rubbery finish so they won't crack under the stress of use. They also come in UV-resistant varieties and are all water-resistant.

TAKE CARE WHEN DRIVING

Towing equipment requires finesse on the road. Keep in mind that having a trailer behind your towing vehicle will mean you need a larger turning radius. Be mindful of road barriers and items on the side of the road when doing so.

The excess weight can also make breaking more difficult. Therefore, leave a wide gap between your vehicle and the one you're following so you'll have ample time to stop. Slow down your speed to avoid skidding or having the trailer topple over. Remember to also adjust your mirrors so that you have ample view of the road to minimize any blind spots that normally occur. You want to be sure you can safely pass other vehicles and change lanes easily.

When you reach your destination, give the load you've been carrying an inspection to make sure it's arrived in good condition. Use your adhesive product to make any minor repairs to items which may have shaken loose.

For more ways to use Amazing GOOP adhesives when on the road, visit www.amazinggoop.com.

Enjoy a relaxing stay at Wildwood

Wildwood Springs Lodge is one of Steelville's true treasures.

Originally built in 1922 by the Wildwood Spring Resort Association, no efforts were spared in making it a "haven of rest" for those who wanted to spend their vacation in one of the most beautiful spots in the Ozarks.

The resort opened during the golden days of the "Roaring 20s" with a grand opening on Memorial Day 1922. It was an opening so grand it has never been matched since. There were 2,500 people on the grounds, a large parade through Main Street, Wildwood's own orchestra playing, barbecue, contests of all kinds, and tours through the lodge, which made it a day Steelville long remembered.

You will enjoy the lovely decor of the rooms, the great atmosphere of the front lobby and delicious home cooked food in the spacious dining room, as well as some quiet relaxation on the screened porch overlooking the grounds. On warm summer days you can cool off in the swimming pool behind the lodge.

Wildwood offers many services as well as daily, weekly, and group rates. Step back in time and relax for a weekend, a week, or longer in this beautiful historic lodge nestled in the Ozark hills.



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Make sure you've packed everything you'll need

Each year, families across the country take off on vacations ranging from trips to theme parks to ballpark tours to educational jaunts complete with visits to some of the country's finest museums. Another popular and fun family outing that doesn't even require you roam too far from home is camping.

Sleeping under the stars and toasting marshmallows is something many families have come to know and love. For those looking to join the growing trend and spend a few nights camping with their families, here are a few essentials to pack along.

•Tent. A tent is among the more essential items you'll want to bring along. While you can sleep in sleeping bags under the stars, you'll want a tent in case of inclement weather or if any uninvited (animal) guests should show up. Parents might also want to consider bringing along a separate tent for the kids.

 \cdot Tarp. A tarp is something many first-time campers often forget. The benefit of a tarp is the protection it provides on the flooring of your tent, which



A sleeping bag, hiking shoes and a lantern are just some of the items you'll want to bring on your next camping trip.

can grow uncomfortable in the case of rain.

• Bedding. While most are quick to pack the sleeping bags, not everyone remembers to include some pillows. Though adults can get by with just sleeping bags, children might struggle to get some shut-eye without a pillow to rest their head on. In addition, any prospective campers who might have a history of back problems should consider bringing along an air mattress and a compressor to inflate it.

• First-aid kit. Accidents happen on camping trips, so make sure your first-aid kit is fully loaded and packed along.

• Marshmallows. While a tent, tarp and bedding are essentials for adults on camping trips, children will need to roast a few marshmallows to make their trip complete.

• Stove and appropriate gas. These can be small or medium-sized, depending on how many campers you'll need to cook for. Remember to bring along whichever gas your stove uses, and remember, the longer your stove is on, the more gas you'll need. To be safe, pack along an extra tank.

[.]Garbage bags. Keep close track of all your trash to

avoid damaging the environment and landing in the park ranger's doghouse. Try bags with an easy tie at the top that you can open and close easily, so trash doesn't blow away with each gust of wind.

•Whistles. Part of the joy of camping is getting to explore nature. Since most children tend to have an exploratory nature, it can be easy for them to get lost and scared in the woods. Having them wear a whistle necklace around their neck or carry one with them at all times can be a good means of making sure they're easy to find should they get lost.

· Water. A couple of gallons of drinking water should suffice, but bringing along an extra gallon or two can't hurt. Also, water bottles are essential for any campers who will be doing some hiking.

· Wood. If you have firewood lying around the house **Continued on next page**





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and can afford to pack it into your vehicle, by all means bring some along. Finding viable firewood can be difficult for first-time or even veteran campers, so don't be ashamed to pack vour own.

· Utensils and dishes. Spoons, forks, knives strong enough to cut through meat and can openers should be packed. Also, don't forget to pack along some paper dishes or camping dishes in addition to cups, pots and pans. Try bringing some resealable

containers as well as a means to saving space.

Sun protection. This includes both sunglasses as well as sunblock, both of which are absolutely necessary.

·Linens and clothing. Don't forget a few bath towels and some changes of clothing. If you'll be on an extended camping trip, pack rope, bungee cords and clothespins to hang laundered linens and clothes on.

Flashlights. Another necessity for campers with children. Bring along at least two and some extra batteries just in case.

Kids just love lightning bugs

Lightning bugs provide one of the most beautiful phenomena we can see on our trip to the Ozarks. Unlike some other insects, which emanate light, the lightning bug has a special light producing organ.

Other insects shine by means of cells in the fat of their body or through tissue distributed here and there throughout their body.

The luminous substance which seems to consist of chemically altered proteins is peculiar to the insect body. The lightning bugs light producing organ has two layers.

The upper layer consists of light producing cells and the lower layer of cells that reflect light upward and outward.

The whole orient is penetrated by nerves and air tubes to make possible a rich supply of oxygen and con¬tinue the high rate of oxidation es¬sential for the production of the light.

The light itself may be whitish, yellow, red or even blue, but is usu¬ally greenish.

In some lightning bugs, luminescence is important in the mutual at¬traction of the sexes, but in general no particular function has been dis¬cerned for most instances of light production in insects.

It is easy to understand a question¬ing child's fascination with these tiny, colorful, marvelous creations.

Local winery also offers guest cottage

Escape for a day at Peaceful Bend Vineyard where you are sure to find great wine, lively entertainment, scenic grounds and lots of great memories.

Clyde and Katie Gill invite you to be their guests at the 72-acre estate where you can taste their award winning wines, picnic in the shade of the mighty oak trees, and browse through the gift shop.

For the adventurous, take a hike down to the Meramec River where the cool waters will restore your spirits or hike through the vineyards and around the hills on the property to catch a glimpse of the estate's fabulous views.

For those guests who wish to extend their stay at Peaceful Bend (or in Steelville) the winerv also provides a guest cottage that sleeps up to five people. Cottage guests enjoy a snack basket upon their arrival, and a kitchen stocked with all the breakfast foods needed to get geared up for another day! Please call or e-mail

the winery for reservations.

And be sure to visit the winery during one of the fun-filled events. Family events include a Kite Day in the spring and a Cellar Party in the late autumn. Or plan to attend an art reception, a chamber music evening in June, or plan a picnic on Saturday afternoons and listen to some very talented area acoustic musicians (weather permitting). See their ad for the 2006 event list.

Peaceful Bend Vineyard is easy to find, but far enough out of the way to be extraordinary! Follow highway 8 west of Steelville for two miles, then turn right onto county highway T. Peaceful Bend is located two miles further on the left.

If you have any questions, or would like to make reservations at the cottage, please call the winery at 573-775-3000 or you can visit their website at www.PeacefulBend.com. Cheers!

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Directions: Take I-44 to exit #208 (Cuba, Missouri), then follow Highway 19 south for eight miles. Turn right onto Hwy. 8 West and follow for two miles. Finally, turn right onto county road T. Peaceful Bend Vineyard is located two miles further on the left.



Cuba Lakes Golf Club is a nine-hole located just south of Cuba on Highway 19. It is also home to Cattlemen's Steakhouse, one of the area's newest steakhouses, which is open at 11 a.m. daily and features daily specials. To more reservations for dinner, or to schedule a tee time, call 573-885-2234.



Camping Checklist

Here is a list of frequently used camping gear. This is a good basic start, but your own personal needs will largely influence your equipment selection. The available space in your vehicle should also be a factor in your preparation.

- Air Mattress Batteries Camera and Film Radiant Heater (cold weather) _Coffee Pot Compass Cooler Dishpan and Pot Scrubbers Eating Utensils

- Folding Stands for
- Cooler and Stove

- Ground Cloth
- Hand Axe
- Ice or Ice Substitutes
- Insect Repellent Jug of Water
- Knife Lantern
- Lighter-Disposable
- Butane Mantles
- Maps Matches & Waterproof
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Maramec Spring Park has two wonderful museums

The mention of Maramec Spring Park evokes images of fishing, camping and hiking in the minds of many. However, there are a few other treasures in the park that are often forgotten but

serve as valuable reminders ent. of the park's rich history—

Maramec Museum

A 21-foot bluff, waterfall and 500-gallon aquarium greet the roughly 45,000 annual visitors from an estimated 30 countries and all



the spring's museums. The

Maramec Museum and the

Ozark Agricultural Museum

are the bridges connecting

the spring's past to its pres-

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Bourbon — 214 W. Pine www.wallisco.com 50 states that come to the Maramec Museum, hub of the spring's natural and cultural history.

Situated on a hill in the heart of Maramec Spring Park the Maramec Museum is filled with and surrounded by history, as two cabins and the Iron Master's House from Maramec Spring's historic Iron Works era are situated just outside the museum. These buildings were constructed in 1848 and still house workers employed at the spring today.

Opened in 1971, the history museum itself architecturally models and is situated on the location of the original general store.

One unique feature of the Maramec Museum is that it is made up of two museums, each constructed at different times. The original museum was built by the James Foundation to display the history of the Iron Works. The Iron Works (1826-1876) was of historical importance to Maramec Springs; it was the first major operation in the area and provided jobs for pioneers.

Among the exhibits in the original portion of the museum is an 1860s town model. The interactive display allows visitors to light up different buildings, such as a general store, to learn more about the role they played in the community. There are also interactive displays of the mining and iron manufacture process. With the push of a button, visitors can be caught up in the world of Iron Works miners, watching how their work was done.

Pictures on the wall allow visitors to see the past and present Maramec Springs and to appreciate its rich history, which paved the way for today's surrounding settlements.

Just six years ago (April 1999) the nature center was **Continued on next page**



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added. Prior to this time, nature exhibits were located in another location. The center houses stuffed displays of the area's native species of owls, snakes and other wildlife, as well as exhibits of wildlife habitats. There is also an interactive rain model, including thunder and lightning, which explains the path water travels to the spring.

A video presentation, The Hidden World Beneath Maramec Spring Park, has also been added to the museum's conference room and is offered daily. The video shows divers exploring the depths of the spring's cave to give visitors an idea of the life in the cave, such as the Southern Cavefish and Salem Cave Cravfish.

Agriculture Museum

A lifetime collection of antique farm equipment donated by Fred St. Onge of St. Louis County began the Ozark Agricultural Museum in the 1980s. St. Onge was born on an Ozark farm. Fascinated by farm tools and equipment, he eventually became an engineer. St. Onge made arrangements for the donation of his collection to ensure that it would be preserved for the enjoyment of others after his death.

Today, many people can see St. Onge's collection at the museum, located in the heart of Maramec Spring Park. The museum is home to many antiques, including kitchen utensils and all types of farm equipment, largely from the 1800s. Similar in appearance to a large barn, the building is commemorative of farming from those times.

The museum is organized into many different categories displaying a wide range of antiques. For instance, under "Growing Grain" items such as a corn planter, grain drill and onehorse binder appear. Other areas are meant to replicate certain aspects of life at the time, such as the blacksmith shop, kitchen and back porch displays.

Even today, locals continue to donate to the museum. Residents of Rolla, St. Louis, St. James, Steelville and Vichy, as well as many other places have all made personal item donations. In fact, many have been turned down because of lack of space in the museum. Small items, which are unique in nature and not already represented in the collection, are sometimes still accepted when space permits.

Visitors to the museums are always welcome. Hours

for August are Monday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; September: Wednesday thru Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday thru Sunday from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m; and October: Wednesday thru Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Maramec Museum

only and Saturday thru Sunday from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. for both museums.

Admission to the museums is free. You can call the museums at (573) 265-3527 for additional information. Entrance fees to the park are three dollars per car for a day or \$20 for an entire year.



Those who visit the Agriculture Museum at Maramec Spring Park will find a rich history of rural life throughout the area. Among the items on display include a horsedrawn mower, old tractors (above), an antique combine and mail coach (at left).



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Make sure you swim safe this summer



Whether they're at a lake, the river or a pool, always keep a close eye on your children while they are swimming.

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• Always keep a close eye on your children when they are in pool, stream

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Water safety experts at Safe Kids Worldwide recommend: Preparing your children:

• Teach children to swim

after age four and make sure they know how to tread water, float and swim out of a cross-current ("riptide").

• Tell children to stay away from pool and hot tub drains. Do not use a pool or hot tub that has any loose, broken or missing drain covers.

Tips for parents:

• Never take your eyes off children in the pool — even for a moment. If you're in a group, appoint a designated "water watcher," taking turns with other adults.

• While supervising kids, stay alert and avoid distractions like reading or the telephone.

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• Tie back your children's long hair securely to guard against drain entanglement.

• Don't rely on "water wings" or other inflatable toys. If your child can't swim, stay within an arm's reach.

• Learn infant and child CPR.

Steps for safety:

• If you have a pool or spa, surround it with isolation fencing at least five feet high with gates that close and latch automatically.

• Empty inflatable wading pools (kiddie pools) after use.

• If you find a pool drain cover that is loose, broken or missing, notify the owner or operator and do not use the pool or hot tub. • Keep gates to the pool area latched, so children cannot enter the area without adult supervision.

• Never dive in water less than nine feet deep. Swim only in designated areas.

Boating safety:

• On a boat or near open water, everyone should wear a life jacket approved by the U.S. Coast Guard.

• Take a boating safety course and never drink alcoholic beverages while boating. Get a free vessel safety check every year from the Coast Guard Auxiliary or U.S. Power Squadrons (www.uscgboating.org).

• Don't let kids drive personal watercraft, such as jet skis.

More information is available online at www.usa.safekids. org/water.

Don't trespass when floating

1. Be courteous and show respect to landowners and other river users.

2. If land is posted, do not trespass unless you have permission from the landowner.

3. Ask your bus driver or canoe delivery person if it is OK to use gravel bars along your float. Some of these gravel bars may be considered the private property of a landowner. It is better to ask and be sure it is o.k.

4. Place litter in its proper place.

(Not on the bottom of the river or on the bank).

Canoe livery businesses provide you with a mesh bag but you may wish to bring along your own trash bag.

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Summer sun can cause skin cancer

Most adults are smart enough to know that the sun can prove quite damaging to the skin. Children, however, are a different story, a scary thought since children tend to spend more time in the sun than adults. For parents, protecting children from the sun is no easy task, as you can't be with your kids at all times, especially if kids are away at camp or if you're busy at work.

Parents and kids should know as well that a sunburn today can come back to haunt you tomorrow. According to the Skin Cancer Foundation, a bad sunburn childhood during can increase the risk of developing melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer, later in life. Such a reality can cause concern for parents of active children who might shun the sunblock or forget it entirely, not fully realizing the dangers of spending time under the sun without protection. But parents can take certain steps to ensure their children won't suffer sun damage this summer.

• Speak to camp counselors. If your child is heading off to camp, chances are



Whenver you kids are going to be out in the sun, make sure they use sunscreen to protect them from getting skin cancer.

exposure to sun is unavoidable, as most summer camps encourage outdoor activity. If you or your child is fairskinned or even of a darker complexion, make sure the camp counselors know what type of sunscreen you want your child wearing. SPF 15 is recommended as the minimum, though parents of children with fair skin will want something a little higher. Regardless of your child's complexion, parents should recognize camp counselors will be playing the role of Mom or Dad and should make sure the counselors know this, too. Children can be difficult when it comes to applying sunscreen, but parents should make it known to counselors they hold them responsible for keeping their kids safe from the sun.

• Supply appropriate clothing. Adults and even

teenagers may know enough to wear the right clothing when the sun is especially hot or the UV index is very high. Assuming children know as well is a bad assumption to make. Kids

heading off to camp should pack appropriate clothing for those sizzling summer days when sun damage can truly wreak havoc. The Skin Cancer Foundation recommends broad-brimmed hats, which offer more protection than traditional baseball caps. Also, a light-colored long-sleeved shirt and even some light-colored pants should be packed along just in case. Children, too, can suffer damage to their eyes from too much sun, so packing some UV-protective sunglasses is a necessity as well. In addition, recommend to the camp and to your child that he swim with a shirt on to avoid exposing skin that is likely more susceptible to sun damage than most areas of the body.

• Ask to see an activities schedule. Though conflicting advice exists as to when the sun is most harmful, gener-

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ally the hours between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. are recognized as particularly dangerous. Let your children know to be especially careful during these hours if they're not going to camp. If your child will be a camper this summer, ask for an activities schedule and whether or not there is ample shade available during activities between the aforementioned hours. Though most parents don't want their children lying around indoors all summer, doing so between the hours of 10 and 4 might not be all that bad.

• Pay attention. If your child is starting to look like "Eric the Red" or seems exhausted, he might be spending too much time under the sun. If that's the case, keep him home from camp or let him stay inside at home for a few days. Take your children to the mall or the movies if possible on such days so they're less tempted to go outside. Take time out as well to reiterate the importance of wearing sunscreen and looking for shade.

STEELVILLE AREA VISITORS GUIDE

Privacy is awaiting you at Fair Winds

By Judy Bell

It had been my dream for several years to have some private vacation cabins. Somewhere just the two of you can go for a quiet weekend. In August 2001, I bought a farm at 123 Hwy. 49 near Cherryville, Mo. My dream was on the way to becoming a reality. The farm was the perfect spot for some cabins.

One side of the farm is mainly woods with Dry Creek flowing through it. Two 24'x24' log cabins were built on that side of the farm. Each cabin has a large bath with a Jacuzzi for two, a queen bed with fluffy handmade quilt, gas fireplace, central heat and air and a full kitchen. There is a stereo and satellite TV, but no phone!

The kitchens have a stove, refrigerator, microwave, coffeemaker, blender, toaster and all pots and pans and dishes. All bed and bath linens are included. There is a charcoal grill outside to cook that perfect steak. The fulllength porches face into the woods. Large windows look out across the porch so you can watch the wildlife. Hunters Run is done in green with a woodsy theme. Judes Dream is done in raspberry with a romantic theme.

The creek is nearby. You may either walk or drive to the creek. There are some wonderful bluffs to explore or you may want to picnic or fish in the creek.

Deer and turkey abound along with other wildlife. The woods and bluffs have lots of wildflowers. Whether you spend your time sitting in front of the fireplace or on the porch, you are sure to have a quiet, relaxing stay.

Each year, Fair Winds grows a little bit. The year 2004 brought a house for me on the farm and a new two-bedroom cabin. The Wildflower overlooks a field of native wildflowers and warm season grasses. Decorated in country blues and vellows, it has two queen bedrooms each with a private bath. The living area has a rock fireplace and full kitchen. But you may want to eat your meals on the long porch while enjoying the birds and flowers. Two more cabins, Birdsong and Meadow were completed in the fall of 2005.

Fair Winds is blowing in other directions. Riverbluff, The Bluff Cottage and The Lodge at Scenic View, are located out of Steelville off of Liberty Road.

Riverbluff sets in a two-acre clearing surrounded by pine forest. It is very rustic with a cathedral ceiling, rock fireplace and pine hand railings along the red cedar stairway. Riverbluff has three queen bedrooms, two full baths (one with a Jacuzzi for two) and a full kitchen. It is fully furnished with all pots, pans, dishes, towels and bedding. The deck is great for BBQ's or bird watching. The yard has horseshoe pits and a basketball goal. Riverbluff is perfect for just a couple or a small group.

The Cottage will sleep up to twenty, but is cozy enough for two. The attic bedrooms with dormers, wrap-around screened porch and claw-foot tub in the master bath will remind you of Grandmas house. But, with six queen bedrooms, four full baths, full kitchen and cozy fireplace in the living room, you'll think you're in heaven.

The Lodge at Scenic View is more rustic than our other cabins. It has five queen bedrooms, two queen sleeper sofas, one daybed with two twins and four twin roll-a-ways. Each bed is made up with comfy quilts. Each bedroom has its own set of towels. There is a TV, VCR and stereo. The common room has a large rock fireplace. There is a full kitchen with stove, refrigerator, microwave, coffeemaker, toaster, blender, pots, pans and dishes along one wall. The huge bath has five shower stalls, three toilet cubicles and two sinks. The lodge is a short walk from the Meramec River. There is a boat ramp for those who wish to bring their own boat. A half-mile of river frontage lets you tube from one end to the other.

Fair Winds is open daily year round. Call me soon to schedule your stay in the country. Judy Bell 573-743-6200.



Cuba is turning 150 in 2007

Sesquicentennial **Events**

· June 2nd Amanda's Birthday Bash with car show, barbecue and outdoor events in Historical Downtown area. JuneLewis and Clark Exhibit (all month?) Location to be announced. September 8 & 9 -Founders Day Celebration HPC to sponsor numerous activities (Some ideas: fiddlers contest, beard contest, horseshoes, vintage hat, dress, fashion show, sack race, frog and turtle races, Tug of War, kids parade, primitive crafts, etc.). • Arts Council to present a play "Tom Sawyer" Kiwanis and Key Club to sponsor "Old Time Pie Supper"

 Main Street Bakery to make the "Birthday Cake" Civil War Encampment • September (all month) Exhibit "Mapping Missouri" Location to be announced. October 20-21Cuba Fest -Mural Tours in1904-Style

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· December 31 - New Year's Celebration to Close the Sesquicentennial Year. Sponsored by Lion's Club For complete details, visit www.cubamo150.com

Cuba, located along I-44 the east of Amanda. The and Route 66 eight miles north of Steelville, is celebrating its 150th anniversary in 2007. Several events are planned throughout the year.

Cuba, population 3700, may have originally got its name from the chance fall of a stick. But now, by political decree of the Missouri Senate and House, it has the designation of "Cuba-Rt. 66 Mural City."

A prairie and good water originally drew settlers to the area of Cuba. People settled, farmed, and built homes on their homesteads. George Jamison ran a post office and store named after his wife Amanda just to the west of what would be the future town. Wesley Smith is generally considered cofounder of the town.

The nearby Meramec Iron Works to the west provided ore that was taken overland to St. Louis by wagon. With oxen, the trip was said to take 14 days. Produce and furs moved along this same route.

In December of 1857, surveyors Trask and Ferguson laid out a new town just to original town had 32 blocks and five streets. Jamison wanted to name the new town Amanda after his wife. However, store customers often expressed sympathy for the small island of Cuba, whose residents were fighting for their independence from Spain. When Jamison

The year, next the Southwest branch of the Pacific Railroad was built through the new town and eventually on to Rolla. Later the St. Louis and Little Rock Railroad came to the area. The railroad brought a new way to get goods and send products to market. As a result of the commerce, more

countryside. Between 1865 and 1912 Cuba was known as "The Land of the Big Red Apple." Apples were shipped in barrels for table use and vinegar making. Most farms had large orchards. Hogs and cattle were raised for market. Commercial egg production was an important industry at various times.



mentioned naming the new town for his wife, the name Cuba was proposed also. Legend has it that the frequenters of Jamison's store finally cast lots for the name by standing a stick up to fall one way or the other, with Cuba being the winner.



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families moved to the Cuba area, additional streets were plotted, and the post office was also moved to the new town. Stores and homes began to grow up along the tracks. Eventually, as the population increased, the citizens built their own churches, instead of relying on itinerant preachers. In time, the Civil War would touch the fledgling community dividing the citizens politically as both the southern and northern soldiers moved across the area.

Logging, a planing mill, apple growing, canning, briar pipe making, poultry raising were a few of the early industries in Cuba. Cuba became a shipping point for the surrounding

All of this early industry was aided by the influence of the railroad and the town developed along its edge. However, with the modern highway system, the emphasis would shift. In 1927, the original U.S. Highway 66 was under construction. At first it was just gravel, but later it was paved.

Businesses such as the Southern Hotel and Hotel Cuba, when first built, faced the tracks and depot, which delivered customers to their door. Later, entrances were built on what had been the back of their buildings along Washington St. to welcome the increasing flow of traffic from the Rt. 66 travelers. As the automobile industry **Continued on next page**



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grew, so did people traveling the "Mother Road" or what came to be known as "The Main Street of America," which stretched from Chicago to Los Angeles. Film star Betty Davis came through town in 1948.

Businesses also grew up to the north of Rt. 66, away from the tracks. Motels, such as the Wagon Wheel, which is still operating, sprang up along the road. The Midway Café and Garage was built at the corner of Hwy. 19 and Rt. 66 in the 30s. During the 40s and WW II, another floor was added to this structure and the garage was eliminated. Paul T. Carr built Phillips 66 Station across the corner at the same intersection in the early 30s. Over the years, more and more development occurred a long Rt. 66.

By buying its own electrical system after WW II, Cuba was able to produce revenue to fund improvements to the city. Industry came to Cuba, along with modernization. Today, the purchase of a natural gas

system helps the improvements to continue.

Then and today, Rt. 66 as a Scenic Byway bisects north and south Cuba. Although it is no longer in use, at one point an underground tunnel was built under Rt. 66 so that local citizens, especially the school children, could make it across the busy road in a safer manner. Presently, thousands pass through Cuba on Rt. 66 to travel the famous road. Many stop in Cuba to photograph the outdoor murals of "Cuba Rt. 66 Mural City."

While Rt. 66 is still a scenic byway bringing many to Cuba, the completion of Interstate 44 in the late sixties added to Cuba's growth and progress. In the 80s, Cuba was designated as an Enterprise Zone, which drew many industries to Cuba to take advantage of the favorbusiness climate. able Currently, a Phase II industrial park is underway. A Community Block Grant has provided infrsturcture improvements. A Visitor Center has been built at the I-44 interchange. With a modern airport and the proximity to the interstate, Cuba's future looks bright.

But the past is not forgot-Cuba's ten. Historic Preservation Commission has spearheaded a resurgence of activity in the uptown historic district. Businesses are committing dollars to the improvement of their facades with historic colors that offer a consistency of appearance. A historic survey of the uptown area is underway. The Crawford County Historical Society has its History Museum in Cuba.

The sesquicentennial theme "Treasuring the Past, Shaping the Future," seems to sum up Cuba's attitude over the years. While transportation may have spurred Cuba's growth, it is the people, their schools and churches, and other cultural and service organizations that have provided the heart and soul of the community.

By Jane Reed with info from Manson Munro's History of Cuba and J.I. Brewer's Crawford County and Cuba, Missouri both served as sources for this brief history.

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Become 'lost' at Lost Creek Ranch

Whatever your pleasure might be, Lost Creek Ranch is a good place to visit. Whether it's fly fishing for trophy trout, bow hunting for a magnificent whitetail, matching wits with a spring gobbler, hiking over the public conservation areas, biking a 20mile course across the Meramec River and back, or just barbequing, relaxing over a glass of wine and renewing good friendships - you'll find plenty of places to enjoy your favorite activity during your stay at Lost Creek Ranch. Lost Creek Ranch provides private cabins in the midst of a sportsman's paradise – an enjoyable place to stay after an energetic and fun-filled day afield or on the streams and river.

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A leisure canoe or raft float trip on the beautiful Meramec River is one of the favorite activities for many of the guests at Lost Creek Ranch. There are some good short floats, as well as longer all-day floats. Gravel bars are plentiful and provide excellent places to stop and rest, swim or enjoy lunch by the riverside. The closest outfitters to Lost Creek Ranch are Driftwood Resorts and they will even make arrangements to pick you up at Lost Creek Ranch and portal you to the river and back.

For trophy rainbow and brown trout drift a weighted hare's ear through a deep run, or cast a blue winged olive across a rifle in the 9.8 mile trophy trout section of the Meramec River and get ready for some excitement! One can also catch trophy rainbow trout in Maramec Spring Park, especially during the winter "catch and release" season, which is one of the park's best-kept secrets.

For a truly enjoyable hunting experience, reserve an October bow hunt for deer or turkey. Lost Creek Ranch is in the heart of prime hunting territory, and fall is a beautiful time to be outdoors. Lost Creek Ranch borders the Maramec Spring Park's wildlife refuge, which is a tremendous benefit in maintaining a healthy population of deer. No firearms hunting is booked so the bow hunting is just as good if not better following the November firearm season. Only eight bowhunters at one time are allowed to provide a quality experience and bucks taken must be six-point or better. The hunts are unguided, but the owner, an avid bowhunter, knows the wildlife patterns and can help point newcomers to Lost Creek Ranch in the right direction. The property is managed strictly for wildlife \neg there is no livestock. Separate hunting areas with each hunter having his own designated area provides for private un-intruded hunting. Reservations are required.

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A barn-red mill nestled among green trees beside blue waters rolling over a rock dam create the colorful setting of one of Missouri's best-preserved, water-powered mills.

Completed sometime around 1908, Dillard Mill sits along the Huzzah Creek and was the second mill built at that site. At the time of its construction the mill represented state of the art water milling. A 24.2 horsepower turbine provided power and wheat was ground into flour by a series of steel roller mills.

The Mill, which is operated by $_{\mathrm{the}}$ Missouri Department of Natural Resources, is located in south Crawford County on Highway 49 between Cherryville and Viburnum. If you get to Dillard Mill this year, be sure to check out the new "Harmony Shelter," which was recently completed in memory of Harmony Setzer.

Dillard Mill was originally constructed as a commercial venture to take advantage of the cheap local waterpower to grind wheat into flour. Much of the wheat was to be shipped in by the nearby railroad and the railroad also was to be utilized to ship the flour out.

Unfortunately for Dillard Mill and several other large roller mills in the Ozarks, large water mills were also at this same time being constructed by Pillsbury and other flour companies in the state of Minnesota. These mills were much closer to the wheat producing Great Plains states and could produce flour much cheaper than could the Ozark mills.



Dillard Mill is a state historic site and park operated by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. It is located in southeastern Crawford County.

In order to survive Ozark mills turned to grinding cornmeal and cattle food as well as wheat flour. Dillard Mill ground stock food until the late 1950s.

Today, most of the original machinery is still intact and operational. A turn of a wheel opens the turbine and brings the machinery back to life. Tours are given year round, but during the cold days of winter visitors are ask to report to the site office to request a tour. Large groups are asked to contact the site in advance.

Picnic sites provide a peaceful, scenic setting to enjoy lunch. Visitors who are willing to wade across the creek can hike the 1.5mile trail that winds up through the oak-hickory woods and into the pine forest at the top of the ridge overlooking the mill. This is not an easy hike but is well worth the effort.

Visitors leave Dillard Mill State Historic Site with a better understanding of the area and usually a photograph.

The first mill to be built at the present site was by Francis Wisdom sometime during the 1850's. It was one of the few local mills to survive Sterling Price's great raid of 1864 during the Civil War. In 1881 James and Joseph Dillard Cottrell purchased the mill and operated it until 1890. The small town that grew up around the mill was Dillard named after Joseph's middle name. A Minacher family next owned the mill and ran it until it burned in 1895.

In 1900 a brother and sister, named Emil and Mary Mischke purchased the land. They were immigrants from a town in what is now in Poland although it then belonged to Germany. In 1904 they began construction of the present mill. The turbine arrived in 1907 and the mill was probably in operation soon afterwards.

According to local legend Mary was a large woman about six feet tall and she did most of the work at the mill while her brother spent his time gossiping with customers. After a number of years she apparently grew tired of this arrangement and sold her interest of the mill to Emil. Mary spent her last years running a farm several miles from Dillard.

After a number of years, in 1928 Emil, who was a life long bachelor then in his '60's decided to try matrimony. Evidently none of the local women would have him, so he hired the services of a matrimonial service. A match was made with a lady from California and they were married in 1928. Moving to the Ozarks at that time must have been a large cultural shock to this woman and after two years she convinced Emil to sell out and move to California with her.

In 1930 Lester Klemme, from Webster Groves, purchased the mill. Lester had no experience running a mill and had to move from the city for his health. Lester usually left the day by day running of the mill to one of a number of itinerant millers that he hired over the years.

The mill was not a real moneymaker at this time and he made several changes to it to make it more profitable. He added a sweet feed room for grinding and mixing grain and sorghum molasses into stock food.

He also opened what we today would probably call a Bed and Breakfast, which he called The Old Mill Lodge. For seven dollars a day you could stay in one of several cabins he had built close to the mill or in a room in his house. You also received three meals and were allowed to fish and swim in the millpond.

Upon the death of his wife in the early 1960s Lester closed the mill for the last time. He protected it until the early 1970s when the mill and land surrounding it was purchased by the LAD foundation.

The LAD foundation leases the site to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and it is available seven days a week to the citizens of Missouri as the Dillard Mill State Historic Site.

If you get to Dillard Mill this year, be sure to check out the new "Harmony Shelter," which was recently completed in memory of Harmony Setzer.







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Be informed if you are planning to buy a boat

Boating can be an enjoyable and relaxing way to spend a nice afternoon. Unfortunately, finding a boat can be a tough thing to do, especially for first-time buyers. Numerous things can impact the decisionmaking process when you're looking to buy a boat, be it usage issues, storage concerns or, perhaps most influential, price tag. Boating can be an expensive hobby, making it even more important that you know what you're looking for in a boat before heading out and seeing what there is to offer.

USAGE

Knowing what you want out of a boat, where you'll be using it and what you'll be using it for is important before you begin to look for a boat. If you'll be using the boat as your getaway for weekend fishing trips or just to go out for an early morning sail, then buying a bigger boat would be foolish and more expensive. However, if you want a boat on which vou can take friends and family, then buying a smaller boat would be foolish. Buying a boat that is too

small or too big can bring with it a number of negative consequences. For instance, a boat that's too big will involve more fuel consumption. On the other hand, a craft that's too small runs the risk of not being used, since a boat that your family can't fit on won't be useful when it comes time for family outings.

It's also important to consider where you'll be using your boat. If you plan on using your boat for overnight trips, then a boat that can accommodate guests who will need to sleep is necessary. Wave patterns also differ depending on where you are, be it one of the Great Lakes or in the ocean. Having a boat that cannot handle the waters you'll be on can make your trip — be it a day or overnight one ---a rough sail more akin to a nightmare than a relaxing daydream. The best thing to do is to ask some local sailors, who will know what boats go best with the waters in your specific area.

Another thing to consider with respect to usage and location is how often you'll be using the boat and how much you'll be switching locales. If you plan on taking your boat out to several different spots, then the boat you buy should be one that can easily fit on a trailer. This means you'll want a smaller boat that is not a hassle every time you want to take it out. Also, storage fees can be exorbitant depending on the size of your boat, so buying a big boat and rarely using it will cost you.

TYPE OF BOAT

Once you've figured out why you want a boat and what you're going to use it for, you then have to choose what type of boat you want. This can be a tough call, as price will almost always come in to play, especially for first-time buyers who might be looking to spend less while learning how to sail.

If you want a boat solely for fishing purposes, you have many options. These can greatly range in price, with some used fishing boats going for as little as an older used car and some top-ofthe-line boats going for half a million dollars. Typically, a fishing boat will have in convenience what it lacks in comfort. This is mainly because catching fish can be a messy experience, making maintenance a constant concern. Fishing boats vary in size and function, with the less expensive all-purpose ones boasting a few seats and ample space for fishing gear, while the more expensive offshore sportfishing boats are good for both fishing and entertaining family and friends.

Those looking for the most popular option need look no further than power boats. Like fishing boats, power boats come in many different designs and boast a variety of uses. Many times, people buy power boats to tow friends on water skis or rafts. Typically, power boats are for people looking to entertain friends and relax and have a good time. Some, such as high-performance power boats, can reach more than 60 miles per hour.

Of the other types of boats

available, sailboats are also popular. However, successfully sailing a sailboat can be extremely difficult, requiring training and skill. Many different types of sailboats exist. However, if you're interested in sailboats and want to learn, schooling alongside an experienced sailor on his boat would be your best bet.

Those looking for a boat to give them more of a workout than a place to relax might want to consider a self-powered boat, such as a canoe or kayak. These provide wonderful exercise and typically cost no more than a few thousand dollars.

While usage and type of boat are both good to know, it's also important to understand budget when it comes to buying a boat. Though sailing can be a rewarding hobby, it can also be an expensive one, something first-time boat buyers should fully understand before signing on the dotted line





NOW OPEN

Need a boat? Go see Troutt

The Troutt business started in August 1972, in Viburnum, Missouri, as a Western Auto owned by J.C. and Doris Troutt and operated by Joe and Kathy Troutt. In looking for ways to expand, the company went to the marine industry with Aluma-Weld/Xpress Boats and Mercury Marine Outboards and did 100 percent of its business in custom Outboard Jet Drives.

In the late 70s-early 80s they were the largest retailer of Outboard Jet Rigs in the Midwest, pioneering many of the river systems in the Midwest. The company holds the honor of being the oldest Xpress dealer since the spring of 1976 and as of today also the largest Xpress dealer in the Midwest. They were blessed in the fall of 1997 with being able to design a very custom Outboard Jet rig with all of the X-Series interior options and 225BT Jet Rating.

The "Troutt Special" has been very beneficial to the business. It meets the river bass fisher's needs by being very durable, having longrange capability and exceptional performance, and it runs shallower than anything they have ever built.

Once again, progress came for the

business and in March of 1998, the Troutt family decided to build a new facility 40 miles north of Viburnum in St. James, Missouri.

As the Xpress Boats started rolling through from plant to customer with everything moving well in the new area, J.C. and Doris decided to retire. Left to run the family business was their oldest son, Joe, and his wife, Kathy, and their son, Chris; another son, Vick, and his wife Loretta and Vick's son-inlaw, Preston; and J.C and Doris' daughter, Judy Bell. After getting another year down Judy retired in December of 1999.

In 2003, Vick and Loretta decided it was time for them to retire from the family business, which left Joe and Kathy wanting to bring in some new family members to the team.

So in December of 2003, they asked their son-in-law, Jeff McMillen and his wife, Kim, along with their children, to move to St. James and join in on the family business. Jeff helps Joe in sales when he isn't busy building the boats in the back shop for customers. Kim is in the finance and warranty department. Then, later in 2004, Chris' wife, Robin, joined to help the family business, helping in sales, parts and as office clerk.

To fill the service gap, Chris Troutt, Marine Service Manager, runs the 5,500 square foot service bays with certified mechanics with combined experience approaching 55 years.

As the old goes away and the new comes, Troutt & Sons went completely computerized in 1998 and entered the Internet area in 1999 with a website (www.trouttandsons.com), entering Boat Trader online later that fall. In 1999 they let the Western Auto part of the business go and took on selling Yamaha Outboards.

A new 11,000 square foot facility has 5,500 square feet of show room to display Xpress package boats and boating accessories while trying to fill as many customer needs as possible. Troutt sells exclusively aluminum boats, with Xpress Boats and Mercury Outboards being the flagship products. Xpress Hyperlift Xseries is growing rapidly in the Midwest to help meet sales goals.

Troutt & Sons boat line includes Alweld, Alumacraft, Blazer Boats, Lund, Miracle Marine (M2) along with Xpress Boats. The boat trailer line consists of Bear, Rivercraft and Backtrack/Xpress. Mercury and Yamaha makes up the marine outboards line.

In 2005, Troutt & Sons expanded again by building another new 80x160 show room/storage area for all new boats to be displayed year round and to keep them out of the weather.

In August 2006 the company sold the Yamaha ATV, SideXSide ATV, parts and accessories to another dealer. This will help focus attention to the marine dealership and hopefully to expand that business in the future.

"We would like to take this time out and thank everyone that has helped us throughout the years and that we do appreciate each and every one of you. We also wanted to let say how much we appreciate our past, present, and future customers and if we can help you with any of your recreational needs in the future, please let us know," said Kathy Troutt. "Just remember, it's all about fun at Troutt & Sons."

Call 265-3456 or 800-843-3456 to speak with a service or sales representative. Better yet, visit the website: www.trouttandsons.com.



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Drive responsibly when you are off road

Exploring the great outdoors is a year-round pastime, from hiking and biking to off-roading and extreme sports. The popularity of sport-utility vehicles, all-terrain vehicles and trucks shows how much consumers crave an adventurous lifestyle. But unless it's done responsibly, four-wheeling could have a damaging effect on the environment.

When driving off the highways and main roads, it's important to take extra precautions. Remembering a few practical tips can help make the trip enjoyable while minimizing any impact on surrounding areas.

• Plan and prepare a route that is safe, legal and within the limitations of

your vehicle. Local agencies like the Forest Service, National Park Service, or Bureau of Land Management should have information on off-highway vehicle trails near you.

• Stay on designated roads and trails. Drivers should only use trails designated for off-highway vehicle use and should never make their own shortcuts or trails. Private land should only be crossed with the owner's permission.

• Make sure to drive in the middle when on the trail. You'll avoid widening the lane and destroying vegetation along the roadside. If possible, also avoid driving through mud or soft soil.

• Drive over fallen trees or other obstacles at an angle, one wheel at a time. Driving around them can destroy vegetation surrounding the trail, so sometimes it's best to either move the object or drive over it.

• If you must cross a stream, do so slowly at a 90-degree angle, and only at trail fording points, where the trail usually crosses the water.

The national nonprofit organization Tread Lightly! has developed a variety of educational materials to encourage responsible fourwheeling, mountain biking, ATV riding, sand duning, personal watercraft use, snowmobiling and off-highway motorcycling.

Outdoor enthusiasts, educators, and other interested people can also sign up for the Tread Trainer program, a short training course, sponsored by the Ford Motor Company Fund and the Federal Highway Administration, that prepares volunteers to spread the message of responsible recreation.

Spending time outdoors offers a great escape from the daily grind. When you're ready to head back to the everyday world, remember to pick up any trash you see. By leaving an area better than you found it, you help ensure other adventurers enjoy a similar oasis. On the Net: Tread

On the Net: Tread Lightly! site: www.treadlightly.org.

Make sure you not only stay safe, but legal when you drive off road. The U.S. Forest Service can provide information on off-road trails in the area.







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Jewelry, Indian artifacts await along Old 66

A trip down Route 66 in Cuba would not be complete without a stop at Cuba Jewelers and Porters Indian Trading Post.

Owner John Porter is carrying on a longstanding tradition started by his father, who owned the original Porters Indian Trading Post in Gallup, New Mexico from 1951 until his death in 2002.

The senior Porter's trading post was located along Route 66, as well.

Inside John's store, a picture of the old trading post is shown from the 1970s. A map in the store has tacks marking all the reservations the Porters have been to in New Mexico and surrounding states.

A rich history lies within the shop and its owner, a former professor of media studies and communications at Webster University and previous owner of Clayton Jewelers in Clayton, Mo. Indian lore is something John Porter lived and breathed growing up.

His grandfather is of Shawnee Indian decent. He was known as "Shawnee Johnny." A great-grandmother was full-blooded Blackfoot Indian.

"As a kid, my whole bedroom was decorated with Navajo and Pueblo tribal arts and crafts," Porter said. "Every birthday or Christmas I would get a blanket, rug and a piece of antique jewelry, from the time I was five."

Once a year, Porter makes a trek to many of the same trading posts his dad frequented, to pick up new supplies and unique items to sell in his shop. Porter keeps updated on the latest pow wows in the area and will be active in that community.

He buys crafts from Navajo, Hopi, Zumi, Apache, Pima, Tohomo, O'odhan, Keresan Pueblos, Tewa Pueblos, Tarahunara and North American Indian Arts and Crafts.

The shop offers handmade bows, bow covers, strings, arrows, bags, quivers, knives and drums. Baskets, carvings, skulls and horns as well as hides are offered for sale. Many of the items are handmade by Porter himself or by other specialty crafters in the area.

On the jewelry side, many estate gold, diamond and gemstone jewelry items are available in the shop. Much of it is custom made.

Boasting one of the largest inventories of silver and turquoise in the area, Porter proudly offers only authentic stones and not pre-manufactured ones.

A collection of toy guns from the 1960s is on display in the shop including Maverick, Wyatt Earp and Bonanza collectibles for sale. The trading post also carries hundreds of authentic strands of Indian trade beads from each time period dating all the way back to 1804. Many of those beads were once used for currency and some are identical to those made and used at the time of Lewis and Clark's expedition.

Also, there is a huge collection of pocketknives for sale that will please any knife collector.

In keeping with the historical aspects of the store, an original copy of a newspaper from the Jesse James murder trial is kept on permanent display. Porter tells stories of how James' widow dug his gravesite outside her window to keep body snatchers away. She would sell pebbles from his graveside to make money for 25 cents a piece. An avid collector, Porter himself owns some of those pebbles.

Porter loves the Lone Ranger and has a special collection of those items, featuring an original hat, gloves and red hat used during the production of the TV show. He has an original Colt .45 Silver Bullet that Clayton Moore had made for a friend. Moore was the actor who originated the role of the Lone Ranger in the classic TV series.

Another display the jewelry storeowner is proud of is his Hop Along Cassidy collection. Both the Hop Along Cassidy collection and the Lone Ranger memorabilia are not for sale, but available for all those who want to take an up-close peek.

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A collection of Victorian and Western artwork is for sale, as is the largest coin collection around.

In his rare coin collection, there are widow's mites used during the time of Christ. The parable that mentions the currency is found in Mark 12:41-44. Porter also includes a pamphlet depicting the story of the widow's mites to those who purchase them.

A collection of gold nuggets from the Gold Rush of 1849 and the Alaska Gold Rush of 1890 is on display. Somewhat of a coin aficionado, Porter has been named as a contributing editor to the famous United States Red Book and Blue Book. The Red and Blue Books list the values of nearly every known U.S. coin ever minted, with most coins showing prices in several con

coins showing prices in several con Open since November 2006, Cuba Jewelers and Porters Indian Trading Post is located at 606 W. Washington on Old Route 66, three and a half blocks west of Highway 19.

Store hours are Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The shop is closed on Sunday and Monday.

For more information call 885-1556. The store is a member of the Cuba Chamber of Commerce and the Missouri Route 66 Association.



Cuba features 12 historic murals along Route 66

A beautification organization, Viva Cuba, founded in 1984, has a goal to complete 12 building murals along historic Route 66 by 2007, which is Cuba's 150th anniversary. The project began in 2001 when Peoples Bank commissioned the first mural to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the bank. Viva Cuba then adopted the mural project, which

will be completed by 2007 although mural maintenance is ongoing.

The murals, located along historic Route 66, involve events from Cuba's and the nation's history. Each spring fourth graders will study Cuba's history and heritage by taking a walking tour of the murals and using educational materials provided by Viva Cuba. High school students have also toured the murals.

The Missouri House and Senate have proclaimed Cuba "Route 66 Mural City." This Viva Cuba project is part of a citywide effort to revitalize the original business district and to make the community attractive to tourists and people thinking of settling in the community. To fund this project, we are seeking private and corporate sponsorship, as well as organizing fund-raisers. Viva Cuba is a state designated nonprofit organization.

Plaques detailing the events in the murals are placed by each mural. The plaques, donated by Peoples Bank, also list major donors for each mural.

For more information on the Cuba Mural Project, visit www.crawfordco.com /murals.

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Canoe not for you? You should give rafting a try

So what have you done lately for outdoor recreation? You say you can't stand fishing, because you don't like putting a worm on a hook. You tried a trail ride, but the horse just didn't cooperate and golfing isn't fun, because you can't find the first hole much less make a hole in one.

Turkey and deer hunting is not your "bag," hours too early and you don't know how to cook the meat anyway. Have you tried camping and the mosquitoes "did you in" and the campfire cooked the food to a crisp.

You really like water sports, but can't afford a speed boat, you're scared of a canoe and a flat bottom boat won't fit your round

bottom.

May I suggest a new alternative? This sport has become very popular in the area and it is rafting.

It is comfortable, relaxing, it is perfectly safe, because the raft and the water stick together like super glue to your thumb and a forefin¬ger.

You can stretch out on the side and work on your suntan, loll on bottom, dangle your toes over the side, hit a log without an upset and/even flirt with the canoeists as they pass by. You can fish, don't use worms, borrow your hubby's rod and reel.

Rafts are available at several places locally. Give it a try, take along a picnic lunch.





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Ralphie you'll shoot your eye out (or I really want to own a lot of guns)

Did you ever see the movie "A Christmas Story" where a little 10 year old boy (named Ralphie) really wanted a Daisy Red Rider BB gun?

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He told his mom that was what he wanted for Christmas and she said, "You'll shoot your eye out!"

This poor kid had BB-gun fever so bad that he even wrote an essay in school and, you guessed it, his teacher told him "You'll shoot your eve out."

As Christmas drew nearer he got desperate! He climbed up on Santa Claus' knee and told him what he really wanted for Christmas was this special Daisy Red Rider BB gun and of course Santa told him "You'll shoot your eye out!"

Well, Christmas morning came and after all the other presents have been opened Ralphie's dad told him to check behind the cabinet and there, to his amazement, was the Daisy Red Rider BB gun that he wanted so much! He immediately

ran outside and shot at a metal sign and the BB ricocheted back at him and hits him in the face-thank God not in the eve!

He told his mom a little lie about how an icicle fell off the roof and hit him in the face. She cleaned him up and let him go back outside to play; at this point he saved the neighborhood from all kinds of bad guys.

The moral of the story is that dad should have taught Ralphie how to safely handle the BB gun.

Ralph Hess' dad was in the army for almost 30 years and he was lucky in that he did not move around much when he was growing up. As a result, Ralph spent most of his childhood in Phelps County, Mo.

He always played cowboys and Indians with his brother and other kids in the area, but they never did get to hunt or shoot a real gun. They spent most of our free time either fishing or playing baseball.

Ralph was like "Ralphie" in the

Christmas Story in that he had always wanted a BB gun, but never did get one! In the mid-1960s Ralph's father got transferred to Germany and Ralph joined another Boy Scout troop while they were stationed there. The second time he went out with the scout troop they went to a shooting range and he got to fire a .22 rifle.

Ralph thought he was in heaven! Before that summer was over he had also fired a Springfield M 14 rifle (semi auto)-he was in love with guns! The only problem was that his dad really did not want him to have any real guns.

When Ralph turned 18 and was living back in Phelps County, he purchased his first rifle, a good old military rifle, a German 8mm and later a Jap 6.5 and then a British .303 and then a Springfield .03 A3. He wanted to collect all the guns he could get his hands on and then reality set in-he only made \$1.25 an hour and where

would he store all of those guns even if you could get them?

It is almost 35 years later and Ralph thinks he can safely say that he has almost all the guns that he personally wants. So now what have he done? He opened a gun shop-a good hobby has turned bad.

A gun shop, of all the politically incorrect things to get into these days! But hey, Ralph gets to play with new and used guns almost every day! Who could ask for more?

If any of you can relate to his story then come on by Smokey Acres Trading Company. Its "the biggest, little gun shop between the rivers." Ralph would love to help some little boy or girl, fulfill their dreams! There is something for everyone at Smokey Acres Trading Company.

P.S.-Ralph's wife still wonders sometimes when he's looking at her with starry eyes is it her or the gun he just handled that makes him look that way.

Smoker A: no.





Mural remembers Bette Davis visit

painted by the artist Ray Harvey on the Cuba Free Press building highlights Bette Davis, one of the first ladies of American movies. It portrays a local story involving elements of drama and a touch of humor

On November 2, 1948 the path of Bette Davis, her husband William Sherry, and local photographer Wilbur Vaughn were about to intersect at the Southern Hotel in a story that has become local legend. The event was originally recorded in the Cuba News and Review on November 4, 1948.

The Southern Hotel, now an apartment building, still sits between Route 66 and the railroad tracks. It is just across the street from the Cuba Free Press building. In 1948, it was a thriving business that provided travelers a room and a good meal. It was for one of these meals that Bette Davis and her husband stopped their 1948 Packard station wagon. Movie star Bette Davis

was eventually nominated

Viva Cuba's 11th mural for eight Academy Awards and won the award twice. The star, with her distinctive looks, was one of the most well known faces in the world. Her movie June Bride was soon to open in movie theaters around the country. Her appearance in Cuba on a rainy evening created quite a stir.

On a recent Sunday afternoon, Wilbur Vaughn and his wife Imogene, who live outside Cuba, recalled the events of that cold, wet November evening in 1948. He was only nineteen years old, but he managed the local movie theater, did some photography from a darkroom set up in a closet of the theater, and from time-to-time filled in at the local paper, the Cuba News and Review. This quiet Monday evening would turn in to one that would provide Vaughn a story to tell for years to come.

"Rowena Wood at the Southern Hotel called me and said Bette Davis was in town," Vaughn recalls. The nineteen-year-old Vaughn didn't waste anytime getting to the hotel, but the couple was already seated at the table when Vaughn arrived. Vaughn says, "I asked her 'Miss Davis, can I take your picture?""

"Absolutely not," replied her husband.

Well I wanted to take it inside the restaurant anyway because it was so cold and wet outside, and I didn't want to hang around outside waiting, but Mrs. Woods didn't want me to take it inside the restaurant." As a result, Vaughn was doomed to a cold wait outside.

According to the original story, Miss Davis ate not one, but two turkey dinners while she was inside the Southern Hotel. Mrs. Wood also said that she smoked the whole time. Mrs. Wood's daughter Glenna served Miss Davis and was given an autograph by the star before she left the restaurant.

Not wanting to miss a chance to take the star's photo, Vaughn snapped a photo outside on the porch as they left.

Well that's when the excitement really started. Miss Davis' irate husband started cursing. "He said he

was going to kill me," recalls Vaughn. "I took off running because I didn't want him to break my camera." Then the race was on. With a 20 foot head start and chased by Sherry, Vaughn led the race between Hoyt's Tavern and Wilmesherr's Store. Then he crossed a lot behind the Shell station, still chased by Sherry.

According to the original newspaper account, "I didn't look back once," said Vaughn, "until I heard a dull, sticky thud behind me. Then I turned around and saw this guy flat on his face in the mud. I had jumped over the pile of the tires in back of Joe's station, but he tried to plow through it. I didn't have another flash bulb, or I could have had a real picture that time."

Vaughn continued running in front of Cuba Drug and Ruthy and Wally's Restaurant. Then he went

behind the building, hid his camera so that Sherry couldn't grab it, and entered the theater, where he had his darkroom set up in a small closet. Later, when he saw his pursuer pass the building, he retrieved the camera and developed the photo. He was standing by the door drying the photo when he saw Sherry go by again, still looking for him. "Bernie Williams [now Stubblefield] was the cashier at the theater back then, and she was kind of scared because this guy kept walking up and down the street in front of

the chase appeared in that week's paper. "Dewey and Truman were in the headline," recalls Mrs. Vaughn, who was still in high school and dating Vaughn, her future husband at the time. They would be married the **Continued on next page**

the theater." The photo and account of



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You would think that this would be the end of the story, but Miss Davis' husband was in town the next day trying to find Vaughn. When he couldn't find him, he told the gas station owner to have him call him at the Bird's Nest Lodge.

"I called the lodge and asked if they had a Miss Davis or Mr. Sherry registered, but they said they didn't. I figured they registered under another name."

"I hung the picture in the theater. I don't remember it, but my wife says I printed copies and sold them for a quarter a piece. But I don't remember that," savs Mrs. Vaughn Vaughn. smiles and shakes her head yes. It sounds like a likely action for an ambitious, innovative young man, who could hold down three jobs and run foot races through the streets of Cuba in the evening.

But the saga still wasn't over. "About six months later a guy came by the theater and said that he was from Hollywood. He said he had heard about the photo on Hedda Hopper's Hollywood. I asked him if he wanted a copy, and he said



Mural artist Ray Harvey signs his work on the Cuba Free Press building along Route 66 in Cuba.

yes." Hopper was a gossip columnist of the time, who dealt with the activities of celebrities.

Vaughn would go on to serve as a photographer in the military in the early '50s. Later, he went from managing a theater to owning one. Today he is retired, and he and Mrs. Vaughn volunteer at the history museum, and they are glad to reminisce about the events on that fateful November night.

Davis, whose first movie was in 1931, continued to act until the end of her life. In the early 80s singer Kim Carnes had a hit song with the recurring refrain "She's got Bette Davis eyes." The actress sent the singer a thank you note because she had made the older actress seem contemporary to her grandson.

Having made over 100 movies, the actress died in 1989 from complications of cancer and a stroke. She was a liberated and independent woman with a desire to have things her own way and changed the way that women were looked at in the movie industry. In the 30s, when she was not satisfied with the work given to her by Warner Brothers Studio, which had her under contract, she fled to England to make movies. Although she was forced to come back to the US and honor her contract, she was offered much better movie roles as a result.

To use her own words, she said, "I have been uncompromising, peppery, intractable, monomaniacal, tactless, volatile, and often times disagreeable...I suppose I'm larger than life." Cruise by Viva Cuba's latest mural, and you will definitely find her—still larger than life.

As Vaughn and his wife recollected those long-ago events, Mrs. Vaughn said, "He's the only one still alive in all the murals." She then laughed and said, "If you hurry."



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The Steelville Library is located in Hoppe Spring Park.

Steelville library located in park

located in Hoppe Spring Park on South Third Street.

Rosemary Kehr is the librarian. She is assisted by Jean McMillen. Elsie Turnbough is a part-time librarian.

There is a genealogy room, a children's section with a computer. Internet service is accessible for public use. There is a public meeting room for non-profit organizations.

Books include non-fiction, fiction, biographies and reference material in children,

Steelville has a wonderful new library juvenile and adult sections. Book requests are taken from an inter-library loan program.

> They also have videos, books on tape, magazines, maps, tax forms and information

There are outdoor restrooms for public use

Library hours are Tuesdays, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, noon to 5 p.m. Saturday hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The telephone number is 775-2338.

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Super 8 Motel of Cuba is located on Highway 19 and I-44 at the Cuba exit. They opened in May of 1993 and have received Certificates of Excellence since they opened.

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Fay Conduitt, manager, and the staff would be pleased to have you stay as their guest during your next visit to the area.



Trout Lodge offers a true family atmosphere in the Ozarks

If you're looking for a true family destination with a quiet atmosphere and plenty to do, you might want to check out what YMCA of the Ozarks has to offer.

The YMCA operates Trout Lodge and Camp Lakewood, which are located on State Highway AA, just off Highway 8 between Steelville and Potosi. The operation is a branch of the YMCA of Greater St. Louis.

The mission statement of the YMCA of the Ozarks is to "put Christian principles into practice through the use of its programs, facilities, and natural surroundings that strengthen family life, provide for positive value development, foster health and physical fitness through the teaching of outdoor skills, promote intercultural understanding, and educate for the stewardship of the Earth and its resources."

Trout Lodge is located in Missouri's Eastern Ozarks and is situated on a 360-acre private lake surrounded by 5,000 acres of forest-covered hills. This year-round, not-forprofit, family getaway and conference center is just 90 minutes south of St. Louis. Families and groups have enjoyed nature, recreation and relaxation for more than 50 years at Trout Lodge. Trout Lodge offers an outstanding value in family vacationing. Accommodations, three full meals and most activities are included in the per person rates.

Adjacent to YMCA of the Ozarks, Fourché Valley Golf Club is an 18hole, par 72 course designed by Gary Kern and given a 4-star rating by Golf Digest. Trout Lodge guests receive special rates at Fourché Valley.

Located on the YMCA of the Ozarks property, Triangle Y Ranch is our horseback riding headquarters. Year-round programs, 30minute to three-hour rides, hayrides, carriage rides, horse overnights and chuck wagon cookouts are all offered at the ranch. They have more than 70 horses and employ full-time wranglers.

Team Building

The beautiful, natural setting of YMCA Trout Lodge is the perfect environment for your group to focus on building a stronger team. The experienced TEAM Works staff will work with your organization to create a customized experience that will improve relationships, promote teamwork and encourage leadership. By incorporating experiential learning, team challenges and outdoor high adventure with facilitated discussions, TEAM Works programs strengthen and inspire teams to take on new challenges together.

Camp Lakewood The YMCA of Greater St. Louis

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opened its first summer resident camp in 1905, beginning a 100-year tradition of outdoor learning and adventure based on the YMCA's four core values: Caring, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility. Through the programs at Camp Lakewood each camper is able to learn new skills, meet new people, and work as a cabin group. The result is a camper who has become a fuller person, a better friend, and a more adventurous soul.

Camp Lakewood offers an experience that is both educational and fun. The 5,000 acres of beautiful woodland are laced with hiking and riding trails. The 360-acre spring-fed lake is host to non-motorized water sports of all kinds. Campers can wade in streams, observe wildlife, witness the star-filled sky and experience the true wonders of nature each and every day/

The camp welcomes boys and girls of all nationalities and denominations and prides itself on the cultural diversity of campers and counselors. Camp Lakewood counselors are chosen for their maturity, skills, patience, enthusiasm and desire to be positive role models for children. Counselors come from all over the United States and several foreign countries, adding an intercultural perspective and a special dimension to the camp experience.

The health and safety of each

camper is the primary concern. All staff experience professional training emphasizing safety, child growth and development and group dynamics. Each counselor is trained in CPR, lifesaving and first aid, and all activities are closely supervised by waterfront staff that are lifeguard certified. A registered nurse is always available in our wellequipped camp infirmary, and a local physician in on call to assist in emergencies.

Outdoor Education

Groups, organizations and schools looking for an opportunity to build unity, discover new abilities and enjoy time together are welcome at Camp Lakewood from the middle of August through the end of May. Various programs are available, from day trips to week-long programs.

The camp offers a progression of adventure and experiential learning opportunities, done in the greatest classroom of all – the outdoors! The unique Outdoor Education program gives children a new perspective on important issues: nature, history, science and social studies. The programs can help employees, groups or students learn the skills needed to grow personally and professionally.

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Furnace nearly a lost piece of county history



One wall of the Scotia Iron Furnace has now completely collapsed, but it still stands in the Huzzah Conservation Area.

Bring up the topic of iron furnaces to just about anyone in Crawford County and they will immediately think of one place-Maramec Spring—which isn't even located within the county. There is another historic site right in the heart of the county, however, that shares much of the same colorful past as its more famous relative.

Scotia Iron Furnace is unknown to most area residents and it's no wonder why. You won't find it on a map. You'll never see a road sign directing you to its location. You will even be hard pressed to find it in a book or on the Internet. It is truly one of the county's forgotten gems and it's quickly falling into disrepair.

The Scotia Iron Furnace, which was the first site ever listed on the National Register of Historic Places in Crawford County, is hidden away in the Huzzah Conservation Area. It is located on land owned by the Missouri Department of Conservation, close to where the settlement of Scotia was once located. The only remaining structures from the town are the furnace itself and a small, nearby spring house.

AREA RICH IN HISTORY

The promising future of the Scotia area quickly dissipated once the iron industry went bust in the late 1800s. First fired in 1850, the Scotia Iron Works employed several hundred people at various times during its 50year history.

Described as a "human bee hive" and a "marvel of American history" by local newspaper writer Lorene Davis, the distribution of activity in Scotia was heavily weighted in its first 10 years while the smelting iron furnace was in operation.

J.I. Breuer said in his book Crawford County and Cuba Missouri that the history of the town is obscure. Yet, a company store persisted from 1876 until 1925 (when it was torn down), a post office coincided with the store until 1881, and a blacksmith shop and school were fixtures. The school was destroyed by fire in the late 1960s.

John G. Scott, Robert Anderson, Thomas Howard and Anvil James built the profitable "hot-blast type charcoal iron furnace" using material from a limestone quarry near Leasburg.

"The little village of Scotia might have become the location of a beautiful town, but it was left beside the road to be numbered with the ghost villages in other places,' wrote Breuer. In addition to the decline of the iron industry, he credits the lack of a bridge across the Meramec River for the demise of Scotia.

When it was booming, Scotia was abundant with friendly people. "A peculiarity of Scotia is the almost total absence of that asperity so common where heavy capital employees (and) masses of mixed labor. . ." wrote

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Davis in the aforementioned newspaper article.

W.G. Darley was superintendent of the Scotia Iron Works. The company store was large, and originally intended for housing the workers, but became a store for the surrounding area. Three boarding houses existed for workers at the time of the iron furnace's operation.

Samuel and Benjamin Lea were responsible for building the store, which was located across the Courtois from the furnace. The blacksmith shop, school, quite a few barns and a handful of homes were located below the valley where the furnace was located.

Tie rafting was an activity in Scotia recorded until 1900 in the Cuba Review. Since the Frisco Railroad was built in 1859, it was a valuable industry and an annual occurrence in the summer in Crawford County—down the Courtois and Huzzah to the Meramec and on to Mississippi.

HOW TO GET THERE

The Scotia Iron Furnace is in one of those places there's no good way to get to, but there are a couple of choices for area visitors.

You can take Route H out of Leasburg to Onondaga Cave, where you'll cross the river and get onto Cave Road. After passing through a four-way intersection, you'll come to a small parking spot on the left side of the road just before a slow righthand turn.

Or from Steelville you can take Highway 8 east to Route E and take that road until it comes to the Huzzah Creek, where it turns into Cave Road. Again you'll go through a four-way intersection and then come to the small parking spot on your right after making a slow left-hand turn.

From the parking spot, which is only big enough for two or three cars, you will take a trail over a small mound back to the site. The furnace is located about onequarter mile off the road.

Because the furnace is in

such disrepair, the Department of Conservation has fenced off the area immediately around the site. One side of the structure has collapsed, but anyone visiting the area can still get a good feel for what the area must have looked like when it was in its prime. If you want to see the furnace, it's best to go while the leaves are off the trees. During the summer months, much of the massive stone structure is hidden by foliage



The furnace isn't the only stone structure in the area. There are also several rock walls and this basin, which was likely used to hold water for the furnace.

Historical Treasures

There are only four sites in Crawford County listed on the National Register of Historic Places:

1. Scotia Iron Furnace Stack – added in 1969 – also known as Scotia Iron Company. Located approximately 6.3 miles southest of Leasburg on Cave Road in the Huzzah Conservation Area.

2. Big Bend Rural School – added in 1978 – formerly located on Highway 19 two miles north of Steelville. Relocated to Hoppe Spring Park in Steelville as part of the Highway 19 bridge replacement project.

3. Major General William S. Harney Summer Home – added in 1984 – also known as the Harney Mansion. Located at 332 S. Mansion Avenue in Sullivan.

4. Wagon Wheel Motel, Café and Station – added in 2003, located at 901-905 E. Washington Street in Cuba.



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Crawford County Fair began in 1902

The first Crawford County Fair was held in October 1902 in the area of what is now Cox Drive in Cuba. Financing for the fair was accomplished by selling stock. It is unknown how many shares of stock were originally sold, but copies of stock certificates show the price of one share of stock to be \$3000. These early fairs consisted of a grand carnival, harvest picnic, games, farm and livestock exhibits and political forum discussions.

In 1905 the fair board purchased a track of land south of the Cuba city limits and the fair was moved to its new location. An additional track of land purchased in 1910 for \$1,200.00 would become the racetrack and ball diamond. In 1936 the land was purchased by the City of Cuba for a city park. This property is now owned by the Crawford County R-2 School District.

The first "Queen of the Harvest" was Annie Burrows of Fanning, who reigned over

in east Cuba and ending at the fairgrounds. Horseracing was officially added to the fair program in 1912, becoming the fair's greatest attraction.

The fair continued to grow, making yearly improvements to the fairgrounds. By the late 1920's an agriculture hall, barns, offices and ticket boothshad been added. In 1930 an arsonist destroyed almost all the buildings on the fairgrounds. No one was ever charged with the crime but it was

believed that a person who was upset with the association over the awarding of prize money started it. Unable to overcome the loss, the Crawford County Fair Association held its last fair in 1931 before disbanding.

From 1936 to 1945, the Cuba Business Men's Club hosted an annual

the Cuba Civic Club and Auxiliary became the sponsors of the Cuba Community Fair. A fair board was reestablished in 1953, with representatives from different organizations as members. The name was once again changed in 1964 to The Community Fair. With hopes of gaining more interest to the fair from communito the Crawford County Fair. In 1995, Ernie Hood donated the property located at Hood Park to the City of Cuba, with the stipulation that the Crawford County Fair Board be allowed to hold the fair at that location each year. In 1996 the fair was moved to Hood Park where it is still held each vear.

Through the years the fair has had good times and bad. From 1902 to the present, the fair has been held in three different locations and has had several different names, but one common factor has remained throughout, the purpose of the fair. It is a time of community, a time

of coming together, a time for family and friends. Welcome to the "Crawford County Fair", past and present.

By Annalee Williams



The 2007 Crawford County Fair is scheduled for July 18-21.





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Highlights of 2007 County Fair

Wednesday July 18th - Gates Open 3:00pm

Parade
Carnival Armbands (Midway)
CRAWFORD COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP BULL RIDING (Arena)
Cuba Marshall Arts (Main Stage)
QUEEN TALENT (Main Stage)

Thursday July 19th - Gates Open 3pm

6-11pm	Carnival Arm Bands (Midway)
7:00pm	PRINCE AND PRINCESS CONTEST (Main Stage)
7pm	TRUCK AND TRACTOR PULLS (Arena)
8:30pm	QUEEN CONTEST (Main Stage)

Friday July 20th - Gates Open 3pm

6-11pm	Carnival Armbands (Midway)
7pm	Antique Tractor Pull (Arena)
7pm	TRUCK AND TRACTOR PULLS (Arena)
8:30pm	POLARIS (Main Stage)
10:45pm	PSEUDO BLUES (Main Stage)

Saturday July 21st - Gate Opens 9am

2pm	Carnival Midway Opens
1pm to 5pm	Carnival Armband (Midway)
5:30pm	Pedal Tractor Pull
6pm to close	Carnival Armband (Midway)
7pm	DEMOLATION DERBY (Arena)
7:30pm	Missouri's Most Wanted Outlaw Band (Main Stage)
9:30pm	DIAMOND RIO (Main Stage

Historic Davisville General Store was founded in 1899

Davisville General Store was established in 1899 in Pucky Huddle, Missouri. Originally called Boyer's Mill, Davisville got its name after the first postmaster, Moses Davis, in 1880.

The store was constructed in 1899 from Jack Pine. Originally a livery stable, by 1918 it had been turned into a general store. The store has been a strong part of the community ever since, withstanding World War I and the Great Depression. In fact, it became a place where people came for necessities, and the cornerstone of life in Pucky Huddle at that time.

They proudly carry handmade products from the community such as Richardson Knives, Hillbilly Crafters, Game Acres canned goods, antiques, and Buzzard Barn Metal-works. They have a wide range of groceries and feed from MFA-Tindle and Nurtina, and also pump gas.

Now owned by Stan and Donna Warehime, Davisville General Store is still a stable part of the community. Davisville General Store carries just about anything you might need, including conversation with friendly characters. Their history of down-home friendliness will never go out of style as they continue to follow the old saying, "If we don't have it...you don't need it."

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Lyme disease and other tick-

borne ailments from spring

Rex Martensen wasn't thinking of tick-borne disease when he skinned a raccoon after a hunt on Christmas Day in 2005. He wasn't thinking of the raccoon when he got sick. He thinks of both now, every time he works with wild game.

Martensen is a private land field programs supervisor for the Missouri Department of Conservation in Jefferson City. As a wildlife expert, he knew that handling game carried a very small risk of contracting tick-borne diseases. Yet, he had never worn rubber gloves when cleaning game. "

I didn't think anything of it when I cut my thumb while cleaning that raccoon," he said. He had already forgotten about the cut when he started feeling feverish 11 days later. He stayed home from work Jan. 6 with aches, chills and a headache that "seemed to get worse by the hour, possibly by the minute.

Three days later, the headache was so severe that he was vomiting. "I knew I was in trouble," he said. "I had a high fever. Over-thecounter drugs did nothing. I might as well have been eating M&Ms. I got up in the night to use the bathroom, passed out, woke up on the floor and, like a typical male, didn't wake my wife and say 'Hon, I'm sick.' I went back to bed - like it was going to be fine. By the next afternoon I was begging my wife to take me to the hospital."

The emergency-room doctor's diagnosis was ehrlichiosis, a bacterial disease similar to Rocky Mountain spotted fever. Two doses of morphine dulled $_{\mathrm{the}}$ pain in Martensen's head. Feeling better, he got a prescription for antibiotics and went home. He was back in less than 24 hours and spent four days in the hospital on intravenous antibiotics. Getting over the disease took two weeks.

The doctor told me, 'This isn't a normal infection where you take the antibiotic, and after a day or two you are feeling better. You are going to feel bad for 10 to 14 days.' He was right.'

Martensen's case was not typical because of the time of year. Doctors normally see





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but take precautions against tick bites. Preventative measures are simple.

"I wear gloves every time I work with game now," said Martensen, "every time. I keep a box of latex gloves at home, and when I go hunting I take five or six pairs. Really, I don't know why I didn't before, not just for the

disease aspect, but it's just so much cleaner. When you finish, instead of having blood all over your hands and wiping it off with leaves or a rag or something, you just peel them off and take them home and throw them away.

Martensen also is more careful about avoiding tick bites. He uses DEET or permethrin-based repellents when work or recreation takes him outdoors during the warm months. Permethrin-based repellants should be applied only to clothing and gear and allowed to dry before the clothes are worn. Do not apply permethrin directly to skin. Other ways of avoiding ticks include wearing long sleeved shirts and long pants with pants tucked into socks or boots. Wear lightcolored shirts and pants to make ticks easier to spot. Also, check for ticks immediately after outdoor activities. This allows you to remove many ticks before they have a chance to bite.

Even after a tick has bitten you, removing the tick promptly in the correct way reduces the chance of infection. Most tick-transmitted diseases are not transferred to the host until ticks have been feeding for some time. If you are outdoors for an extended period, take time for a tick check every few hours.

Once bitten, it is important to remove ticks alive. Touching them with hot objects or covering them with nail polish or other irritating substances can make them expel their stomach contents into the bite, drastically increasing the risk of infection. It is also important to remove ticks without leaving their mouth parts embedded in the skin. Secondary infections from improperly removed ticks are much more common than tick borne diseases. While secondary infections are a risk. however, disease transmission will not occur just from remaining mouthparts.

Follow these steps to remove a tick that is already attached:

• Disinfect the area of attachment with alcohol.

• Grasp ticks near the head with tweezers or forceps. If using fingers, cover them with tissue or rubber gloves. Use only as much pressure as necessary. Squeezing can force material from the tick into your skin.

• Remove the tick with a firm outward movement. Do not jerk or twist.

• Disinfect the bite area again.

outdoor/hunting Many equipment outfitters and farm exchange stores sell tick-removal tools that are very effective at removing adult ticks. These are especially useful for those who have trouble handling tweezers.





is important to keep the danger posed by tick-borne diseases in perspective. Many more people are injured in automobile accidents each

year than get sick from tick bites. People don't let this stop them from driving or riding in automobiles. Instead, they take reasonable precautions to prevent injury. It makes just as much sense to continue enjoying healthful outdoor activities



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For the rest of us fun seekers, it's softball, biking, gardening and cutting the grass.

Whatever the outdoor activity, for children or adults, exposure to the sun must always be kept in mind. Many outdoor injuries result from being oblivious to the sun's potent rays. When in the sun, be sure to apply sunscreen. It takes about one ounce to cover the entire body. It's also a good idea to wear a hat to shield your eyes, head and face and sunglasses are also advisable.

Children should know that swimming pools have a dark side. Accidental drowning is a leading cause of death for children under five years of age.

All users of public bathing facilities

are breeding places for the plantar wart virus. The virus is sustained by warm, moist environments, and is associated with communal swimming pool locker rooms and decks.

Care should also be taken at the beach, where walking barefooted on dirty pavement or littered ground, where the virus lurks, should be avoided.

Warts typically invade the skin through small cuts and abrasions, most commonly on the sole of the foot. Children, especially teenagers, tend to be more susceptible to warts than adults. If left untreated, warts can grow to an inch or more in circumference, and also can spread into cluster of several warts.

Self treatment is generally not advisable. You should see a doctor of pediatric medicine, who may wish to supervise you use of a wart-removal preparation. But it's more likely that removal of the warts by a simple surgical procedure will be indicated.



Medical Center continues expansion, growth

Phelps County Regional Medical Center (PCRMC) continues to grow to meet the changing health care needs of the residents in its six-county service area.

PCRMC medical services include:

• Cardiac catheterization lab

Cardiac rehabilitation

• Cancer care services

• Comprehensive Breast Center

• Emergency department (level III trauma center)

Hospice and Home Health
Laboratory (community and hospital based)

• Physical, occupational and speech therapies

• Psychiatric services

• Medical imaging (X-ray, MRI, CT Scanner, Bone Density, Nuclear Medicine, PET Scanner)

Rehabilitation unit

• Sleep laboratory

• Skilled nursing facility

• Surgical services (orthopedics, peripheral vascular, urology, OB/GYN, ENT)

Starting out with 63 beds, 65 employees and 21 medical staff members in 1951, the hospital has grown into one of the state's leading referral centers employing more than 1,300 people.

The first hospital in this area was a makeshift military hospital located at the Phelps County Courthouse during the Civil War. After the Civil War, the Rolla District Medical Society was formed and consisted of doctors from Phelps, Dent, Crawford, Maries, Miller, Pulaski and Texas counties.

From early on, citizens have made health care a priority. During the 1920s, the U.S. Trachoma Hospital and private McFarland the Hospital were founded in The Rolla. McFarland Hospital moved to several locations and closed in 1946. That same year, Phelps County passed a bond and land was purchased and donated to the county by the Rolla Lions Club. Phelps County Memorial Hospital opened in March 12, 1951.

As the surrounding areas grew, so did the hospital and its services.

• 1951 - Hospital opens with 63 beds, 65 employees and 21 medical staff members.

• 1965 - The hospital was expanded by 49 beds.

1973 - An additional 58

beds were added, as well as expansions in the lobby, dining room and nurses' station. Additional services were also introduced.

• 1977 - Another 26 beds were added as well as an addition to the ICU, pediatrics and the ambulance garage.

• 1981-1983 - Oncology and the Stress Center were added.

• 1987 - Radiation oncology services were added.

• 1993 - East Addition was added and Ambulatory Surgery and Rehabilitation Services were expanded. MRI and Cardiac Pulmonary Rehabilitation services were added. Maternity Services, Emergency Department and Medical Imaging were expanded.

• 1994 - The acute inpatient rehabilitation unit was added.

• 1996 - The psychiatric unit was renovated to create the Center for Psychiatric Services.

• 1997 - A new cardiac catheterization lab was established.

• 1998 - Home Health and Hospice Services were added.



• 2006 - A new 18-bed intensive care unit and 32-bed acute medical telemetry unit was opened.

• 2007 - A new six-story medical office building was opened on campus to house physician offices and hospital outpatient services.

PCRMC launched a website

at www.pcrmc.com that provides information about its services, as well as educational materials. For information on area physicians, please call PCRMC's Medical Staffing Office at 573-458-7555 or 573-458-7556. Information on medical and physician services can also be found on the hospital's website.

PCRMC is proud to have the opportunity to be the preferred health care provider in south central Missouri. For more information about PCRMC, go to the website or call 573-458-8899.

Take precautions when handling food on your camping, floating trips

• Ice down fresh caught fish immediately

A camping trip can be a memorable experience and one of great enjoyment, but don't let unsafe handling of food spoil your trip.

- Here's some tips the Starcraft Recreational Council advises taking for a camping experience free of food poisoning:
 - 1. Never exceed your food storage capacity.

2. Make more trips to the grocery store and use non-perishable foods.

- 3. Keep cold foods cold and hot foods hot.
- 4. Cook food thoroughly when camping.

5. Keep your hands, utensils and preparation area very clean.

- 6. Never thaw frozen foods on the counter.
- 7. Ice down fresh caught fish immediately.
- 8. Cook all fish within 24 hours.

9. Divide large bowls of starchy foods into smaller portions before refrigeration.

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