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RICHLAND

City pound raises concern

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Several community members told the *Daily Guide* about questionable conditions and practices concerning the Richland City Pound.

The *Daily Guide* has been looking into Richland City Pound since November 2010.

During that time, the *Daily Guide* has compiled many photos, eye-witness accounts and eye-witness photos.

The *Daily Guide* will be running a series of articles exploring the conditions at the Richland pound.

To establish what official policies concerning the pound are from the city, the *Daily Guide* contacted then-City Administrator Anita Ivy and Mayor Bob Wall.

In a phone conversation with Anita Ivy on the morning of April 14, she requested that the *Daily Guide* e-mail questions to her.

The questions were e-mailed out immediately.

The questions concerning the pound, pound policies, and the dogs held there were as follows:

- Do you scan them for chips?
- Do you call when an animal has tags?
- How long are the animals kept before they are destroyed?
- How are they destroyed?
- Who does the destroying?
- When and how often are they fed?
- When and how often are cages cleaned out?
- Are cages cleaned in between inmates?
- What is the policy on what dogs are put in the pound?
- Who is responsible for making sure the pound is up to code?
- Who inspects?
- Why don't you allow the humane society to foster/adopt out the dogs that have not been claimed?
- What is your side of the story with the humane society? (The Pulaski

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MoDOT office may close

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The Missouri Department of Transportation is facing a severe decline in funding and may close three district offices, including District 9 in Willow Springs, to cope.

Tom Stehn, MoDOT district engineer with District 9 out of Willow Springs, presented the cost-cutting measures at the Way-

nesville-St. Robert Chamber of Commerce monthly luncheon Wednesday at Chopstix. The luncheon was immediately followed by a MoDOT community briefing at the Hampton Inn.

The plan, known as the Bolter Five-Year Direction, was presented to the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission by MoDOT Director Kevin Keith last week.

The proposal includes reducing the size of the department's staff by 1,200, closing 135 facilities and selling more than 740 pieces of equipment. By 2015, the proposed plan is said to save \$512 million that will be used for vital road and bridge projects.

It also includes reducing the number of its district offices, which administer

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Missouri Department of Transportation Assistant District Engineer Jeff Johnson, right, speaks with Waynesville City Administrator Bruce Harrill, middle, and Crocker Mayor Jim Morgan, left, at a MoDOT community briefing Wednesday. PHOTO BY MADELEINE LEROUX

ST. ROBERT



The Missouri State Highway Patrol Underwater Recovery Team assisted the wrecker parked on the road above the river in hooking a cable onto Cirrincione's car to pull it from the swift moving water of the Gasconade River on Wednesday. MSHP's team watched as the car they had been diligently searching for since Monday emerged from the rushing river. PHOTO BY NATALIE SANDERS

Car and body found

Deborah Lynn Cirrincione located in Gasconade River

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A solemn group of on-lookers watched as missing woman Deborah Lynn Cirrincione's body and car were recovered from the Gasconade River Wednesday. The Missouri State Highway Patrol Underwater Recovery Team had been out in the river using sonar since Monday.

The river has been slowly receding since recent flooding making Wednesday's search a bit easier than it has been as the water was down about two more feet from Monday.

MSHP detected a strong image on its sonar equipment Wednesday morning and requested additional divers to respond to the scene.

"The water finally dropped and they could get a picture," Capt. Bill Anderson of the Pulaski County Sheriff's Department said.

MSHP requires that there be a four-man team before a diver can enter the water.

The Gasconade River, near Riddle Bridge, has some swift currents and has been made more treacherous by the recent flooding.

The divers went in to investigate once their team was complete and confirmed that Cirrincione's

Jeep was in a 12-foot pocket of water upriver from Riddle Bridge, diagonally across the river from the boat ramp.

Pulaski County Coroner Mikel Harkness was on the scene to make the notification of the family.

MSHP divers recovered Cirrincione's body from the submerged Jeep and it was loaded onto a gurney and taken from the scene.

Local towing service Rothmund's Towing and Recovery was on hand to attempt to haul Cirrincione's vehicle out of the river, but was informed by MSHP officials that it would take a semi-truck wrecker to accomplish the job.

The vehicle was submerged on the side of the river where the road sits

20 plus feet above and the submerged vehicle was weighed down by water and also would have to fight the current to be pulled out.

The MSHP divers were concerned that with the swift current, the depth of the water, and the height of the hill that the car would have to be pulled up that a regular tow truck might not be able to handle the job, causing the conditions surrounding the car to change, possibly putting the divers in more danger.

It was a concern echoed by Capt. Bill Anderson of the Pulaski County Sheriff's Department.

"They only want to go in

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JEFFERSON CITY

Military family relief fund

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Legislation sponsored by Rep. David Day, R-Dixon, to extend a program that has provided financial assistance to many Missouri families has received final approval from the General Assembly.

The Missouri Military Family Fund is a state-administered fund that will assist families of members of the Missouri National Guard or Missouri residents who are members of the reserves of the Armed Forces of the United States and have been called to active duty as a result of the War on Terror. Originally signed into law in 2005, it is set to expire this year.

"I'm very grateful to my colleagues for passing this bill and I look forward to the governor signing it," Day said. "Often when members of the Guard or Reserves are called up, they face a pay cut because of leaving their primary job."

"This fund is in place to help their families with unexpected expenses and emergencies that they may face while their family member is deployed and protecting our interests as a nation. This fund needs to be extended so it will continue to provide for families that have sacrificed so much for us," he said.

Money for the fund is collected by a check-off box on the Missouri State

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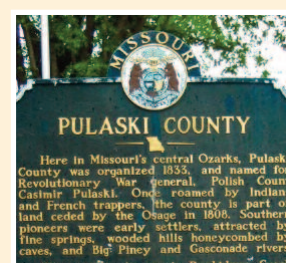
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