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The Cape Girardeau VA Health Care Center will host its third annual Fall Freedom Festival from 7:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Friday, October 18.

Previous festivals have seen upward of 400 visitors each year, and this event is expected to be similar.

“Freedom Fest began 3 years ago, initiated by our John J. Pershing VA Medical Center employees in Cape Girardeau, as a way to welcome Veterans to the new VA facility,” explained James Warren, interim medical center director. “Since then, it has grown into an annual event for Veterans. We believe it's a fantastic opportunity for Veterans and their families to learn about the many resources available, enroll in care, and connect with staff and fellow Veterans.”

Nearly 30 outreach booths from various VA programs will be set up, including Whole Health, Mental Health, Home Tele-Health, My HealtheVet, Lung Cancer Screening Program, Women Veterans Program, and many more. Subject-matter experts from several VA health services also will be on hand to answer any questions Veterans may have about their health care.

Additionally, several Veteran interest groups will be on hand, including the Missouri Veterans Commission, the American Red Cross, Aging Matters, Veteran service officers, and more.

Free food and beverages, provided by the Bank of Missouri, Salvation Army, Midwest Coca-Cola and Kohlfeld Distributing, will be served from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

A drive-thru flu shot clinic outside the south end of the building will give area Veterans the chance to get vaccinated in a quick and convenient manner, and at no cost; however, if they prefer, they may walk inside to their primary care clinic to receive a vaccination.

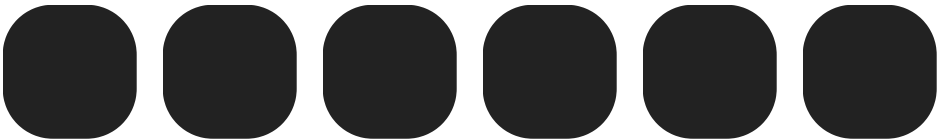
“We're excited for another great turnout this year,” added Warren.

For more information about the Fall Freedom Festival or other events and services at the Cape Girardeau VA Health Care Center or other facilities in the VA Poplar Bluff Health Care System, call 573-686-4151 or go online to www.va.gov/poplar-bluff-health-care/

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Stoddard County Justice Center Seeks Juvenile Officer

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Stoddard County Justice Center, Stoddard County Government Building, Stoddard County Regional Detention Center and Media

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT JOB TITLE: Juvenile Officer I (County Employee)

LOCATION: Thirty Fifth Judicial Circuit, Stoddard County Juvenile Office. Bloomfield, Missouri

Definition of Work: As provided by Court Operating Rule 7 of the Missouri Circuit Court Personnel System this is an entry level professional work in the enforcement and administration of the Missouri juvenile justice

system. An employee in this position must be 21 years of age, and is vested with the statutory authority of a

juvenile officer to take charge of children who come under the jurisdiction of the juvenile or family court. This

position is expected to exercise supervision over the juveniles under the court's jurisdiction. Employees in this class are expected to work with some degree of independence. Close supervision is received from and work is

reviewed by a higher level Juvenile Officer.

Within six months of employment this officer will be required to perform on call duties after regular business hours with a 25 minute response time in person to Bloomfield, Missouri.

Required Minimum Education and Experience: (The following statement represents the minimum education and experience that will be used to determine qualifications of applicants. provided equivalent substitution will be permitted in case of deficiencies of either experience or education. Education above the minimum stated may be substituted on a year for year basis for the required general experience; experience above the minimum stated may be substituted on a year for year basis for the required education)

Graduation from a four-year college or university with a degree in Criminal Justice Administration, Criminology, Psychology, Sociology, Social Work or related field.

OR

Professional employment in a public or private agency involving substantial amount of time (over 50% time) in delivery of protective services to families, adults, children or the aged may be substituted on a year for year basis for the required education.

STARTING SALARY: \$ 39,000.00 annual salary. Benefits are provided. A Class I Juvenile Officer has a Code 0-overtime code.

CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIVING RESUMES: October 25, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

EMPLOYMENT DATE: November 15, 2024

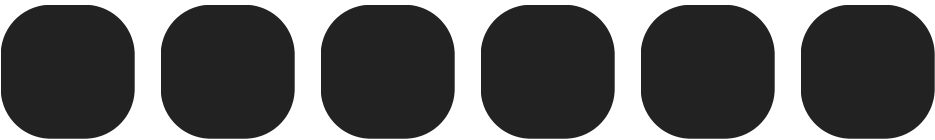
ADDRESS TO SEND RESUMES: Tonya Cause, Chief Juvenile Officer. Post Office Box 50, Bloomfield, Missouri 63825. You may apply in person at the Stoddard County Justice Center. 403 South Prairie, Bloomfield, Missouri, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

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Route P in Stoddard County Closed for Bridge Rehab

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Route P in Stoddard County Closed for Bridge Rehab

Route P in Stoddard County will be closed as construction crews perform bridge rehabilitation over Drainage Ditch 35.

This section of roadway is located from Route Y to County Road 518.

Weather permitting, work is scheduled to begin Monday, Oct. 14 with completion anticipated Monday, Jan. 13, 2025. The roadway will remain closed until the work is completed.

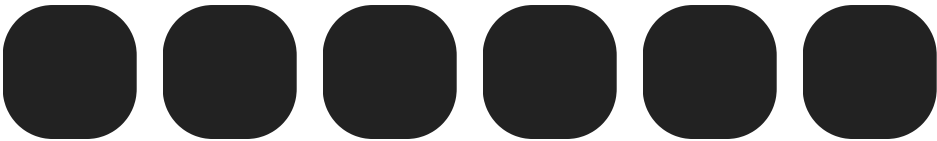
The work zone will be marked with signs. Motorists are urged to use extreme caution while traveling near the area.

For additional information, contact Resident Engineer Kevin Plott at 573-472-9034, MoDOT's Customer Service Center toll-free at 1-888-ASK-MODOT (1-888-275-6636)

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General Surgeon Emad Amirhom, M.D. has joined the medical staff of Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center.

"Helping patients overcome diseases, and in some cases, curing them of cancer through surgery, is my true passion." Dr. Amirhom said. "I am eager to collaborate with the medical team to ensure that my patients receive the highest level of care. Building a strong doctor-patient relationship is essential to their well-being and is critical in the healing process."

Dr. Amirhom graduated from the Faculty of Medicine at Cairo University in Cairo, Egypt. He completed a Surgical Oncology Residency with the National Cancer Institute at Cairo University and a General Surgery Residency at Bronx Health System in Bronx, New York. Dr. Amirhom also practiced as a General Practitioner with the Ministry of Health in Cairo, Egypt.

Dr. Amirhom will join the practice of Regional Physician Services. Areas of specialty include open and minimally invasive surgery, including robotic-assisted and laparoscopic surgery. He treats a range of illnesses and injuries, including appendicitis, hernias, gallbladder disease, breast cancer, colon cancer, thyroid issues, and others.

"Advancements in medical practice and treatment options continue to transform patient care," said Clyde Wood, CEO of Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center. "We are pleased to welcome Dr. Amirhom to our medical staff as we remain committed to delivering safe, high-quality surgical care to our community."

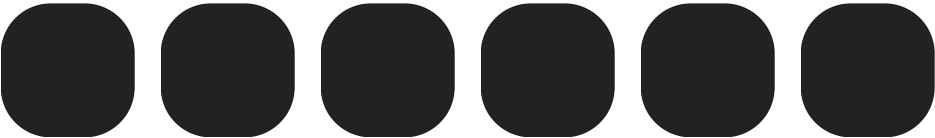
Dr. Amirhom will maintain office hours from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. He is currently accepting new patients. For more information, visit RegionalPhysicianServices.com and click "Providers" or call 573.778.2600.

About Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center:

Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center is located in Poplar Bluff, Missouri and serves Butler County and seven other surrounding counties. PBRMC is committed to meeting our community's healthcare needs by providing compassionate, quality patient care. The medical center offers a wide range of services, including oncology, cardiology, orthopedics, robotic surgery, women's health and more. Learn more at PBRMC.com.

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US 60/62 bridge Over the Mississippi River to Reopen

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US 60/62 bridge Over the Mississippi River to Reopen

CAIRO – The Illinois Department of Transportation today announced that the bridge carrying U.S. 60/62 over the Mississippi River in Alexander County and Mississippi County, Mo., will reopen to traffic, weather permitting, by noon on Wednesday, Sept. 25.

The \$5.86 million project, which consists of structural steel repairs, began in October 2023.

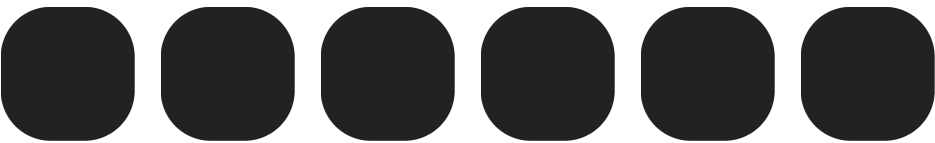
Originally anticipated to be completed Oct. 1, the work was finished a week ahead of schedule thanks to favorable weather and repairs going as planned.

Over the [next six years](#), IDOT is planning to improve more than 3,000 miles of highway and nearly 10 million square feet of bridge deck as part of the Rebuild Illinois capital program, which is investing \$33.2 billion into all modes of transportation. [Accomplishments](#) through Year Four of Rebuild Illinois included approximately \$12.1 billion of improvements statewide on 5,339 miles of highway, 533 bridges and 762 additional safety improvements.

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