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OEM CHRONICLE

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WICHERN WISDOM

May is over and it is officially summer! I had the opportunity to attend a seminar in San Diego last month where we discussed safety management for special events. We discussed prevention through good planning and preparedness by event organizers and first responders. It was very insightful, informative, and fun! I encourage anyone who has a role in special events in our community to look into it and try to attend. (specialeventsafety.com)

While in San Diego, I was able to see a few sights. I saw real-life seals in their natural habitat. My face pretty much sums up the rest. I ended the month by taking a much-needed vacation with my family. I'm back, rested, and ready to reach some more goals.

Stay hydrated!

Hannah



THE FRIENDLY SMILE AT THE ECC

BART MESSER, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Many of you have not yet had the pleasure of meeting Bart unless you have been to our office. He works behind the scenes to keep our office going and brightens our day with his calm presence, sense of humor, and team-oriented mindset. Bart has been with the county for 4 years, two of them with the OEM and the previous two with facilities maintenance.

Most people don't know that Bart is a twin and a cancer survivor! Bart enjoys landscaping, cooking outdoors, shooting guns and hiking trails with his beautiful wife, Mary, (pictured below) of 25 years. If he's with Mary, he likely enjoys doing anything. He has one son, two grandchildren, and a German Shepherd. His favorite places in Columbia include all of the parks, the different trails, and local restaurants.

With the emphasis on outdoor hobbies, it may now surprise you that Bart is an eagle scout. He loves smoked meats, and anything cooked outdoors in a good ole' fashioned Dutch oven. YUM!



professional wellness

June is professional wellness month BUT even if you don't work, are retired, or currently looking for a position - your wellness matters so don't skip this! We all know that life, in general, can be unpredictable and sometimes work is just not helping. Our health has to be a top priority for us as professionals, and people. Consider challenging yourself this month to do something that supports your overall wellness. I have a few ideas below, but this is definitely not all-inclusive.

- Meditating
- Drinking more water
- Exercising
- Running/Walking
- Spending more time outdoors
- Picking up a new/forgotten hobby
- Eating healthier meals/ snacks
- Positive affirmations

summer lover

Seasonal changes require changes to each of our daily habits. With summer upon us, we know what we have to do for ourselves to make sure that we are healthy and safe. We also need to take those special considerations for our pets, particularly those that may go outdoors frequently or live outdoors.

Keeping your pet hydrated is essential during the summer months. Pets will naturally consume more water because of the heat. If you take your pets on road trips with you, never leave them in the car without water and the AC running. Hot pavement can also injure paws easily.

If your pet lives outdoors make sure that they have a shelter where they can see shade from the hot sun.

Know the signs that your pet may be getting overheated, such as heavy and loud panting and lack of energy. In worse cases, convulsions and collapse can occur.



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JUNE

- 2nd: Preparedness Presentation, 8 - 9:30am, Small Bus. Roundtable Columbia Chamber of Commerce
- 7th: Outdoor Warning Siren Test, 12pm
- 8th: Monthly CERT Meeting, 6:30 - 8:30pm, ECC
- 9th: Boone County Ready Information Table, 4 - 8pm, Columbia Mall
- 11th: Soap Box Derby, 8:30am - 4:30pm, 7th & Broadway
- 14th: Region F 2nd Quarterly EMD Meeting, 10am - 12pm, Camden County
- 14th: Optimist Club Presentation, 12pm - 1pm
- 17th: Juneteenth, Douglas Park, 10am - 4pm
- 19th: Juneteenth, Office Closed
- 21st: Family Fun Fest, 6 - 8pm, Cosmo Park
- 24th: Family Fun Day, 10am - 2pm, Dana Inc.
- 27th: Region F MOSWIN Radio Test, 9am

JULY

- 4th: Holiday, Office Closed
- 5th: Outdoor Warning Siren Test, 12pm
- 13th: Monthly CERT Meeting, 6:30 - 8:30pm, ECC
- 14th: Boone County Ready Information Table, 4 - 8pm, Columbia Mall
- 16th: Orr St. Farm & Art Market, 9am - 1pm
- 19th: Family Fun Fest, 6 - 8pm, Cosmo Park
- 18th - 22nd: Boone County Fair, Fairgrounds
- 25th: Region F MOSWIN Radio Test, 9am

[VIEW ALL EVENTS](#)



The Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services said Tuesday that it has partnered with Powerhouse Community Development Corporation, Columbia Public Schools and Columbia Parks and Recreation to host eight summer lunch program sites. The eight sites will serve as an extension to the school's free and reduced-price lunch program over the summer.

LEARN CPR - GET THE APP - SAVE A LIFE

- 1 SCA victim in need
- 2 911 system sends PulsePoint alert
- 3 Signal received by nearby PulsePoint users
- 4 Users rush to help victim before professional help arrives

PulsePoint

Find out in advance where you can take your pets if you need to evacuate.

#BeInformed Ready

RESOURCE CORNER

Our community participates in PulsePoint which has a dual purpose. First, it notifies CPR certified users when there are nearby cardiac related incidents so that they can have the knowledge if they want to respond and assist that person until first responders can get there. Second, it allows for the public to input locations of AEDs so that also during a cardiac event that may require one, someone can know that this life-saving equipment is nearby. Download PulsePoint AED or PulsePoint Respond today.

[LEARN MORE](#)

DO 1 THING

- Identify your household's unique needs.
- Make a plan to ensure your pets will be taken care of during and after a disaster.
- Create an evacuation plan that works for each member of your household.
- Determine who your pets can stay with in the event you need to evacuate your home or stay in a community shelter for a few days.
- Determine pet-friendly hotels near you.
- Make sure you have a current copy of your pets records in your emergency kit, update as needed.

[DO 1 THING WEBSITE](#)

BOONE COUNTY READY

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Boone County Office of Emergency Management

The mission of the Boone County Ready campaign is to enhance community preparedness, foster collaboration and build resilience by engaging our citizens in actively preparing for emergencies and disasters. The Boone County Office of Emergency Management wanted to provide the community with an opportunity to have a one-stop shop for becoming prepared.

Here's how you can make sure your pets are #BooneCountyReady as well!

1. BE INFORMED

Update your Boone County Ready, powered by Smart911, profile to include any pets.

2. MAKE A PLAN

Determine what you would do with your pets if you needed to shelter in place or evacuate your home.

3. BUILD A KIT

Make sure you have a kit ready for your pet(s) that includes a picture of you together and current vet records.

4. GET INVOLVED

Discuss your plans for your pet(s) with your household, family, or neighbors.

WHAT DO YOU NEED?

We have hard copies of preparedness materials available for you! Let us know what materials you need to accomplish your preparedness goals. For digital copies and information visit the Boone County Ready website.

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[READY.BOONEMO.ORG](https://www.ready.boonemo.org)

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO

So... it's June.

I feel like each month when I am writing this section, I wonder to myself how the month went by so quickly. Too much fun, I guess!

Here's a very brief look into the everyday life of the OEM team and a few things we were working on throughout May.

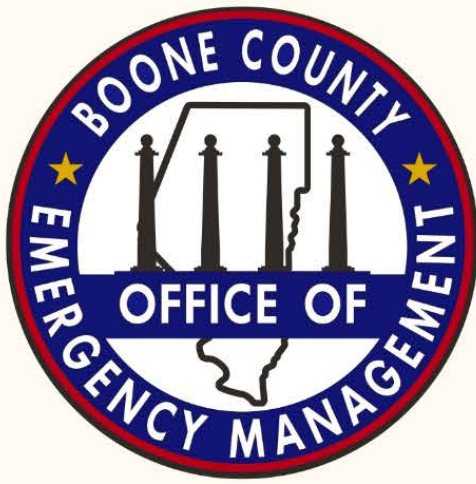
Paige ended her employment with our office, we wish her the best in her future endeavors.

Hannah's month of May was jam-packed with activities! She continued to work towards closing DR 4490 (COVID-19) and DR 4612 (2021 Flooding) and planning for the Boone County Ready Festival. She educated the 4th grade students at both Mill Creek and Shepard Blvd elementary schools on Youth Preparedness, discussed personal preparedness with the Downtown Optimist Club and the Columbia Lions Club, and wrapped up the month with a presentation to the residents at the Lenoir Woods community. We attended the first Family Fun Fest at Cosmo Park as well as the MU College of Veterinary Medicine Open House and was super excited to see such a great turnout to both! She attended a Social Media in Government conference virtually and hopes to attend in person next year. She also attended a Special Events Safety Management Seminar in San Diego where she was able to learn prevention, preparedness and planning concepts for a large variety of special events. She attended the monthly Region F THIRA meeting and the City of Columbia's Special Events Committee meeting.

Bart worked on administrative tasks to keep our office well-oiled and running. He answers all of the phone calls to the ECC, updates EOC computers, checks the OEM vehicles biweekly, pays the bills, and visits siren sites to see if they need any landscaping maintenance.

Matt finished the second half of the Master Exercise Practitioner Course and began planning the capstone exercise. Our partners and I were also able to get a great deal of work done on 3 After Action Reviews for recent exercises including the LEPC, Active Assailant, and PIO exercises. Also, this month I started the course learning about the Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP), as our office is working towards accreditation. The rollout of Bridge4PS is ongoing, and our office is slowly adding and orienting users. Finally CERT was quite active this month, being requested for two upcoming community events, training in traffic and crowd management, and preparing for an exercise next month. As they say, time flies, and it sure has felt that way this month. I look forward to June and all of the activity it will bring. Stay cool out there as things warm up, and we'll all catch you next month.





WE'RE HERE FOR YOU

WE WANT TO COVER TOPICS THAT MATTER TO YOU!

The OEM Chronicle is a compilation of relevant seasonal information to help those who live, work, and play in Boone County become better prepared for emergencies.

What are you interested in learning more about? Do you have any topic ideas?

Don't live in Boone County? No worries!

Many of the resources that we have, and all four preparedness steps, can be utilized in surrounding counties. If you would like information about your local emergency management agency, let us know and we can get you in touch with them.

Contact us today!

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