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ECONOMIC PROFILE

TRANSPORTATION

18.2 MINUTES

Mean travel time to work

Divided 4-lane to the
North/South/East/West

SMTS (public transportation)

Amtrak served

Municipal airport (KPOF)

EDUCATION

92%

High School Graduation Rate

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Poplar Bluff R-1 School District (one of the
largest K-12 centers in Southeast Missouri)

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center

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Three Rivers College

City of Poplar Bluff

FCC Behavioral Health

Population: 42,130

Households: 16,390

Median Age: 41.3

Employer Establishments: 1,032

Median Household Income: \$57,409

Median Gross Rent: \$675

695 Square Miles of Land Area

LOCATION ADVANTAGES

78.9

Cost of Living Index

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Discover POPLAR BLUFF

In the southeast lowlands of Missouri, a new county was established in 1849. It was formed from the lower half of Wayne County, an area too large to meet the growing needs of all its residents. The new county, approximately 36 miles long and 26 miles wide, sits in the foothills of the Ozark Mountains. And an interesting county it was. The land was covered with swamplands and forests of hardwood trees. It was sparsely settled by families from Kentucky, Tennessee, Illinois, and Indiana. Unlike the French and German settlers in Missouri, these were primarily folks of English, Scotch, and Irish ancestry - hard-working, brave farmers looking for a better life for their families.

The county was named for one of the heroes of these people, native of Kentucky, Gen. William O. Butler. William Orlando Butler was a member of a family of military distinction. His grandfather, Thomas Butler, was a Revolutionary War hero. Thomas' five sons also served in the Revolutionary War and were known as "the Gallant Butlers." One of these five, Percival, was the father

of William O. Butler.

Following the war, Percival was sent to Carrollton, Ky., as adjutant general (non-military) to the territory, and there he and his family made their home. William distinguished himself in the War of 1812 by rising from private to major. At the time Butler County was organized, Gen. Butler was at the peak of his popularity for his service in the war with Mexico, in which he served as a major general. He was commander of all American armies in Mexico. Gen. Butler was a lawyer by profession. He ran for Vice President on the Democratic ticket with Presidential Candidate Lewis Cass in 1848. They were defeated by Zachary Taylor, also a Mexican War hero, and Millard Fillmore.

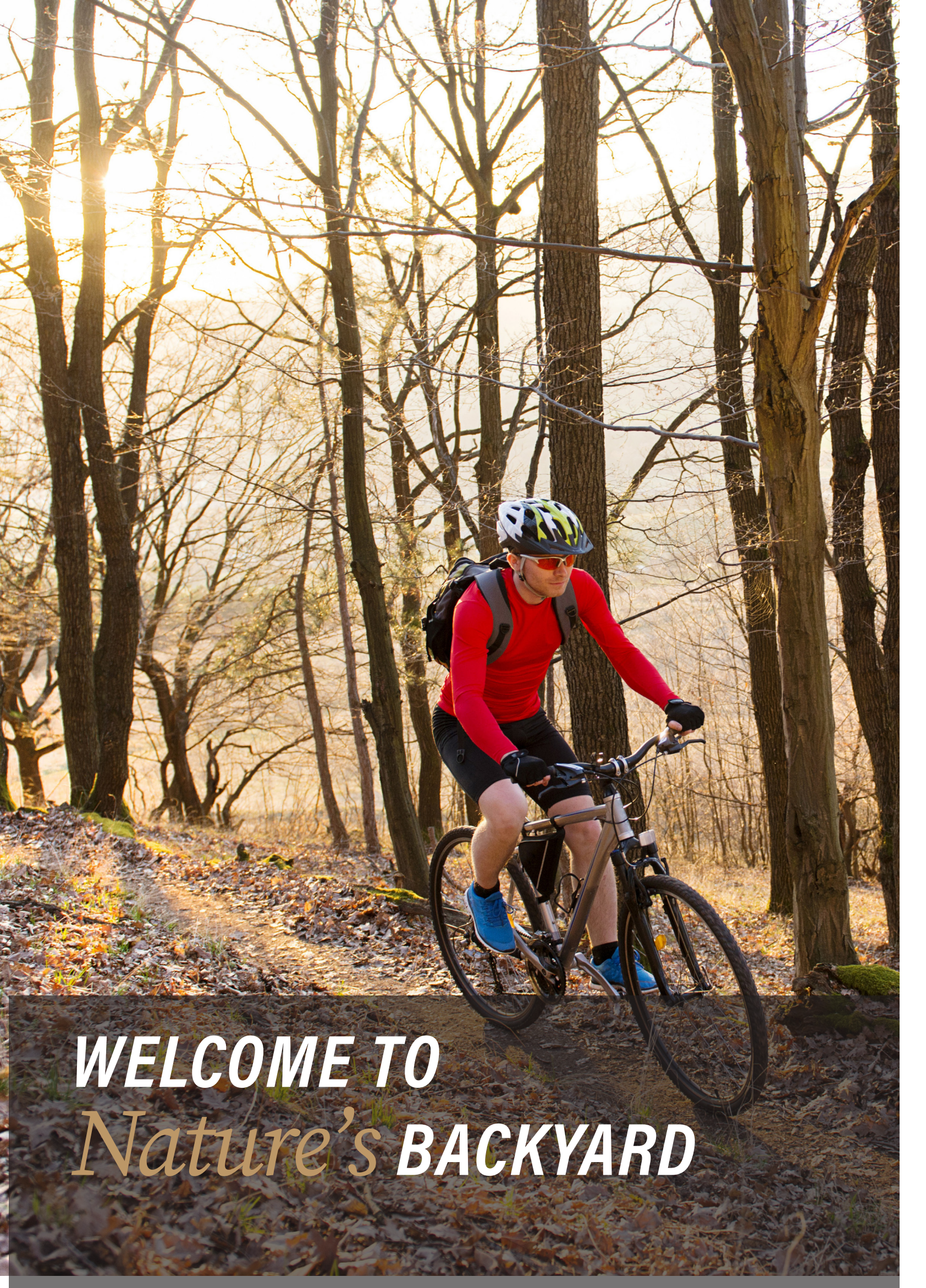
General Butler died in 1880 at the age of 90. The general is honored in his home state by a state park named for him. The General Butler State Resort Park is between Louisville and Cincinnati at Carrollton on Highway I-75. The nineteenth century historic Butler-Turpin home is in the park and contains the furnishings of the Butler family. People and trees are

the sources of most of the names of towns, villages, and communities in Butler County. We began with the county, named for an illustrious man.

Poplar Bluff was an uninhabited bluff on Black River on which to place the town that would contain their governing offices, and they named it for the beautiful poplar trees that grew profusely on that bluff. They called it Poplar Bluff and they set out to build a town, their county seat. By the end of 1850, a town had been started and some ten families lived in Poplar Bluff. In 1855, the first courthouse was built and the town grew, and finally, on February 9, 1870, Poplar Bluff was incorporated.

Geographically, Poplar Bluff sits in the middle of some very interesting and diverse topography, with low lying agricultural land to the south and east and the Ozark Foothills, featuring the iconic Mark Twain National Forest, to the north and west. Welcome to Poplar Bluff, Missouri, the "Gateway to the Ozarks."





WELCOME TO
Nature's **BACKYARD**

Happy trails . . .

Mark Twain National Forest

The Poplar Bluff Ranger District, headquartered in Poplar Bluff, Missouri, contains 150,000 acres open to the public for hiking, camping, hunting, bird watching, bike riding, and canoeing. The District is well known for its fall foliage. The Poplar Bluff Ranger District manages several developed recreation areas: Pinewoods Lake is one mile west of Ellsinore, Missouri on Highway 60. Camping, picnicking, and fishing are permitted here. Markham Springs Recreation Area, located three miles west of Williamsville, Missouri on State Route 49, is a concession operated area providing hiking, camping, picnicking, and boat access to Black River. The newest recreation area in the Poplar Bluff Ranger District is the Hendrickson Boat Launch and Trailhead. Located ten miles north of Poplar Bluff on Highway 67, this facility provides boat access to the river pools near Williamsville Stone Plant.

The Ozark Trail

The Ozark Trail is a hiking, backpacking, and, in many places, biking and equestrian trail in the Missouri Ozarks. It is intended to reach from St. Louis to Arkansas. It has mountains, hills, and knobs, valleys filled with springs, crystal-clear streams, shut-ins and waterfalls, is trimmed by bluffs and riddled with caves. It has hardwood forests, stands of pines, savannas filled with black-eyed susans and deer, turkey, bobcats, bears, songbirds, and bald eagles. It is one of the most diverse places on the planet. Experience this natural treasure yourself on the Ozark Trail.

The trail offers trips from just a few miles to 230 miles, so spend a lazy afternoon at Taum Sauk visiting Mina Sauk Falls or a week backpacking along the Current and Eleven Point Rivers. It's guaranteed to take away the stress and leave a smile on your face.

View interactive trails at ozarktrail.com/maps.

Poplar Bluff Parks

Poplar Bluff is home to several parks with amenities such as playgrounds, walking trails, pavilions, and recreational opportunities. Both Hendrickson Park and Kiwanis Bacon Memorial Park offer disc golf courses. Wiseman Park, and the Dog Park are located in the historic downtown district, includes two fenced in areas, one for small dogs and one for larger dogs. The play areas also have obstacles for your pet to show off their skills and abilities. Pavilions can be found at Bacon, Whiteley, and Hendrickson Parks. Whiteley Park is also home to soccer and baseball fields and McLane Park houses a baseball complex.

Downtown Poplar Bluff is also home to a 19,000 square foot plaza skateboard park plaza. You can also find Ray Clinton Park downtown, which hosts the county fair and rodeos. Poplar Bluff is also home to two golf courses; city-owned and operated Ozark Ridge Golf Course, and privately-owned Westwood Hills Country Club.

Trails can be found at McLane Park (0.28 and 0.91 mile loops), Hendrickson Park (0.56 mile loop), Kiwanis Bacon Memorial Park (0.49 mile loop), and Ferguson Grove Park (0.26 mile loop). An additional 4.5 miles of trail can be found along the newly constructed Shelby Road. Construction is soon set to begin on connecting this city trail system with an additional 20+ miles of National Forest trail.

Wolf Creek Trail

Wolf Creek Trail is a mountain bike trail system approximately 21 miles in length in partnership between the Forest Service and the Poplar Bluff Parks and Recreation Department. The trail is open for mountain biking, hiking, and running.



Nature's Backyard and the Gateway to The Ozarks

With over 140 miles of trail within 40 miles of Poplar Bluff, it's no wonder the city considers itself "Nature's Backyard."

The sprawling Mark Twain National Forest sits just outside Poplar Bluff, Missouri, with Poplar Bluff serving as the district's headquarters. The 150,000 acres of land are open to the public for hiking, camping, hunting, bird watching, bike riding and canoeing and provides multiple boat access points.

The famed Ozark Trail is a hiking, backpacking, and, in many places, biking and equestrian trail in the Missouri Ozarks. It has mountains, hills and knobs, valleys filled with crystal-clear streams, shut-ins, and waterfalls. It's trimmed by bluffs and riddled with caves to be explored. This trek of land is home to deer, turkey, bobcats, bears, songbirds, and bald eagles.

Don't forget about Wolf Creek Trail, a favorite among most locals. This 21-mile mountain bike trail system is in partnership between the Forest Service and Poplar Bluff Parks and Recreation Department. It's open for mountain biking, hiking, and running. It's also home to a variety of events such as the Annual Wolf Creek Trail Run 6K and half-marathon.

If you're looking for ways to spend a leisurely afternoon, take a one-mile stroll down the beautiful boardwalks of Mingo National Wildlife Refuge. You'll find yourself immersed in the flora and fauna while spotting indigenous species such as river otter, bowfin, bald eagles, and more. Or enjoy the scenic views along the lake at Lake Wappapello State Park with four moderate trails ranging from 0.7 to 12.75 miles in length.

Prefer the action of ATV riding? The Ozark Foothills features miles of amazing gravel roads and trails, which travel through unbelievable terrain that connect many points of interests such as lakes, rivers, and springs.

Plan your journey at SeeTheOzarks.com.

MINGO NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Mingo National Wildlife Refuge consists of 21,592 acres of bottomland hardwood forest, cypress-tupelo swamp, marsh and upland forest ecosystems. The refuge is managed for wildlife habitat and people. The primary purpose of the refuge is to provide food and shelter for migratory waterfowl and to protect the bottomland hardwood forest.

The habitat at Mingo National Wildlife Refuge provides resources for a large variety of common and rare animals and has served as a site for supporting threatened and endangered species. A total of 279 resident and migratory bird species, 38 mammal species, 30 species of amphibian and reptiles and nearly 50 species of fish use the refuge throughout the year.





BIG SPRING

Big Spring State Park is the largest spring in Missouri and one of the largest springs in the world with a daily discharge of 286 millions of gallons on average! It was also one of Missouri's first state parks. It was a state park from 1924 until 1969 when the people of Missouri donated it, along with Alley and Round Spring State Parks to the National Park Service to become a part of the Ozark National Scenic Riverways.

The Big Spring area contains the Big Spring of course, but also a campground, a picnic area, a dining lodge, trails and housekeeping cabins. It is easily located four miles south of Van Buren at the end of State Route 103.

The spring can be seen from the parking area, and a wheelchair accessible walkway leads right to it. The accessible Slough Trail is nearby, along with several other trails that are not suitable for wheelchairs. Big Spring Campground has sites for tents as well as RVs. Some have electric hook-ups and some do not.

EAGLE SKY

Eagle Sky Christian Camps has 5,000 acres nestled in the beautiful Ozarks of Missouri that serves as a breathtaking backdrop for an experience unlike any other. Located in Piedmont, MO. Experience close encounters with elk, bison, and longhorn cattle. There are canoes, kayaks, paddleboards, water zipling, a trapeze swing, inflatables and blobs. Sure to create memorable and exciting adventures.

SAM A. BAKER STATE PARK

It only takes a few minutes to fall in love with Sam A. Baker State Park. The cool waters of the St. Francis River and Big Creek frame a wooded setting with trails that range from easy to challenging. Ancient mountains, towering trees, and fresh air are hallmarks of the park. Rustic cabins, a campground, a separate campground for equestrians, and a lodge with good country cookin' round out the Sam A. Baker experience. With over 5,000 acres, Sam A. Baker is one of the oldest parks in the Missouri state park system. It offers visitors opportunities for camping, canoeing, fishing, and foot and horseback riding trails.

GREER SPRING AND TRAIL

A popular day hike for Forest visitors. Greer Spring is the second largest spring in Missouri. Its average daily flow of 222 million gallons more than doubles the size of the Eleven Point National Scenic River into which it flows. The spring flows from two outlets about 250 feet apart at the bottom of a steep, shaded ravine at the terminus of the trail. The spring run drops 62 feet in elevation for 1.25 miles where it runs into the Eleven Point National Scenic River. The mill and surrounding land is privately owned and not available for public use. Access to Greer Spring is via a 0.9 mile trail that descends about 250 feet in elevation along a gentle gradient from the trailhead at Missouri Highway 19. The overstory of trees, includes a variety of oaks, shortleaf pine, hickory, maples, basswood, and black gum. The spring flows from the mouth of Greer Spring

Cave and boils up from the rugged bed of the spring branch. Flowing down a rock filled canyon for one mile, the spring branch enters the Eleven Point River. There is no fishing, boating, floating or wading allowed in the spring branch.

LON SANDERS CANYON

Lon Sanders Canyon is a forest area with shut-ins on McKenzie Creek and an interpretive hiking trail. They offer birdwatching, fishing (sunfish), deer and turkey hunting, and hiking trails. The total area consists of 130 acres.

OTTER SLOUGH

This area contains 2,200 acres of wetlands as well as cropland, forest and old fields. Facilities/features include: a concrete boat ramp, 21 unimproved boat ramps, primitive camping, picnic areas, three fishing jetties, a fishing dock, Otter Lake, Cypress Lake, Otter Lake Natural Area and Bradyville Natural Area. In Stoddard County, travel west of Dexter on Route 60, then 10 miles south on Route ZZ to County Road 675. Turn west on 675 and travel two miles to the area entrance.

KEENER SPRINGS

Just 15 minutes north of Poplar Bluff sits the largest privately owned spring in the State of Missouri, emitting 28,000,000 gallons of water per day! The 65-acre property is nestled on the banks of beautiful Black River with the Spring Pond and unique, water-filled cave as the focal points. Whether you plan an overnight camping-float trip or want to spend a few hours on the river, Keener Springs Cabin and Canoe Rental can provide everything you need.

OAMP ALLEN

Camp Allen is located in Greenville, MO and sits on 77.58 acres, which allows for a multitude of activities to do on spacious and safe grounds. They are a non-profit organization. Camp Allen is a Christian camp that allows bookings for retreats.

The purpose of Camp Allen is to provide a ministry in evangelism, Christian education, fellowship, leadership training, and a fun Christian camping experience.

Camp Allen provides a Christian camp experience for a range of age groups. During the summer camps, spiritual growth, life building skills, arts and crafts, and personal enrichment classes are offered. Worship service is held each night and, for your safety, a qualified nurse and trained counselors are onsite at each camp.



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CURRENT RIVER

The Ozark National Scenic Riverways protects 134 miles of the Current and Jacks Fork Rivers and some 80,000 acres of river, forest, open field, and glade environments. Riparian habitats are a major component of the park. Typified by sycamores, maples, cottonwoods, and willows, floodplain forests line the rivers. These provide habitat for Swainson's warblers, wood ducks, great blue herons, and a wide variety of other species. As a significant karst resource, the park contains the world's largest collection of first magnitude springs.

The rivers can be enjoyed via boat, tube, canoe, kayak, and swimming. Campgrounds and local outfitters can make your visit seamless.

ALLEY SPRING

Alley Spring, the natural area's namesake, is the seventh largest spring in Missouri. The spring conduit is known to extend at least 3,000 feet underground and reaches at least 155 feet below the surface. Rainfall and runoff entering sinkholes around the town of Summersville, 15 miles to the northwest, has been determined to enter the labyrinth of cave passageways formed in dissolved dolomite (a type of limestone) under the Missouri Ozarks and exit at Alley Spring. Just outside of the natural area is Alley Spring gristmill that was built in 1984.

Despite the historic use of the spring to power a mill, Alley Spring has retained its biological integrity. The cool waters issuing forth from Alley Spring flow through a spring branch for a half-mile before entering the Jacks Fork River.

MARKHAM SPRINGS

Markham Springs Campground is set on the Black River in a scenic and historic recreation area in the southwestern corner of Missouri's Mark Twain National Forest. The area provides access to multiple trails and recreational opportunities. Markham Springs Recreational Area gets its name from former owner, M.J. Markham,

who acquired the property in 1901 and operated a lumber mill at the site until the 1930's.

The Fuchs House, a five-bedroom concrete and native stone home, also sits on the property, along with a neighboring mill. At times, it is also available for rent.

River and stream fishing are popular activities near the campground. The Black River boasts bass, sunfish, walleye, and catfish. Many anglers fish from boats, but others fish from the riverbanks. Canoeing and kayaking are also possible on the river.

BOZE MILL

Boze Mill Float Camp is the only float camp along the Eleven Point River that can be accessed from either the river or by car. Located at approx. river mile 33.5, Boze Mill is about 2.6 miles downstream from the Greenbriar Float Camp, or about 2.1 miles upstream from Riverton Access.

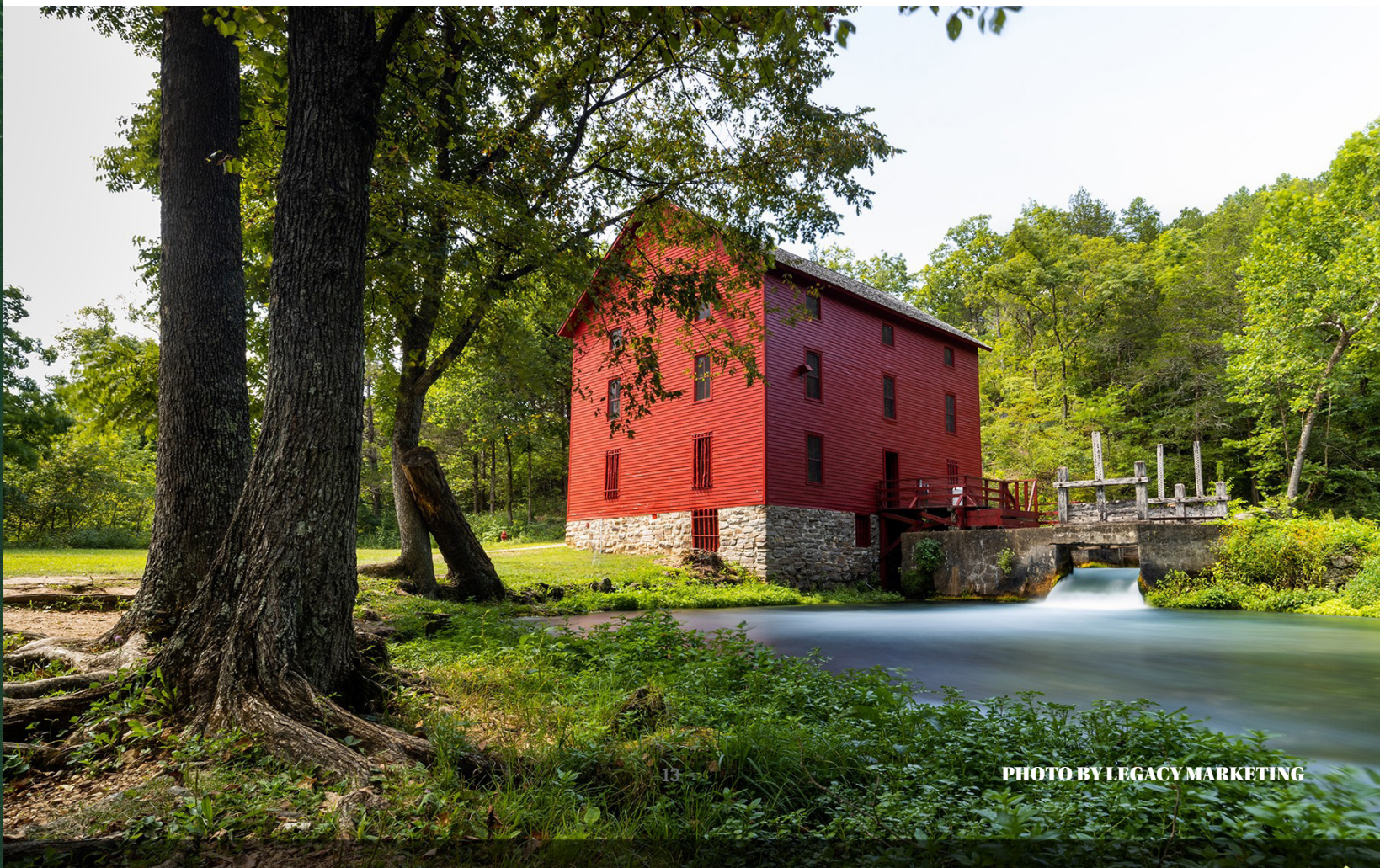
Boze Mill Spring forms a beep blue pool as it emerges from underground, producing between 12-14 million gallons of water per day on average. Many different aquatic plants can be seen around the spring and spring branch. As the spring branch makes its way towards

the Eleven Point River, it passes through an old hand-layered rock wall, remnants from the Lucas Boze grist mill from the late 1800s. An old turbine, as well as the rock wall, are all that remain from the old mill.

Primitive camping is the main feature of this area for floaters. Scattered picnic tables area also available, as well as pedestal grills, and a centrally located vault toilet. This is also a great spot to do some fishing, especially for bass, rainbow trout or pan fish. Wade fishing can be done here, but often times the water is cold and the current swift.

ROCKY FALLS

Few places in the Ozarks provide a glimpse of earth's turbulent past as well as Rocky Falls. The reddish-brown rock you see here is rhyolite porphyry. It formed as molten rock deep within the earth and flowed onto the surface about 1.5 billion years ago. At the time, no living thing existed to see the awesome flow of glowing hot lava slowly advancing over the barren landscape. Normally, a stream eroding softer dolomite, a type of limestone, would make a wider valley for itself. Since the rhyolite is harder, the stream tends to stay within whatever cracks that it finds, deepening them only a little by erosion. Thus



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a "shut in" is formed where the harder rock has "shut in" the stream. Farther downstream, past the constricting rhyolite, the stream valley widens once again. This allows the stream to expand into a pool. Rocky Falls can be visited year round. It is located on Route NN, off of Route H east of

Eminence and Winona. It has a walking trail, bathrooms, picnic tables and fire grills.

PECK RANCH CONSERVATION AREA

Peck Ranch consists of 23,763 acres of rugged, forested hills and hollows. Limestone and rhyolite glades provide natural openings among the oak-pine forest that dominates the region. Narrow ridges range from 900 to 1,000 feet in elevation. The area's highest point is Stegall Mountain, 1,348 feet above sea level. Rogers Creek and Mill Creek, which flow into the Current River, meander through the area. Peck Ranch is home to Missouri's wild elk cohort as well as a vast diversity of other wildlife. A visit to Peck Ranch brings opportunity to view White-tailed deer, wild turkeys, song birds, and many other native species. Diverse management techniques are used to maintain and restore the many natural communities on Peck Ranch. located on Route NN, off of Route H east of Eminence and Winona. It has a walking trail, bathrooms, picnic tables and fire grills.

CLEARWATER LAKE

The US Army Corps of Engineers completed construction of the Clearwater Lake Dam in 1948, with the prime purpose of maintaining flood control for the Black River drainage around the Poplar Bluff region. At a conservation pool of 1,630 acres, the lake is a great size for recreational and fishing boats up to 30' long, with a keel depth of 1.5' or less. At maximum flood level, the lake increases over six times in size to 10,350 acres. The Corps of Engineers maintains a summer pool at 498', and a winter pool at 494'.

Clearwater has plenty to offer visitors. Fishing is primarily focused

on the spring and winter spawn, and crappie and catfish during the summer months. The Corps periodically drops trees in the lake to provide fish habitat. During the summer months the lake becomes a recreational playground, with boating enthusiasts hitting the water primarily during the weekends. Pulling water toys, skiing, wake boarding, and knee boarding are popular activities that elicit shrieks of glee on all areas of the lake. The weekday visitor can find that the lake is quite peaceful and not quite as busy. Most of the dedicated fishermen leave the lake to the "weekenders" then hit the fishing holes during the weekdays. The Corps maintains several hiking trails around the lake, and a biking trail at the River Road campground.

Also at the River Road campground is a tournament volleyball pit, as well as basketball courts, playgrounds, and a great view of the spillway. Golfing enthusiasts can visit the Canyon Club Golf Course in Piedmont, while hikers can visit the nearby Lon Sanders Canyon Conservation Area for a scramble over the shut-ins of McKenzie Creek. At night time, the casual visitor only has to gaze upwards to see sights that are simply not available in the big towns as the Milky Way comes out to dance in the skies. A popular time to visit is during August 11-13 to view the biggest celestial event of the year – the Perseid Meteor Shower. With upwards of 100 meteors per hour, the clear skies of Clearwater Lake makes for a memorable evening.

ECHO BLUFF

The new Echo Bluff State Park is the complete, quintessential Missouri Ozark destination. As your Basecamp for Ozark Adventures, Echo Bluff State Park is the perfect combination of a remote location and connected accessibility to the best of the Ozarks. With the Current River a half-mile away, Echo Bluff State Park is set in a valley surrounded by towering bluffs, unsullied forest and cut by the Sinking Creek (the Current River's second largest tributary).

Echo Bluff State Park and the surrounding areas are ideal for outdoor activities. Fill your days floating down cool, crystal waters. Tackle some of the best smallmouth bass fishing in the Midwest. Enjoy kayaking, mountain biking, and of course, hiking miles of scenic trails ideal for both serious backpackers longing to explore the rugged backcountry and families looking for a serene day hike. Or you just may prefer to relax in the shadow of the park's namesake, Echo Bluff. This sheer, monumental geologic wonder made of Eminence dolomite rises hundreds of feet above Sinking Creek. It is a stunning, one-of-a-kind panorama that amazes all park visitors and overnight guests.



A person in a blue kayak is seen from behind, paddling across a calm lake at sunset. The sky is filled with large, soft clouds in shades of orange, pink, and blue. The water reflects the colors of the sky. In the distance, there are silhouettes of forested hills. The kayaker is wearing a blue cap and a red life vest. A blue paddle and a large orange bag are visible in the kayak.

WAPPAPELLO LAKE

Nestled in the southeast region of Missouri, Lake Wappapello State Park offers a variety of recreation opportunities ranging from an exciting day on Lake Wappapello to a quiet stroll through the Ozark forest. Wappapello Lake has over 44,000 acres of public lands and water, which welcome hunting, fishing, swimming, boating, camping and picnicking.

Lake Wappapello is popular with fishermen who cast their lines in hopes of reducing the excellent population of white bass, crappie and bluegill, as well as largemouth bass and catfish. Water enthusiasts will also enjoy swimming, boating and water skiing. The park features a swimming beach and paved boat ramps. On-shore recreation options include miles of hiking, backpacking, equestrian and all-terrain bicycle trails. Visitors can enjoy lunch in two picnic areas, which include picnic sites, shelters and playground equipment. Two campgrounds -- one perched on the ridge and one nestled near the lake -- offer basic and electric hookup campsites, hot showers, modern restrooms and laundry facilities. Eight modern cabins with kitchens, perfect for families, can be reserved by contacting the park office.

Lake Wappapello State Park provides a pleasant atmosphere for a myriad of park visitors whether they are looking to fish, boat, camp or just enjoy an afternoon barbecue and an evening sunset.



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Formed in early 2010, Downtown Poplar Bluff, Inc. was created as a result of the needs and recommendations identified through Missouri's DREAM (Downtown Revitalization and Economic Assistance in Missouri) program. The city succeeded in a statewide competitive process in 2007, when Missouri's governor honored Poplar Bluff by naming it a DREAM city. DREAM cities from throughout Missouri participate in a three-year program that provides state support to create and implement long-term downtown revitalization plans.

Downtown Poplar Bluff hosts several events throughout the year. The largest of these events is the Iron Horse Festival. The Annual Iron Horse Festival, which takes place the last Saturday of each September. The event began to celebrate the history of the railroad in our community.

Smaller events such as Witches Crawl, The Downtown Open House, Dining for Downtown, and Hafttoberfest also take place downtown. Downtown Poplar Bluff, Inc. hosts the annual 4th of July firework display show, which kicks off right at dusk. Two parades with routes centered around downtown take place on the 4th

of July and the first Friday in December. The River Radio Lighted Parade is coupled with a community tree lighting at the Black River Coliseum. These events draw several thousands of people to our downtown throughout the year to showcase what businesses and amenities are currently there and what is to come.

As of May 2022, there are two large sections of Vine Street lit with Edison lights strung above the street providing the bricks with a warm glow at night to accommodate night life. Downtown Poplar Bluff, Inc. would like to continue the lights and complete the street. Much of the organization's fundraising attempts



10 Reasons You'll Love Downtown Poplar Bluff



2 BLACK RIVER
Black River runs along the edge of the historic downtown area. Kayakers and fishing enthusiasts enjoy spending time at the river during the warmer months.



3 RODGERS THEATRE
The Historic Rodgers Theatre is a stunning theater with bright, beautiful colors that hosts concerts, movies, plays, and more.

4 DOG PARK
The city's only dog park is located downtown. With two large fenced in areas, the dog park provides a great space to let the family pet run wild.

1 BRICK STREETS
Several blocks of downtown Poplar Bluff are covered with timeless brick streets. They are a beloved staple in our community and pair perfectly with the overhead lights.



5 SKATEPARK
A free, public skatepark in the heart of downtown allows for skaters of all ages to practice their skills seven days a week. Two large skate competitions take place at the park every year. An indoor skatepark, Forum 50/50, has also found a home downtown.

6 MUSEUMS FOR EVERY TASTE
Downtown is filled with a rich history that's easy to enjoy at one of our many museums. Take a stroll through the Poplar Bluff History Museum, soak in the culture of the Margaret Harwell Art Museum, or learn about Poplar Bluff's early history at the Mo-Ark Railroad Museum.

7 COUNTY COURTHOUSE
Poplar Bluff is the county seat, which makes downtown home to a large, beautiful courthouse that overlooks the historic district.

8 LOCAL DINING
Downtown is home to several locally owned restaurants, cafes, and bars with more continuing to be added each year.



The Fairfield Inn & Suites is right off the highway for easy access. Big Whiskey's American Restaurant & Bar, is adjacent to the hotel, only a few steps away. The Fairfield Inn & Suites is also next to a shopping center and other food options that are within walking distance. The hotel offers free wifi, free parking, free breakfast buffet, an indoor pool, a fitness center, a business center, an outdoor patio with a grill and a market to buy snacks, frozen meals and drinks.



9 EVENT HOTSPOT
In addition to the Rodgers Theatre, Poplar Bluff boasts an impressive 5,000 seat multi-use arena called the Black River Coliseum. A variety of outdoor events can also be found throughout the year.

10 AMTRAK
Poplar Bluff has a class 1 rail system, two public-use rail spurs for business, and is a stop for Amtrak.

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FESTIVALS

..... **Annual Iron Horse Festival**

The Annual Iron Horse Festival is by far Poplar Bluff's largest event, with 8,000-10,000 people in attendance each Fall in Downtown Poplar Bluff.

A few of the events you may expect each year are: a river race on the Black River, a day of live, local entertainment, a farmer's market, tasty festival food and drinks from local restaurants, as well as other vendors, arts & crafts vendors selling and demonstrating their wares. You'll also find free children's activities such as games, bounce houses, and more.

Proceeds from this event go to Downtown Poplar Bluff, Inc., a nonprofit organization with the mission of assisting the City and property owners in the promotion of downtown Poplar Bluff as an economic, historic, and family-friendly culture center. Additional information can be found on their website at downtownpoplarbluff.org.

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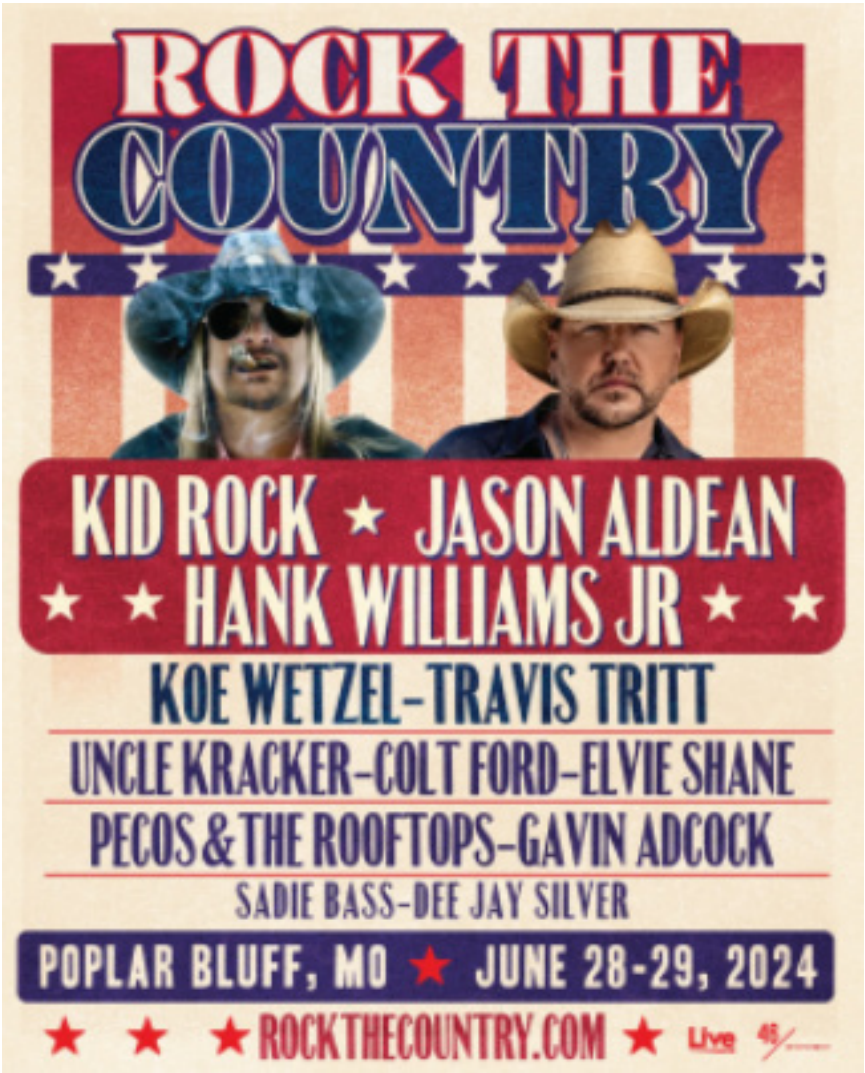
Rock the Country

Brick's Off Road Park will host Rock the Country in June of 2024. Headliners include Kid Rock, Jason Aldean, and Hank Williams Jr. This two day festival is sure to provide a great time with a true festival style atmosphere. Camping is available on site. Tickets are available at rockthecountry.com. You won't want to miss this!

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Trucks Gone Wild

Brick's Off Road Park is open to any and all types of off-road vehicles from 4-wheelers, to dirt bikes, to dune buggies. It even has some technical up hill and rock climbs for the experienced Rock Crawlers. Brick's is open on specific weekends throughout the year and primitive camping is available. Jay Brickell, who lives in Poplar Bluff, has always enjoyed having a place for his family and friends to experience the outdoors, and now he is inviting everyone to do the same. Learn more at atbricksoffroadpark.com.



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Santa Land

Each Christmas holiday, in early December, the Poplar Bluff Parks Department hosts a huge community event to offer a place to have a fun Christmas experience, participate in activities, see Santa, see The Grinch, view a wonderful live Nativity scene, and more. The event is located at the Black River Coliseum and is free to the public. (www.pbparcs.org)

Taste of the Town

The Annual Taste of the Town event, which is held in May, brings the best restaurants, caterers, and beverage vendors in the Poplar Bluff area together for attendees to sample new or favorite dishes and drinks. Proceeds benefit the Boys & Girls Club of the Heartland. (www.bgcph.org)



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Butler County Fair

The Missouri Butler County Fair has been providing family-friendly entertainment since 1958. Choose from a variety of craft and commercial vendors, food trucks, petting zoo, parade, truck and tractor pulls, demo derby, rodeo, barrel racing, sanctioned BBQ competition, exhibits, live entertainment, and more! The 2022 Butler County Fair is set for September 29th through October 1st at Ray Clinton Park. The beauty pageant will be held at the Black River Coliseum. (bcfair.org)

Festival of Lights

Every year, starting the Friday after Thanksgiving through Christmas, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers host a festival of lights. This free, family event is open to the public and often features an appearance from Santa, viewing of beautiful Christmas lights and candy canes for the kids. Since 1993, numerous sites are decorated and visitors drive through the campground to view the displays. This event is a partnership between the Wappapello Lake Area Association and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Approximately 250,000 lights transform the campground into a winter wonderland that helps bring in the Holiday Spirit. Local businesses and individuals decorate sites with as many lights as possible. The drive through festival is typically open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights until about the middle of December, then it is open every night. (www.facebook.com/wappapello)



Hafftoberfest

The Annual Hafftoberfest event, held in October, is hosted by Haffy's Sports Bar & Grill in downtown Poplar Bluff and is a benefit to raise funds for Downtown Poplar Bluff, Inc. and the Boys & Girls Club of the Heartland. Attendees can expect to find live music, team games such as flip cup and stein hoists, and much more. (www.haffyssportsbar.com)

ANNUAL FESTIVALS

**July 4th Fireworks
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We have partnered with the Missouri State Parks (Sam A. Baker Park) to see who can hike 7,980' elevation (The height of Mt. Olympus) right here in the beautiful Ozark region in Missouri. Each participant will have twelve hours to hike nine times up Mudlick Mountain. This vertical ascent is equal to hiking Mount Olympus in the state of Washington. Why did we choose Mt. Olympus as a benchmark? Although in Greek mythology Olympus meant "mountain" or "gathering place of the gods", in modern times Olympus represents "a place or state of joy and happiness." The total hiking distance is approximately 17 miles. Each hiker will be shuttled back down to the base after each successful ascent. The route is Mudlick Mountain Fire Tower Road (available on All Trails app), which is a chat road. This challenge is NOT a race. It is the external (physical) YOU versus the internal (mental) YOU. Other participants & race volunteers will be encouraging you along the way.

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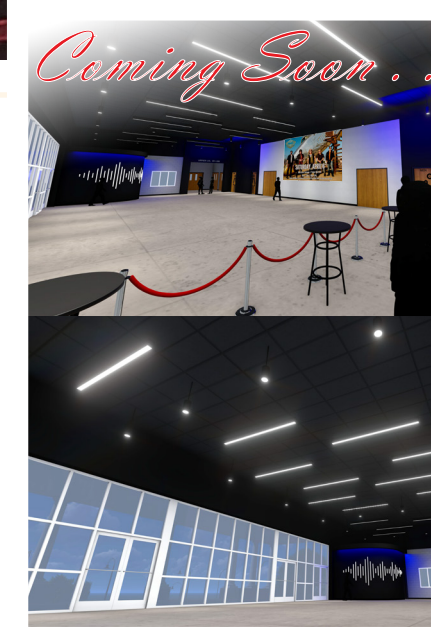


Ozarkana is a kayak fishing tournament, and festival, that is one of six national events that make up the "Kayak Adventure Series presented by GoPro." The tournament's unique format allows anglers to score their catch via the "catch-photo-release" (CPR) method via their smart phones.

Longest 5 bass take the win, and take the stage at the local historic theaters in which the Closing Ceremonies are held. Photos and GoPro videos of the weekend's catches are shown on the big screen as the winners are brought on stage and crowned. The festival component is held on the final day (Saturday) from 2-5:30pm and is open to the entire community to enjoy food, music, games, kayak demos, Toyota truck demos, kids zone and more!

Throughout the entire event they raise money for charity via kayak or other fishing item raffles

<https://www.kayakadventureseries.com/poplar-bluff-mo>





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BLACK RIVER COLISEUM

The Black River Coliseum is in historic downtown Poplar Bluff, Missouri along the banks of the celebrated Black River. It is just minutes away from tourist attractions, shopping, restaurants, and motels and is easily accessible from St. Louis, Branson, Memphis, Little Rock and Springfield.

This 115,000 sq. ft. multi-purpose facility houses concerts, sporting events, family shows, trade shows, conventions, and banquets, just to name a few. It has a seating capacity of 5,000 for concerts, 4,500 for sporting events and 4,000 for rodeos, as well as numerous other areas to accommodate business meetings, training classes, receptions, and seminars. New renovations to the lobby coming soon.

HISTORIC RODGERS THEATRE

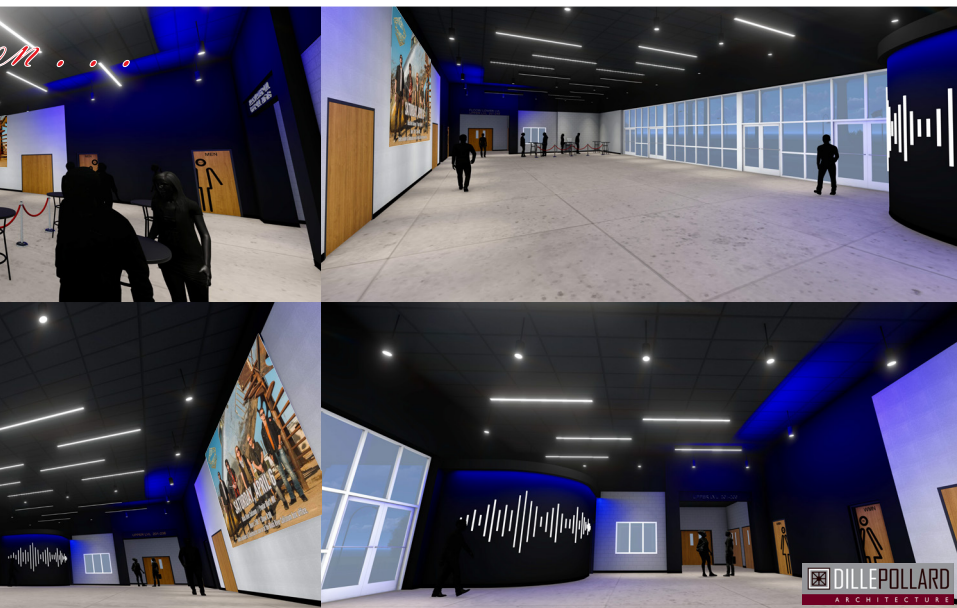
The Historic Rodgers Theatre originally opened June 1st 1949, with a great deal of fanfare and showing the movie "Red Canyon". 1,800 people attended the opening festivities including a ribbon cutting, music by the Poplar Bluff Municipal Band and a dedication to the city mayor. E.W. Robinson.

The theatre was reported to be the finest between St. Louis and Memphis at the time it opened. It was fully air conditioned and warmed by forced air and radiant heat.

The building occupies 11,648 sq. ft. At opening, it contained 1,160 red plush seats, and there was also a cry room for small children and their mothers. The marquee was brilliantly lit which still displays red letters that spell the name of the theatre. Movie goers entered the lobby through solid walnut doors. Leather benches lined one of the walls of the lobby.

The owners, Kerasotes Theatres, gave the building to Butler county in January 1999 when they moved to a new multiplex theater on 67 South.

Today the 1,000 person capacity theatre is currently being renovated and is operated by the Rodgers Theatre (nonprofit) group, which hosts concerts, comedians, magicians and much more. You can also rent out the theatre for meetings, wedding receptions, and private screenings. The Theatre is located at 204 North Broadway Street, in historic downtown Poplar Bluff.



Black River Coliseum lobby renovation plans.



TINNIN FINE ARTS CENTER

The Tinnin Fine Arts Center houses a recently remodeled concert-quality, 500-seat theater. It has hosted national touring productions of ballet and modern dance, plays and musicals, band and choir performances, acrobats, and musical performers from opera tenors to bluegrass pickers. It is home to Center Stage, a blended theater company of students, college employees, and community members, who perform Broadway-quality productions.

The Tinnin Gallery features artwork of students, alumni, and regional artists. The Center also houses classrooms, studios, and faculty offices for the English, Music, Art, Language, and Public Speaking departments.

POPLAR BLUFF MUNICIPAL LIBRARY

The Poplar Bluff Municipal Library houses a variety of events from Theater Thursdays to Sunday Movie Matinees. They also host author fairs and classes for adults, children and teens.

MARGARET HARWELL ART MUSEUM

The Margaret Harwell Art Museum in Poplar Bluff, Missouri owes its existence to the generosity of its namesake and benefactor, Margaret Harwell - an amateur artist, businesswoman, and civic leader. When Mrs. Harwell died in 1977, she left a part of her estate to the City of Poplar Bluff to establish a center for art classes and exhibits. In 1978, an Arts and Museum Advisory Board was formed to take on the task. In 1980, the city purchased the J.L. Dalton home, itself rich in local history and architecture, to house the museum. The Margaret Harwell Art Museum opened to the public in November 1981. The museum is located on the historic brick streets in the heart of the city at 421 N. Main Street and tours are free.

POPLAR BLUFF HISTORY MUSEUM

The Poplar Bluff Museum is housed in the old Mark Twain School building located at 1010 North Main Street. This building is called Mark Twain because construction started the same year Mark Twain died, 1910.

The building closed as a school after the 1987-88 school year. The Poplar Bluff School District and its superintendent, Dr. Robert O. Moulton sold the property to the City of Poplar Bluff to be used as a museum. A group of dedicated citizens, headed by

Sam Giambelluca, began renovating the building to serve as a museum.

It currently houses The Poplar Bluff Sports Hall of Fame, Abington Haworth School House, Butler County Historical Society, Kanell Hall Veterans Museum and the Hall of Heroes, Githens Hall, Postal Room, Dale Gaebler Poplar Bluff People, The Scout Room, US Forest Service and Missouri Conservation Commission, Bowling Hall of Fame, Telephone Pioneers, Medical Museum, and Golf Museum. The building was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1998.

THE CLAUDIA HOUSE, AN ENGLISH MANOR

Founded in 1989 and funded by Poplar Bluff native, Linda Bloodworth Thomason, writer, director and producer. It was named in honor of her late mother, Claudia Bloodworth. An English Company — Artisans of Crowther of Syon Lodge (the same company that rebuilt the war ravaged Windsor Castle in the 1660's) constructed the giant library in London, disassembled it, and sent it by ship to New Orleans. It was then sent by barge up the Mississippi river to Cape Girardeau, Mo. and trucked the last 60 miles to Poplar Bluff. The builders came from London and spent over six months in Poplar Bluff reassembling the library. One of the workers remarked it was, "the best adventure of his life!" They loved Poplar Bluff and several have been back for visits over the years.

The Claudia Foundation currently operates the Claudia House, located at 626 Cynthia Street, and their purpose is to promote positive change in the lives of individuals, especially women. The Claudia House is a place for celebrations, weddings, town meetings, corporate gatherings, birthdays, and even funerals. The Claudia House may be reserved for special event bookings by organizations and individuals.

FLYING F GALLERY

The flying "F" Gallery is located in the historic Collins Family farmhouse, built circa 1894. The building was converted into a country general store in 1926 and remained open until 1978. Missouri artist Ralph Wayne Freer's captivating works of art can be found in the century old farmhouse which he has converted into the Flying "F" Gallery. Both his gallery and studio are located on Highway "W" near Poplar Bluff, Missouri.

Although Ralph's Ozark roots include being born in a Civil War era log house



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he has had the good fortune to travel and live in Europe, Central America, and throughout the United States. He believes these experiences have shaped and influenced his approach to life and art. Ralph is primarily a sculptor working in wood. His artistic style is a continually evolving three-dimensional impressionism. He focuses on the exploration of shapes, forms, and color. As with most artists Ralph is intense about his art. His formal training includes life drawings with Malcolm Ross and portrait sculpture with Jane Doxey, both in Key West, Florida.

WHEATLEY SCHOOL AND BLACK HISTORY MUSEUM

The need for a public African American school was recognized in 1901 in Butler County, Missouri. The school was named for the poetess Phyllis Wheatley. In 1928 the building was expanded from four rooms to eight rooms with a library and gymnasium. Early in 1950 a vocational building was added. The school was the center of education for African Americans from its inception until the R-I school district became integrated in 1968. It later served as a grade school and early childhood center until closing in 2001.

Stars and Stripes Museum

Just a short, 25 minute drive from Poplar Bluff, is the National Stars and Stripes Museum/Library is a non-profit educational institution, which is

dedicated to collecting, documenting, and preserving materials related to the creation and continued history of the Stars and Stripes military newspaper. By preserving and interpreting the Stars and Stripes and making its archives available, the museum and library seek to enhance the public's understanding and appreciation of the newspaper's role in American and world history. There was little peace in the small town of Bloomfield, Missouri between November 7, 1861, when Brigadier General Ulysses Grant ordered federal soldiers to destroy the pro-southern Missouri State Guard troops of Brig. Gen. M. Jeff Thompson, and September 1864 when bushwhackers left the town in ashes. During this time, control of the town changed over twenty times, Union troops shelled the town and printed the first issue of the military newspaper, The Stars and Stripes. Their officers staged a mutiny, several executions took place, and 6000 cavalymen camped here at the Union prepared to join the campaign to capture Little Rock, Arkansas. Markers that tell the town's Civil War story have been placed at or near the sites where the events happened. Stop by the museum and pick up a brochure of the Driving Tour of the Stars and Stripes Historic-Cultural Byway.

VETERANS MEMORIAL WALL

The Veteran's Memorial Wall, located at 301 S. 5th Street in front of the Black River Coliseum, is a monument dedicated to the perpetual celebration

of men and women who have served our country through the military. It consists of black granite panels, mounted on solid concrete, on which names of veterans are inscribed. The walkway in front of the wall is constructed of brick. The center section of the Memorial is constructed of a concrete base for the four flagpoles that fly the National, State, City, and POW-MIA flags. Also included in this area are granite pylons mounted on solid concrete for inscribing names of veterans killed in action and are illuminated during the hours of darkness. The Wall is 100 feet long with two 32 feet tapered sides angling towards Fifth street. It has 89 black granite panels, ranging from 2' x 7' in size down to the smaller tapered panels along each angling side. All panels will contain names. There are 43 large panels, which will contain approximately 132 names each, and there are 16 half-size panels that will contain approximately 66 names each.

MO-ARK REGIONAL RAILROAD MUSEUM

Poplar Bluff can credit its early growth to the railroading industry, linking our city with other major locations: Dallas, Little Rock, Memphis, St. Louis, Chicago, Detroit, or west to Springfield and Kansas City. The timber industry was the initial reason for establishment of the railway system. The influx of people, seeking jobs in this area, increased the need for machinery, food, clothing and other items needed for population



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growth. When the timber industry declined, farming became a major need for transportation. Cross-country railroads continue to provide the most economical mode of transportation. On your visit to the museum, you will see Model Train displays; photographs of early railroading days which depict logging, lumber mills, factories, area train depots, the early steam engine, a dining car display, a train bell, workman's railroad maintenance tools and the old depot pot-belly stove.

BRICK'S OFF ROAD PARK

After four generations of farming corn to cattle the Brickells decided to turn their family farm into a 4-wheel-drive-heaven. Brick's Off Road Park is open to any and all types of off-road vehicles from 4-Wheelers, to dirt bikes, to dune buggies, it even has some technical up hill and rock climbs for the experienced Rock Crawlers.

Brick's is open on specific event

weekends throughout the year and primitive camping is available. Their Trucks Gone Wild annual event is one of the largest mud events in the country. The farm has the spring-fed Beaver Dam Creek running through it, a new super road known as the "Main Loop", and a mud Slough that is sure to give even the biggest of trucks out there a great run for their money. Jay's son, Scott, who currently lives in Nashville, has helped turn the farm into one of the country's best off road parks. The terrain at the farm, which is located south of Poplar Bluff (2181 County Road 484) near Lone Hill is perfect for this type of recreation. The rolling hills, and creeks, along with the wavy fields provide plenty of scenery for pleasure-riding or tough challenges, whichever fits your mood that day.

POPLAR BLUFF MOTORSPORTS PARK

Located at 1989 Speedway Dr. in Poplar Bluff Missouri is the Poplar Bluff Motorsports Park. It is a 3/8 mile high banked clay oval dirt track. They have races every Saturday night throughout

the race season. They offer many race options, such as: B-Mods plus A-Mods, Factory Stocks, Mini Cruisers, POWRi Street Stocks, ModLites, and Super Cruisers. The park provides a fun family friendly atmosphere for everyone. Enjoy the action packed races while your children can stay occupied at the playground or the free arcade. Pit gates open at 2:30 pm on Saturdays and hot laps are at 6:30 sharp. The Poplar Bluff Motorsports Park has three goals: Keep racing fun and affordable; Make sure it's an entertaining show for our new and loyal fans; Start on time and finish the night in a timely manner!

The park also features a new scoreboard and transponder system for scoring. The Transponder system is linked to MY RACE PASS so results and lineups are quick and efficient. They also have a monitor in the pits that show line ups. You can put your flashlights and reading glasses away when looking at the line up board!

THE CAMP AT LAKE WAPPAPELLO

The Camp at Lake Wappapello is your family's outdoor dream destination. Located along the Southern border of Southeast Missouri's Wappapello Lake, The Camp at Lake Wappapello is set on 160 acres of wilderness and is designed to let you enjoy the comfort of your own home while still giving you easy access to campground amenities and proximity to all kinds of exciting outdoor destinations.

The Camp Amenities include restaurant and store, 52 RV sites, custom designed cabins, primitive campsites, band stand with local entertainment, children's playground, volleyball area, basketball court, carriage rides, shuttle services, conference center, nature trails, trail riding, bath house, rentals (golf carts, canoes, kayaks), wifi, and much more.

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Features include two miles of the beautiful St. Francis River on one side, Sam A. Baker State Park on another, and across the road from Graves Mountain Conservation Area. This breathtaking property offers a horse arena, 14 horse stalls, walking and biking trails, kayaks, paddle boards, and more!





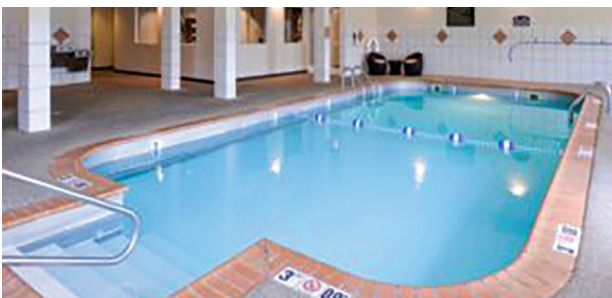
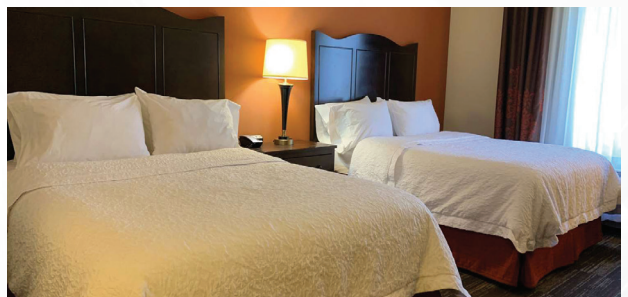
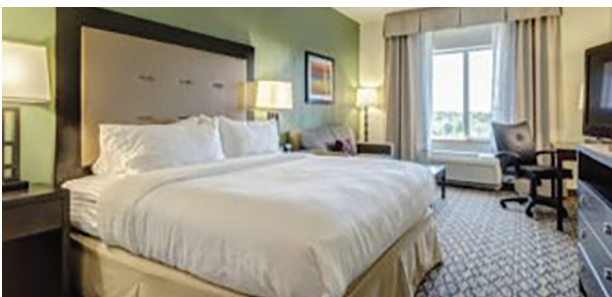
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Homebrew enthusiasts will compete for the prestigious "People's Choice" award, and each participant will receive one ticket to cast their vote for their favorite homebrew creation.

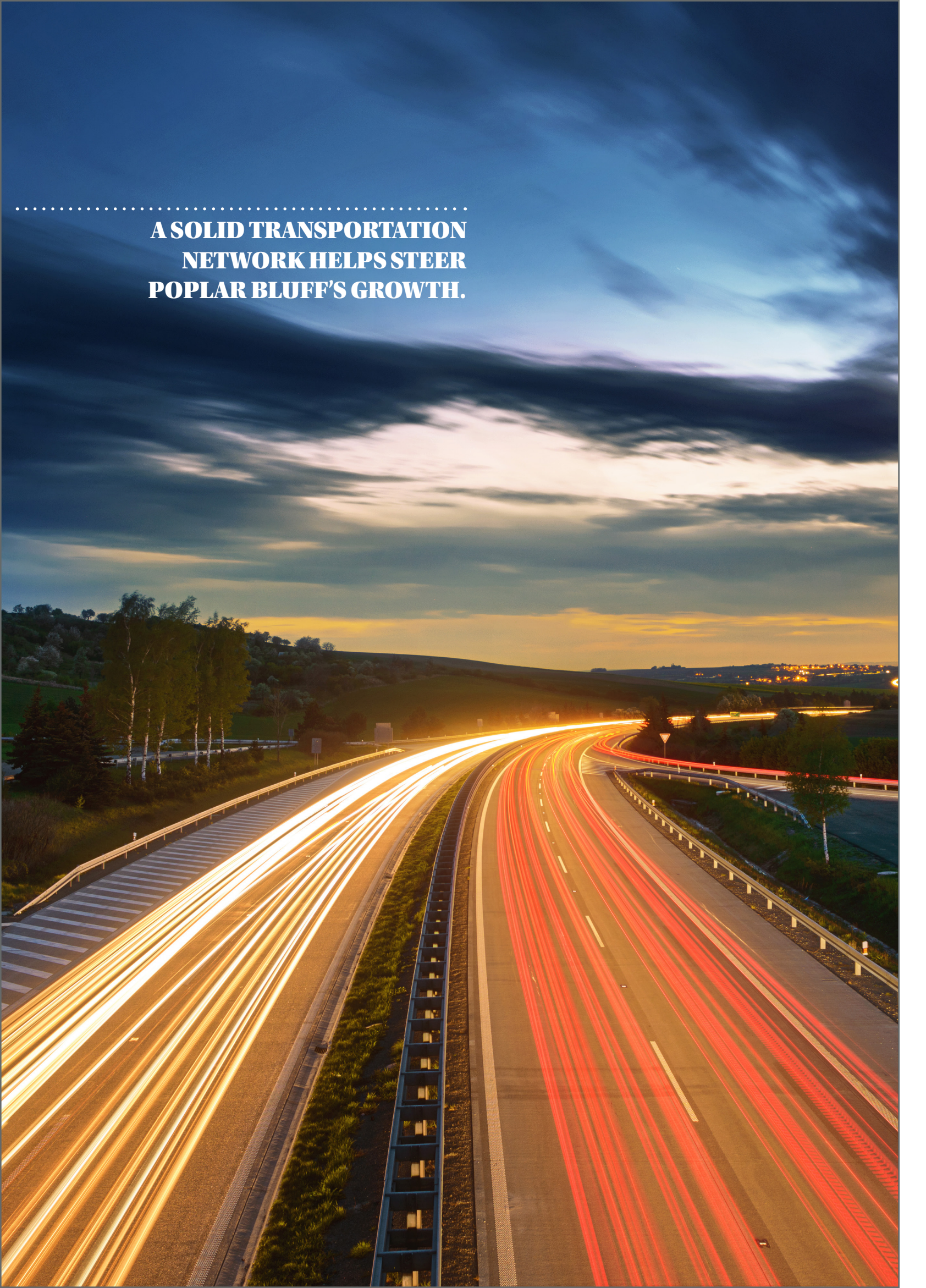


KING DAVID'S WINERY & MEADERY

In the foothills of the Ozarks bordering the Mark Twain National Forest atop a hill overlooking the enchanted Wolf Creek Valley you'll find King David's Winery, Meadery & Brewery. A public house with a focus on high quality food, wine, mead, and beer. Owner and operator, David Peluso, has won state, national and even world competitions for his beer. King David's is located just a short 3 miles outside of Poplar Bluff, on 1844 County Road 448. He orders shipments of hops and other grains for beers from St. Louis and beyond. For mead, which is honey-based, he buys from local beekeepers as well as importing exotic varieties from India, Mexico, and South America.

The brewery features large screen televisions to view sporting events, an incredible view of the beautiful Wolf Creek Valley from the outdoor deck and delicious Cajun cuisine; along with the largest pretzel in the region and King David's homemade cheesecake (both local favorites). David, a native of Louisiana, is an amazing chef who grew up cooking with his family. David makes all his own beer, wine, meads and serves other nationally known spirits.

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From their beginning in 1956, Interstates have transformed America. They provide the safest highway while getting to destinations quickly and efficiently. Interstate 57 was completed from Chicago, Illinois to Sikeston, Missouri in 1978. In 2017, US 67 was federally designated as "Future I-57" from Little Rock, Arkansas to Walnut Ridge, Arkansas. The next year, designation was completed on US 67 from Walnut Ridge, Arkansas to Poplar Bluff, Missouri and on US 60 east through Dexter to existing I-57 at Sikeston, Missouri. In 2019, 88% of voters in Poplar Bluff favored a measure to extend the limits of the local sales tax to cover US 67 South to the Arkansas state line. The 12-mile two-lane corridor was divided into four phases starting at Route 160. By the end of 2019, state and

local funding was secured to complete Future Interstate 57 for Phases 1 and 2, extending from Route 160 south four miles.

Construction began in the summer of 2022 for the first phase, followed by Phase 2 construction in the summer of 2023. Phases 3 and 4 remain unfunded currently, but citizens remain optimistic the two-lane roadway will soon be a four-lane interstate.

UPDATE-

In the fall of 2022, the Missouri Department of Transportation broke ground on the first project that improved the Route 160 interchange and the journey to the Arkansas State line began. The next phase is scheduled to begin in late summer of 2024. This will extend the project southward approximately 4 miles to County Road 352, leaving an 8-mile gap in Missouri. The Arkansas Department of Transportation will begin a project near Corning in the Spring of 2025 and begin their journey to close the 42-mile gap in Arkansas.

The message of the Highway 67 Corporation remains: "Completing this route is absolutely important to the safety of our citizens and the continued growth and economic future of Southeast MO and Northeast Arkansas."



TRANSPORTATION

GENERAL AVIATION NEEDS

The Poplar Bluff Municipal Airport (KPOF) is available to accommodate the general aviation needs of the Greater Poplar Bluff area. The airport handles approximately 15,000 operations annually with a 5,000-foot runway. The airport is currently operated by City of Poplar Bluff staff and has amenities such as hangar storage, fuel, restrooms, lounge area, free parking, and a short-term vehicle service. Poplar Bluff is a little over two hours from St. Louis Lambert International Airport and Memphis International Airport.

RAIL SERVED

Poplar Bluff has a class 1 rail system, two public-use rail spurs for businesses, and is a stop for Amtrak. The local Amtrak station is located at 400 South Main Street. Amtrak’s Texas Eagle travels between Chicago, Illinois and San Antonio, Texas through Poplar Bluff. Connecting service between San Antonio and Los Angeles is available

via the Sunset Limited. Poplar Bluff has a rich history in railroads and has a Mo-Ark Regional Railroad Museum, located at 303 South Moran Street.

ECO-FRIENDLY

Poplar Bluff has over 50 Bird electric scooters strategically placed around the city, providing eco-friendly transportation for riders. Poplar Bluff also has Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations available at the Poplar Bluff Chamber of Commerce and downtown for visitors traveling through the area.

CITY TRANSIT SYSTEM

SMTS operates a local, rural transit system called BATS (Bluff Area Transit Service). SMTS is a non-governmental, non-profit public passenger transportation service. SMTS transportation services are available throughout South Central and Southeast Missouri and have been offering services since 1980. Today, SMTS provides a wide

variety of “door-to-door” passenger transportation services to all age groups. Poplar Bluff also has numerous privately-owned taxi services for travel within the city and county, as well as a couple of services which will shuttle citizens to larger cities like St. Louis.

CAR RENTAL NEEDS

Poplar Bluff has an Enterprise Rent-A-Car located at 1115 Herschel Bess Blvd. Suite B, which will take care of all your rental needs.

TRAIL SYSTEM

Poplar Bluff is a very “walkable” community, with sidewalks on all the major streets, such as Pine and Westwood Boulevard. Poplar Bluff also has over 15 miles of trails in the city limits to walk, bike, or run. Also, located just outside the city limits, is the 21-mile Wolf Creek Trail. Poplar Bluff boasts over 140 miles of trails within 40 minutes of the city; most notably the Ozark Trail.

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BRIGGS & STRATTON

One of Poplar Bluff's largest employers in town, Briggs & Stratton manufactures small gas engines. The local facility is one of their largest facilities in North America and has been in the area for over 30 years. As a company, Briggs has over 110 years of experience and is trusted by millions of people around the globe and backed by the largest service network in the industry.

They are the world's largest small engine producer, the number one marketer for pressure washers,

and a leading manufacturer of power generation, lawn and garden turf care and job site products.

GATES CORPORATION

Gates Corporation is a leading manufacturer of application-specific fluid power and power transmission solutions. Gates has three operations in Poplar Bluff: a manufacturing facility, a refurbishing facility, and a distribution center. Gates Corporation is driven to push the boundaries of materials science to engineer products that continually

exceed expectations.

Gates employs hundreds of people in the region and has been operating in Poplar Bluff for over 30 years.

MID-CONTINENT STEEL & WIRE

Mid-Continent Steel & Wire roots date back to 1952 when the parent company founder, Don Cesar M. Gutierrez started a small wire shop in Monterrey, Mexico. He started small as all entrepreneurs do, supplying handmade chain link fence using secondhand wire he purchased from the U.S. This was merely the beginning of the journey

of parent company, Deacero. The origins of the name reflect the rich history of Deacero's subsidiary Mid-Continent Nail Corp with a presence in Poplar Bluff, Missouri for over 25 years, which joined the Deacero family in 2012 and was started by David Libla.

Mid-Continent Steel & Wire produces machine grade bulk pallet nails and employs hundreds of people in Poplar Bluff, operating out of three different facilities.

EMPIRE COMFORT SYSTEMS

Two of our newest manufacturers, located in our second industrial park, is Empire Comfort Systems and Primo Ceramic Grills. Both operations are done out of a 140,000 square foot, state of the art, facility located just up the hill from the original industrial park. Empire Comfort Systems grew out of a small sheet metal shop founded by Henry Bauer in 1911 in the city of Belleville, Illinois. Formally incorporated on August 26, 1932, Empire Stove Company produced sheet metal heaters that took advantage of the increasing availability of natural gas. While the company has weathered the ups and downs of economic downturns, wars, labor strife, fires, and societal changes, the Bauer family has remained the one constant. The family tradition continues. Nick Bauer and Jane Bauer represent the fourth generation of Bauers at Empire Comfort Systems, making this a family-operated business since 1932.

Empire manufactures a full line of gas-fired products for independent dealers. Primo means "the best" in Italian, which is an appropriate name for this

company and product. You can find Primo Ceramic Grills in 24 countries around the world, including North America. Empire Comfort Systems purchased Primo in 2019 and brought the operation from Georgia to Poplar Bluff, Missouri. The grills they produce are the best ceramic grills in the world.

LEGACY FASTENERS

Legacy is a family owned and operated business with over 30 years of experience in the fastener industry. They specialize in manufacturing nails for the pallet, crating, and container industries. Jeff and Marsha Libla are local owners, and they operate out of more than 80,000 square feet on Township Line in Poplar Bluff.

PMB, INC.

PMB is a US-based manufacturer of plastic injection molded parts servicing the Lawn & Garden, Sporting Goods, Agricultural, Medical, and Automotive Industries. PMB provides low-cost, high quality, injection molding services to a wide variety of customers across a multitude of industries. PMB has on-site mold design, build, maintenance,

and repair capabilities. PMB offers an array of value-added services, including Automation, Hot Plate Welding, Sonic Welding, Hot Stamping, and Label Application.

They are housed in two facilities totaling 48,000 square feet located in Poplar Bluff, Missouri. PMB Inc. is a privately-owned company that was founded in 1998 by Tom Roth who is the current Owner/President.



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L&M MANUFACTURING

L & M Manufacturing is located in Fisk, Missouri, just outside of Poplar Bluff, and is part of the Forging and Stamping Industry. Their process incorporates metal stamped components and welded assemblies. Some of their products include valve handles, small engine parts, electric transformer accessories, caster assemblies and motor-cycle components.

FOXY MANUFACTURING

in 1945 what would become Foxy Manufacturing was founded in Poplar Bluff, Missouri as Salyer Handle and Tool. Foxy is a family-owned manufacturer who makes hand tools and handles.

NORTEK GLOBAL HVAC

Nortek manufacturers world-class custom heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) brands in North America. Nortek operates a 700,000+ square foot distribution center in Poplar Bluff, Missouri.

POPLAR BLUFF TOOL AND DIE

A die-casting and tool shop management operation which has been in Poplar Bluff for over 20 years. Their facility is located on Township Line.

TRUE MANUFACTURING

In early 2022, True Manufacturing announced a new manufacturing facility in Poplar Bluff. They chose Poplar Bluff's third industrial park

(54 acres) as their new home. True manufactures a wide range of American-made commercial refrigeration products and is based in O'Fallon, Missouri.. True Manufacturing's story began in 1945, when Robert (Bob) J. Trulaske returned from WW II. One night while out at a bar, Bob had the idea of using electric-powered refrigeration for commercial use. With the help of some family members, the first ever commercial refrigeration units were born, right in the Trulaske backyard. Today, that same innovation and passion is carried out by Bob's son, Steve Trulaske, the current CEO of True Manufacturing. True plans to open their new Poplar Bluff operation by 2025, where they plan on employing hundreds of area residents.



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In July of 2015, Nortek Global HVAC sent out a press release that they would be bringing back their warehousing/distribution operation to Poplar Bluff due to the "quality of workforce".



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Every person in the Ozark Foothills region benefits from the work of nonprofits in one way or another, whether they realize it or not. Nonprofits play a fundamental role in creating more equitable and thriving communities.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF THE HEARTLAND

Their mission is to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential

as productive, caring and responsible citizens. Core programs we provide include character and leadership development, education and career development, the arts, health and life skills and sports, fitness and recreation. It's their goal to offer programs and services that will engage a wide variety of youth in a way that will help develop them into responsible adults who give back to their community. (www.bgcpcb.org)

THE BREAD SHED

The Bread Shed exists to feed the hungry, both spiritually and physically, in Butler, Ripley, and Carter Counties. The Bread shed is 100% volunteer run and helps feed 25,000 people each year. (www.breadshed.org)

OZARK FOOTHILLS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

The Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission was designated by the Governor of the State of Missouri in 1967 under Missouri's State and Regional Planning and Community

Development Act. The Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission was created to facilitate the cooperative effort of its member municipalities and counties in solving problems and planning the future development of human, natural, and economic resources of the Ozark Foothills region. The Commission serves as a guide to local units of government in accomplishing a coordinated and efficient development of the region and the promotion of its public health, safety, general welfare, and economic prosperity in accordance with the area's existing and future needs. (www.ofrpc.org)

RECYCLING GRACE WOMEN'S CENTER

Recycling Grace Women's Center provides a Christ centered environment for women to break the cycle of addiction and become productive members of society. RGWC helps women become spiritually, physically, and emotionally healthy, able to support themselves and their families and give back to their community. (rgwc.org)

UNITED GOSPEL RESCUE MISSION

The United Gospel Rescue Mission cares for the men who, through circumstances of life, have fallen through the cracks of society. Those coming out of prison, and those who due to addictions, broken family situations, job loss, life problems and wounds can still find a place of love, care and a chance for a new life. They do this through their one-year residential New Life program. The New Life Program offers hope and healing to those men caught in the throes of alcohol or drug addiction. While the program is free, all men are expected to complete daily tasks during their stay, thus training them to find employment, and become citizens that are grateful and successful. (pbrescue.com)

ANIMAL WELFARE ALLIANCE OF SOUTHEAST MISSOURI

The purpose of this Poplar Bluff-based organization is to foster a spirit of cooperation among all public and private animal care organizations and agencies in the area, to encourage and support the adoption, neutering and spaying of pets and to seek shelter for abandoned animals. (awasemo.org)

DOWNTOWN POPLAR BLUFF, INC.

The mission of Downtown Poplar Bluff, Inc. is to assist the City and property owners in the promotion of downtown Poplar Bluff as an economic, historic, and family-friendly cultural center.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL (SACRED HEART)

St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry is located on Broadway downtown and offers food and supplies to needy individuals.

WOMEN AWARE

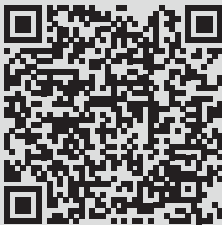
Women Aware, Inc. was founded in 1988 in Poplar Bluff, Missouri. Since its inception, Women Aware strives to empower women through the community to live a full life. They help women find inner strength and gain the confidence they need to become powerful community leaders, family members and so much more. They also host an annual Women Aware conference at the Black River Coliseum, with headline speakers and hundreds in attendance. (womenawareinc.com)

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Habitat for Humanity believes that everyone, everywhere should have a healthy, affordable place to call home. When a family helps build or improve a place they can call home, they are also building a better community, a better life for themselves. (www.habitat.org)



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● Located in the heart of Southeast Missouri, Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center encompasses two hospitals and numerous healthcare service facilities, including cancer treatment centers and physical therapy and rehabilitation facilities. Offering a range of medical services and procedures to patients in the region, Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center brings quality health care to this community with a variety of services and an experienced team of physicians and caregivers.

● Services offered at the Oak Grove campus include: cardiology, critical care medicine (ICU), dermatology, digestive care, ear, nose & throat, emergency medicine, geriatric medicine, imaging & radiology, kidney disorders/nephrology, laboratory services (pathology), men's health, orthopedic care, pediatrics, primary care, rehabilitation services, respiratory care (pulmonary medicine), rheumatology, robotic surgery,

sleep medicine, surgical services, urology, well-being services, and women's health.

Clinics at the Westwood campus include: Danny Bell Cancer Center, Inpatient Rehabilitation Center, and PARC Rehab. Learn more at pbrmc.com.

SOUTHEAST HEALTH FAMILY MEDICINE

Southeast Health Family Medicine of Poplar Bluff is a family healthcare medical practice that offers continuing and comprehensive care for you and your family. They help you manage things more easily by providing convenient on-site services including pharmacy, imaging and lab services and offer same-day appointments.

Southeast Heart & Vascular Care is the region's award-winning, most comprehensive team of top-ranked cardiologists, cardiovascular surgeons and pulmonologists. The area experts to diagnosing and treating many heart and lung conditions, including rare and complex disorders. Southeast Health's Division of Cardiovascular Diseases is one of the largest and most integrated in the Southeast Region of Missouri. Learn more at sehealth.org.

FCC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

FCC Behavioral Health is a private, non-profit, certified community behavioral health organization. Their team works closely with individuals to provide a wide range of services promoting recovery and wellness. They work with individuals of all race, creed, gender, disability, and sexual orientation and serve 19 counties in Southeast Missouri.

It can be overwhelming when you or someone you love is struggling with emotional or behavioral health issues. Their team is here to provide you and your loved ones with the tools necessary for the journey to wellness and recovery. At FCC Behavioral Health the goal is to treat the whole person with focus on their five core values: Integrity, Commitment, Compassion, Empowerment, and Excellence.

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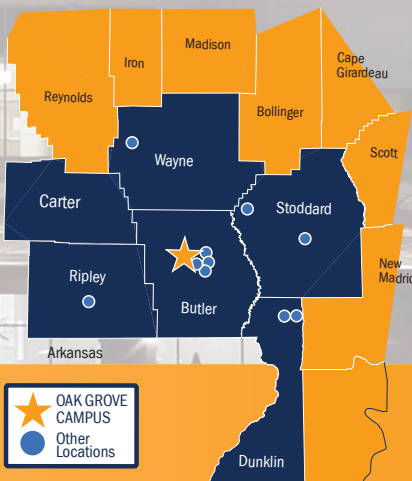


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As a Medical Partner of Saint Francis Healthcare System, Saint Francis Clinic Poplar Bluff gives patients direct access to the latest technology and breakthroughs in cardiac care, neurosciences, cancer care, obstetrics and gynecology, neonatal care, emergency and trauma care, orthopedics and more.

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The VA Poplar Bluff Health Care System is one of the leading health care systems serving Veterans in the VA Heartland Network. They're an innovative care center within the Veterans Integrated Service Network 15 (VISN 15), which includes medical centers and clinics in Missouri, Kansas, Illinois, Kentucky, Indiana, and Arkansas. They conduct research to discover knowledge, develop VA scientists and health care leaders, and create innovations that advance health care for Veterans and the nation. They offer Veterans the opportunity to participate in and benefit from their work. Their goal is to use research to promote better health and health care for all.

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EDUCATION



POPLAR BLUFF R-I
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The Poplar Bluff R-I School District is a society of professional educators, learners, and leaders of our youth who believe that graduation starts at Early Childhood. They are dedicated to and dependent on each other to build a successful learning pathway along which they can nurture, encourage, and inspire the youth in our community to grow and succeed.

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Kindergarten Center 1200 Camp Road Poplar Bluff, MO 63901 Ph: 573-785-4905	O’Neal Elementary 2300 Baugh Lane Poplar Bluff, MO 63901 Ph: 573-785-3037	Mark Twain School 1235 North Main Street Poplar Bluff, MO 63901 Ph: 573-712-2180
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Smart Space features rooms for conference, collaboration, podcasts, training, meetings, open space, private offices, break room, and kitchen.

The conference room holds a place for ten of your team members in a brightly lit, glass walled area, complete with a screen for all of your conference needs. It's easy to get down to business and stay focused in this think-tank styled space for you and your team. The collab room, on the other hand, is a bit more laid back. This is where you pitch ideas and brainstorm with your team or by yourself. The floor to ceiling projector is also a must for sharing ideas, videos, or watching the adorable Lo-Fi Girl work on her own homework. Screen mirroring has never been easier with the perfect set up that anticipates all of your needs. The nuance of the room is to be both productive and creative, with soft lighting, couches, tables, and chairs so you can sit back and let your best ideas come to you.

The podcast studio is a must for all endeavors, business or creative. Take your brand to the next step with our one-of-a-kind podcast recording studio. This sound-proof room is set up for four speakers to each have individual mics, a sound system controllable from the head speaker, and a screen so you can stay on track. The state of the art studio takes all the hassle out of producing your very own podcast. It is extremely user friendly; it's as easy as walking in, sitting down, and hitting record. Smart Space also offers video production, post production, podcast setup and distribution as well.

The training room is where you can teach your team members when it's time to launch your big idea, or present a new way to work. This open room holds thir-

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ty-two listeners, with a presentation desk and screen set up for the presenter(s). In this energy charged space, you can easily host training sessions and presentations with no inconveniences for your listeners.

The meeting room is also a need, especially post-pandemic. This room comfortably seats four people, but can hold a lot more on the big screen with the built in camera. No problem trying to set up a camera so that your business partners can see everyone, Smart Space has it taken care of for you. Work Smarter, not harder, right?

Some people work better around a busy vibe of a coffee shop or airport. That's why we have the open space. If you need a wider place where you can see others and listen to the sounds of life, the open space is your spot. And with the plethora of tables, couches, barstools, and cubicles, we know you'll find a spot to get comfortable and get to work.

Perhaps you're the opposite, though. Maybe you need a quiet place with no distractions or noise. Smart Space has private offices set up with a personal desk, chair, computer, and even some nice plants to keep you company.

When it's time for a break or a snack, Smart Space is equipped for that as well. The kitchen has everything you'll need to refuel after all that amazing work you've been doing, and the break room is a perfect spot to kick your feet up, or play a game of foosball if you want. Up to you. The call room is also a great spot for taking personal time, as it's a quiet spot for you to take phone calls or let people know what you're up to.

Smart Space members also enjoy 24/7 access, printing and faxing, free coffee, high speed wifi, and more. Take big steps with your small business. Smart Space is here to empower you to be competitive, creative, and connectable. Check them out today at www.smartspaceoffice.com



MISSOURI SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER

An additional resource available to entrepreneurs is the Missouri Small Business Development Center (SBDC).

The SBDC can help with the planning, strategizing, financial resources, and more to help aspiring businesses owners launch their business. If you're a first-time business owner, their LaunchU Startup class is a must. During this course, students will receive coaching on business planning, marketing strategy, financial planning, market research, and more.

Other guidance available through the SBDC include assistance with developing a feasibility plan via SBA-approved analysis of your business concept. Financial forecasts, business coaching, and pitch presentations are invaluable tools in helping you with your ultimate planning strategy.

In 2019, the program was honored with the Center Most Innovative Award from the University of Missouri Extension Business Development Program (BDP). In 2020, the Center was named in the BDP's top centers for business starts, counseling hours, and training sessions in addition to the Center's own Jakob Pallesen being named Training Champion.

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SUCCESS BY THE NUMBERS

\$10M+

Loans and Investments

The SBDC and BDP is a statewide network which helps businesses succeed in every stage from concept to startup, growth to renewal, maturity to succession.

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Business Startups

Supporting entrepreneurs working to start a business that will impact a community and economy is vital work. The SBDC combines local, state, and federal resources to help with businesses succeed.

1,742

Jobs Supported

Financial assistance, business counseling, and training are just a few of the ways we support jobs in our communities.

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Workshops & Webinars

Training may have changed in 2020, but the need for training did not. LaunchU continued coaching aspiring entrepreneurs through the business planning process.



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