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Mission



History

Missouri is blessed with a rich diversity of habitats – prairies, streams, forests, wetlands, glades, and caves. These habitats support a plethora of wildlife within our state, bringing joy to so many people in so many ways. When the world around us became uncertain because of the global COVID-19 pandemic, nature beckons. It calms. It heals. Many are rediscovering the power of being outdoors when nothing else in our world made sense. Whether kayaking the Current River, hiking the Ozark Trail or duck hunting in northwest Missouri, the opportunities to experience and enjoy the outdoors are endless. We hope that you, your family, and colleagues are staying healthy and enjoying the outdoors no matter what activity.

The Missouri Conservation Heritage Foundation (MCHF) is passionate about preserving, conserving, and enhancing our state's natural resources. MCHF is dedicated to finding ways to get people outdoors so they can learn to appreciate our fish, forest and wildlife. We need your help to keep the outdoor activities we love a part of our heritage so future generations can experience the same beauty. Our natural resources are what makes Missouri so great, especially with your generosity. Thank you for your continued support of our state's best-in-the-nation conservation heritage.

To advance conservation and appreciation of Missouri's natural resources, including fish, forest and wildlife, by working with donors and other conservation partners to financially support the mission and priorities of the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) at the statewide, national and international level.

Founded in 1997, the MCHF is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. One of MCHF's first projects was to raise \$3.6 million in matching funds to construct the Anita B. Gorman Conservation Discovery Center. Since that time, MCHF has provided over \$24 million for conservation projects large and small throughout the state. MCHF is governed by a volunteer board of directors comprised of conservation, community, and business leaders.

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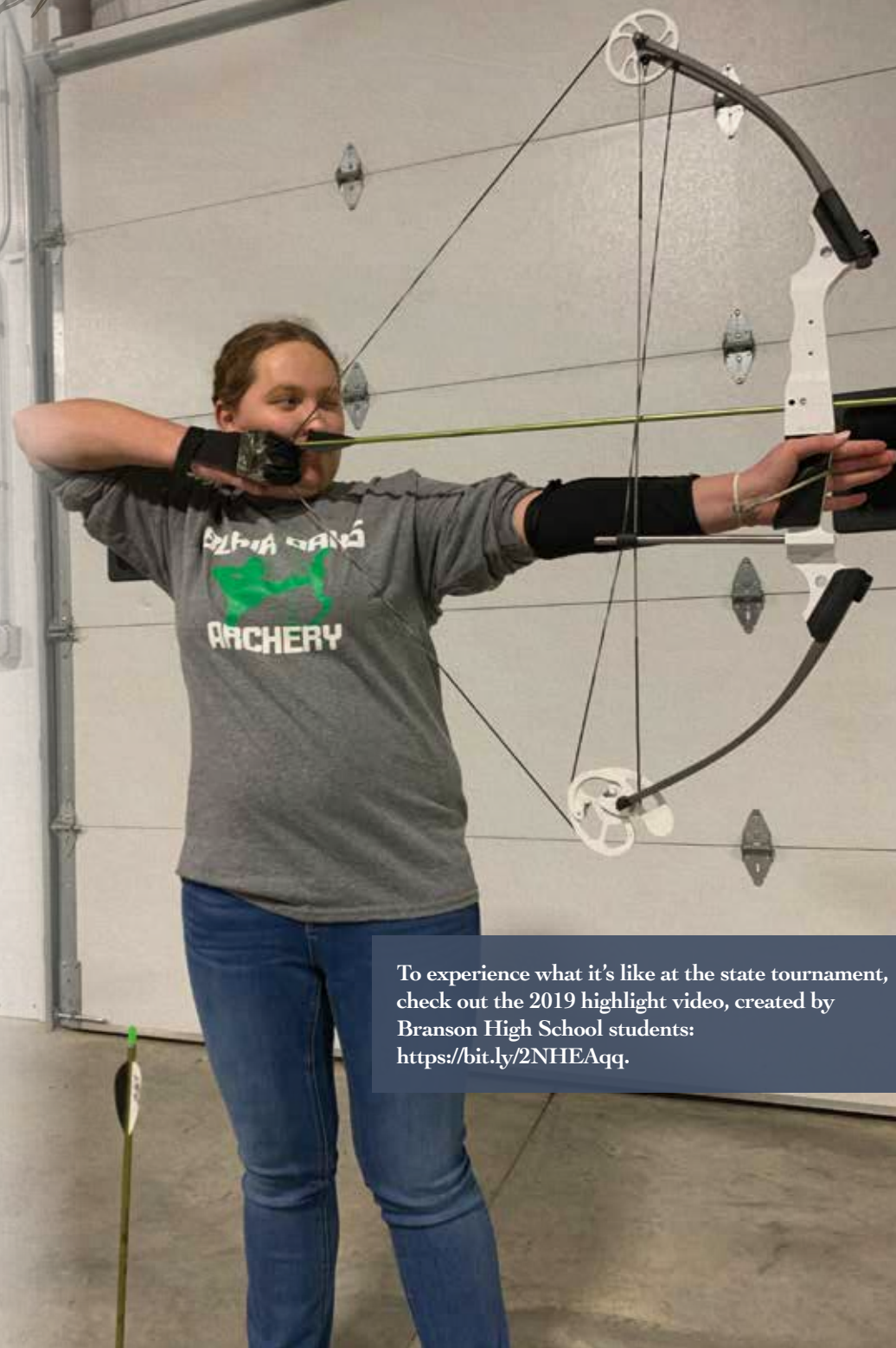
What Archery Means to Me

By Lexi Buechter
Senior, Blair Oaks High School

I like archery because it's more of a mental sport than a physical one. It's a challenge to keep myself focused on doing the exact same thing every single time I draw my bow. It's fun too. I must admit, after my first tournament I wasn't all that thrilled about archery. Luckily for me, my parents and my coaches convinced me to keep at it. Now I've won seven medals; lettered twice; and competed at state, nationals, and worlds. And I've made some great friends along the way. I like to think of myself as having two different friend groups: the ones I spend time with at school, and the ones I shoot with. I love both groups but it's refreshing to be part of an activity with completely different people than who I'm normally around.

I've learned a couple new skills from archery as well. I've improved my focus and learned to be more independent. It takes an incredible amount of focus and effort to repeat the exact same motion every single time you shoot, and I feel like this skill has helped me when it comes to my school work and my other sport, color guard. I've also learned to be more independent while being part of a team. No one else can shoot for you, and the work you put in is what you get out. Your score is yours, and it won't count for the team unless you make the top twelve. My goal is always to have a score that counts for my team.

Lexi participates in the Missouri National Archery in the Schools Program (MoNASP). Since 2008, MoNASP has been adopted by more than 700 participating schools and has affected over 200,000 Missouri students. MCHF is a long-term supporter of MoNASP and partners with the Missouri Department of Conservation to oversee the annual MoNASP State Tournament. The tournament has grown to be the second largest state tournament in the nation. Unfortunately, the state tournament was cancelled in 2020 because of COVID-19, but in 2019, more than 3,500 competitors and 14,500 spectators attended. More than 145 volunteers helped make it run smoothly.



To experience what it's like at the state tournament, check out the 2019 highlight video, created by Branson High School students: <https://bit.ly/2NHEAqq>.

Attracting new schools to archery

The Missouri National Archery in the Schools Program (MoNASP) is a school-based archery sports program where students learn the skill of archery. Missouri has over 700 schools that offer MoNASP as part of their schools' curriculum to approximately 200,000 students in grades 4-12. MoNASP, an affiliate of the National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP), promotes education, self-esteem, and physical activity for students.

Nearly every student – regardless of age, size, or physical ability – can succeed at archery. It is a vital team building experience with skills and friendships that last a lifetime. Many of the students participate in the hunting seasons to continue their archery skills.

Because of generous donors and an active archery community, MCHF is a long-term supporter of MoNASP in the form of scholarships, grants, and event assistance. MCHF helped 10 new schools become involved in archery by helping them pay for archery equipment to start the program.

"The students involved in the Rolla Middle School archery program were eager to begin and proved to be aspiring archers," says Rachel Kissinger, Rolla Junior High and High School English teacher and Middle School archery coach. "Receiving the grant enabled us to convince administration to let us bring archery to the Rolla students."

MCHF believes every student has an opportunity in archery and our support is one of the ways we invest in the lives of those who will carry on conservation's future.



Archery



Celebrating Conservation's Champions

Honorees include retired Major League Baseball first baseman Adam LaRoche, former Missouri Department of Conservation Commissioner Howard Wood, retired Bass Pro Shops' Conservation Director Martin MacDonald, and regional farm and ranch supply store Orscheln Farm & Home.

During its fourth annual National Lewis & Clark Conservation Awards Celebration Thursday, October 3, 2019, MCHF recognized individuals and organizations that lead the charge for the appreciation and conservation of our natural resources in Missouri and beyond.

The celebration, with more than 175 people in attendance, took place at the Bass Pro Shops in Columbia, Mo. Guests enjoyed refreshments and cuisine inspired by the Lewis & Clark Expedition, and participated in activities from the early 1800s, including tomahawk throwing and Dutch oven cooking.

Retired Major League Baseball first baseman **Adam LaRoche** was honored with the Corps of Discovery National Conservation Award. It is the top award given by MCHF for leadership in conservation at the national level. This award is given to an individual based upon exemplary service, inspiration, and

commitment to benefit the conservation cause. LaRoche is a co-star of the Outdoor Channel's Buck Commander and owner of E3 Ranch, E3 Meat Co. and E3 Chophouse. He's an avid outdoorsman who allows the Buck Commander audience to see and feel his passion for bow hunting whitetail deer. The fifth generation E3 Ranch is managed with conservation and sustainable practices.

Former Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) Commissioner **Howard Wood** was hand selected by Missouri Governor Mike Parson to receive the Governor's State of Missouri Conservation Award. This award goes to an individual who reflects the spirit of conservation, shows outstanding leadership, and has positively contributed to conservation principles and programs in Missouri. Wood, co-founder of Cequel III, an investment and management firm, and past president of the Conservation Federation of Missouri, has spent his life supporting conservation and protecting the outdoors in Missouri. His commitment to conservation is reflected through his business practices, public service, philanthropy, and advocacy.

Retired Bass Pro Shops Conservation Director **Martin MacDonald** was honored with the Pat Jones/York Spirit of the Wilderness Award. This award embodies the exploratory spirit of entrepreneurs and honors an individual who has dedicated their life to the promotion, protection and service of wilderness and natural resources throughout Missouri. The award is in honor of York, a pivotal contributor to the success of the

Lewis & Clark Expedition and in honor of Pat Jones, spouse of Edward "Ted" Jones Jr., for the dynamic role she has played in conservation in Missouri. Jones was the first recipient of the award in 2016 and her name was added to it in 2017. MacDonald has spent his life connecting new audiences with nature and advocating for the importance of wildlife conservation. He served as a public ambassador for Bass Pro Shops and its noted conservationist and founder Johnny Morris. MacDonald played a key role in developing Bass Pro's three conservation pillars: protecting wildlife and habitat, introducing new audiences to the outdoors, and advocating for sportsmen's rights.

Farm and ranch supply store **Orscheln Farm & Home** was presented with the Sacagawea Community and Partnership Conservation Award. This award goes to an organization focused on exceptional community and partnership building resulting in progressive changes in conservation programs. Orscheln Farm & Home, headquartered in Moberly, Mo., provides communities with the highest level of service and supplies families with products they need to live, enjoy and thrive in the outdoor, farm and rural lifestyle. Barry Orscheln, CEO of Orscheln Industries and one of four MDC Commissioners, accepted the award on behalf of Orscheln Farm & Home.

In addition to the Lewis & Clark Conservation Awards, MCHF and MDC presented the Partner Awards to those organizations that have partnered with MDC to support Missouri conservation.

The Conservation Impact Award was presented to The **Edward K. Love Conservation Foundation** for demonstrating a commitment and ongoing positive impact to the health of Missouri's land, water and forests, and the sustainability of all fish and wildlife.

The Conservation Intersection Award was presented to **AmeriCorps St. Louis** for best demonstrating a commitment to providing that critical conservation intersection where Missourians have places to go to enjoy nature and understand the value of nature in their lives.

The Conservation Innovation Award was presented to **Timmons Group, Inc.** for best demonstrating a commitment to innovation, including improving the "business of conservation" through support of customer service, continuous improvement and/or employee development initiatives.

Missouri's chambers of commerce were also honored with a Partnership Award for supporting conservation projects that drive economic development throughout the state and for encouraging urban dwellers to become more active outdoors by visiting nature centers and conservations areas.

This celebration was made possible by the generosity of the following supporters: Orscheln Farm & Home, Bee Creek Outdoor Adventures, Edward Jones, Wilkerson & Reynolds Wealth Management, Bass Pro Shops, Wrangler (Kontoor Brands), Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, Sutong Tire Resources, Giofre Apiaries, Meramec Bison Farm, David Reynolds, Carl Oughton, Wade and Angel Monckton, Hackman's Produce, Doolittle Trailer Manufacturing, Pinckney Bend Distillery, Piney River Brewing Company and St. James Winery.



Adam LaRoche (on right)
Retired Major League
Baseball first baseman
**Corps of Discovery National
Conservation Award**



Howard Wood (on left)
Former MDC Commissioner
**Governor's State of Missouri
Conservation Award**



Martin MacDonald (on left)
Retired Bass Pro Shops
Conservation Director
**Pat Jones/York Spirit of the
Wilderness Conservation Award**



**Orscheln Farm & Home
(Barry on right)**
Barry Orscheln, CEO of Orscheln
Industries and one of four MDC
Commissioners, accepted award
**Sacagawea Community and
Partnership Conservation
Award**

by the numbers



\$.85 of every dollar donated goes toward programs



2,741 **TOTAL GIFTS**
in 2020
fiscal year



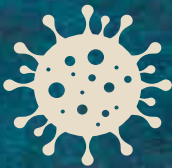
54 **INDIVIDUAL**
Donors

who supported Nature Centers and Conservation Areas across the state



1,125 **NEW**
Donors

COVID-19 IMPACT



**2 MAJOR FUNDRAISING
EVENTS CANCELLED.**

- MoNASP State Tournament
- National Lewis & Clark Conservation Awards Celebration

16 MOTUS Wildlife

**TRACKING
RECEIVERS
ACTIVE IN
MISSOURI**

Technology used to detect migratory birds to help researchers target high-use areas where conservation dollars and habitat management can be of greatest benefit.



11 BIRD Prints

**FROM GUIDE TO
THE BIRDS OF
HONDURAS SOLD**
Honors Brad Jacobs and supports migratory bird projects, more available for purchase.





3,613

Raffle Tickets SOLD for
Lewis & Clark Raffle

2,608

Conservation Heritage
License Plates Sold

Ranked 4th most popular specialty
license plate in the state

projects, grants & scholarships

\$1,153,029

supported multiple projects in 2020

Missouri Endangered Species Supported

~ **Monarch Butterfly** – National Fish
and Wildlife Foundation grants
restoring milkweed habitat

~ **Indiana Bats** – Chariton Hills
Conservation Bank

~ **Hellbender** – Research and support

~ **Niangua Darter** – Stream
Stewardship Trust Fund uses
mitigation funds to improve

Missouri's precious stream resources

~ **Great Prairie Chicken** – Supporting
Missouri Prairie Foundation and
restoration of prairie habitat



- Nature Centers
- Conservation Areas
- Hatcheries
- Boone County Nature School
- Nature Camps
- Amphibian and reptile conservation
- Outdoor communicators
- Conservation history
- MOTUS Wildlife Tracking Receivers to track migratory birds
- Prairie plantings and restoration
- Environthons
- Youth and women hunting and fishing events
- Veteran hunting and fishing events
- Stream Team
- Root docking workshop at Missouri Botanical Gardens
- Tree and brush removal by Missouri Prairie Foundation at Snowball Hill Prairie
- Missouri National Archery in the Schools Program (MoNASP) grants and scholarships
- Springfield Public Schools – Outdoor Awareness & Explore Summer School Program
- Paddle MO – Missouri River trip to raise awareness of big river issues
- Stream Stewardship Trust Fund projects – using mitigation funds to improve Missouri's precious stream resources
- Missourians for Monarchs projects – expanding and creating habitats for monarch butterflies and other pollinators throughout rural, urban and suburban landscapes across the state, and disseminating training materials to landowners
- Green City Coalition projects – repurposing vacant lots for community and wildlife, specifically creating intentional open space with trees, planting native grasses and forbs to increase stormwater absorption, improving aesthetics and environmental quality and providing opportunities for residents to connect with nature close to home

Conservation Service Lines

MCHF is devoted to funding and raising funds for the following focus areas.

- Youth/Disabled Youth Hunting, Fishing, Archery and Outdoor Skills Programs
- Clean Water
- Migratory Birds
- Nature Camps
- Pollinators / Monarchs
- Veterans/Disabled Veterans Hunting & Fishing Programs
- Land Banks for Endangered Species/Species of Concern

Remnant Prairie Receives a Clean Up

Up until the time of Missouri statehood in 1821, 15 million acres of prairie covered Missouri – one-third of the state! Today, fewer than 60,000 scattered acres of original, unplowed prairie remain.

Snowball Hill Prairie is one of only a handful of remaining unplowed prairies in the entire Kansas City area. On its 23 acres, it hosts many prairie-dependent plant species, including ground plum, downy gentian, hairy parsley, bunchflower, rattlesnake master, white and purple prairie clover, Michigan lily, Mead's milkweed, and prairie violet. With more than 120 native species, it is a rich and rare resource with well-documented plants and animals.

The Missouri Prairie Foundation (MPF) has done much to restore prairies to the lands surrounding Snowball Hill, including purchasing seed and removing trees, brush, and invasive herbaceous species. Public can access all MPF prairies and Snowball Hill Prairie serves the area for outdoor recreation and educational activities.

MCHF gave MPF a grant to continue their work at Snowball Hill Prairie to remove dying and unwanted trees

and brush, which removes safety issues and allows for easier treatment of invasive plants like Japanese honeysuckle and sericea lespedeza.

Upon removal of the trees and brush, sunlight is now able to reach young forbs and native herbaceous plants can now be established in this area.



Teaching Removal of Invasive Plants Benefits Community

Bush honeysuckle is invasive. It outcompetes other plants by leafing out early in spring and retaining its leaves late into the fall. It reduces biodiversity wherever it spreads.

MCHF provided a grant to the Deer Creek Watershed Alliance, which is a project of Missouri Botanical Garden, to train professionals and landowners in the root docking approach to bush honeysuckle removal. The Alliance works to remove and replace bush honeysuckle along Deer Creek and its tributaries. Chemical application to invasive plants can sometimes unintentionally impact water quality, so this method is a good alternative to controlling the invasive plant.

The Root Docking Workshop was attended by 45 people. They learned how to clear invasive bush honeysuckle

on approximately ½ acre in the Shady Creek Nature Sanctuary in Webster Groves, Mo., where it also serves as a demonstration site. The Root Docking technique involves cutting the roots away from the root collar and removing the root collar, trunk, and branches of the honeysuckle plant, while leaving the roots in place. Because re-sprouting typically occurs at the root collar, there is little danger of re-sprouting, no chemicals are needed, and there are no stumps to trip over.

Participants could take equipment with them to continue the work on their own properties. The knowledge and tools provided will give them a leg up on a sustainable approach to controlling this invasive plant within their own institutions or their own lands.



Raising Outdoor Awareness

With a student enrollment of nearly 25,000, Springfield Public Schools (SPS) is the largest accredited school district in Missouri. Nearly 6,000 middle school students arrive at the district's nine middle schools each day. Many of the students are inner-city youth with little opportunity to experience the outdoors. Fortunately, each SPS middle school has a class that introduces youth to the outdoors called Outdoor Awareness (OA).

Designed to meet the mission and objectives of both SPS and the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC), the OA program was developed as a sustainable outdoor awareness program, which annually reaches 2,930 students every day of school, all school year long. In addition to OA, SPS offers outdoor education during the Explore SPS Summer School program, which reaches an additional 600 youth for 44 days each summer.

MCHF has provided funding to support the OA activities, which introduce students to bird watching, outdoor cooking, camping, hiking, archery, fishing, and hunting. The grant MCHF provided helped purchase items that will be used repeatedly over several years, such as backpacks, tents, sleeping bags, and outdoor cooking supplies, including fire pits and Dutch ovens.

Carver Middle School and Pershing Middle School utilized a portion of the equipment purchased by hiking to Springfield Lake. Students learned how to organize and prepare a backpack for an outing. They learned about a non-consumptive outdoor activity, how to be prepared, and how to feel comfortable outdoors in nature with others. Most importantly, they were introduced to a natural resource close to home that they can enjoy with their friends and family, thereby promoting a lifelong activity that promotes a healthy lifestyle.



Helping Rural Communities & Endangered Fish

Since it began administering the Stream Stewardship Trust Fund (SSTF) in 1999, MCHF has dispersed more than \$6.1 million for priority stream protection efforts while working with the Missouri Department of Conservation and other stream partners statewide. It has funded more than 100 projects, with 10 more in progress. Stream protection efforts have benefited the Niangua darter, found in Missouri and nowhere else in the world, and countless other aquatic wildlife and riparian habitats.

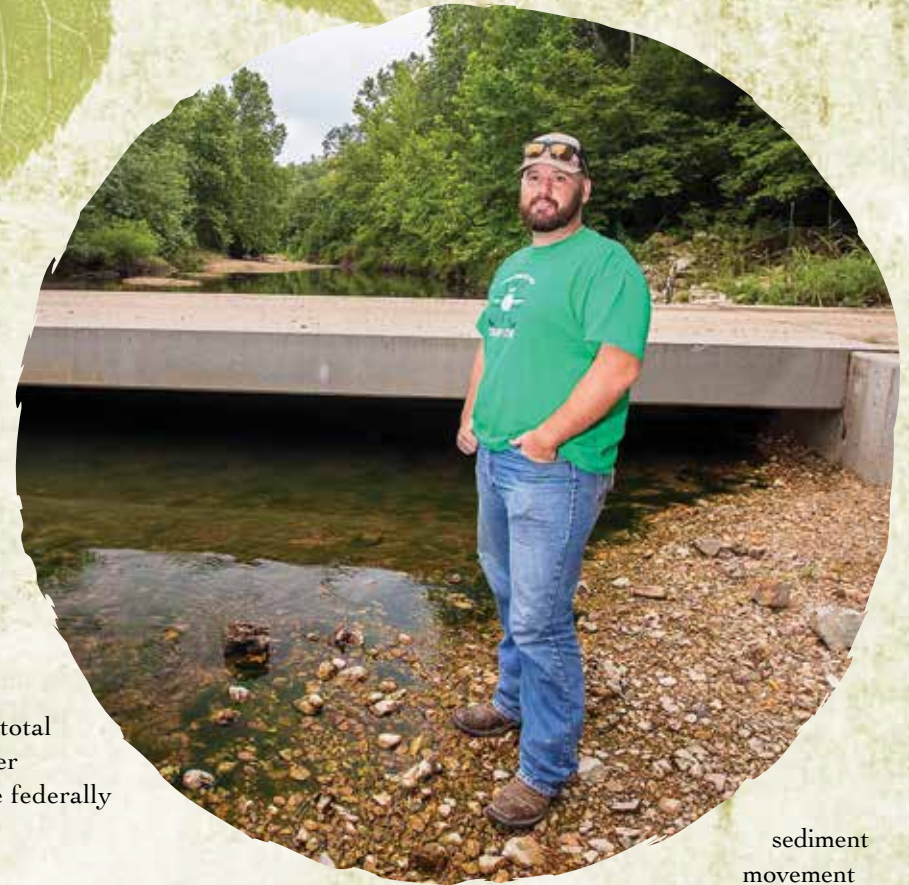
The SSTF is a voluntary in-lieu fee mitigation program. When developers purchase mitigation credits from the SSTF, that money can provide funding for stream stewardship projects. SSTF protects some of Missouri's finest small and mid-size streams in a state where people value their rivers.

One recently completed project is a bridge crossing Tavern Creek and serving traffic on Clark School Road in Miller County. This project was selected because Big Tavern Creek watershed

is considered a priority by MDC because it contains a total of 47 miles of Niangua darter range, of which 34 miles are federally designated critical habitat.

The federally threatened, state endangered Niangua darter occurs only in Missouri in northern-flowing tributaries of the Osage River. Dams and reservoirs affect the darter's habitat, and outdated bridges and low-water crossings cause stream changes and block fish passage. This hurts the darter's genetic diversity and its ability to repopulate suitable riffles and pools. Those outdated crossings can also pose problems for people when flooding blocks vehicle traffic, causing detours and delays for residents, school buses, emergency responders, and farm equipment.

The new bridge span has a wide opening beneath the deck where the water flows, unlike the prior bridge with a narrow and blockage-prone box culvert. This allows a more natural water flow and



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typical of an

Ozark stream. Niangua darters and other aquatic life can move upstream or down. Water still overflows the bridge when flooding follows heavy rains, but the new design allows the water to flow more naturally. Biologists found increases in Niangua darter population densities and movement upstream into new pools after some of the old crossings on Little Tavern Creek and Tavern Creek were replaced. Besides numbers, fish movement in streams enhances genetic diversity, which make the fish population more resilient, benefiting all aquatic species.

Migratory Bird Tracking Underway

MOTUS Wildlife Tracking System technology is a powerful new research tool used to detect migratory birds that migrate through, breed in, or overwinter in Missouri. MOTUS tracking projects help pinpoint areas and pathways that Missouri's migratory birds use during migration, and help researchers target high-use areas where conservation dollars and management can be of greatest benefit.

Missouri currently has 16 active MOTUS receivers: eight in a southern line, one in Jefferson City, and seven in a northern line. There are plans for up to 12 more to be placed in the coming year on partner property and private land.

"Missouri is a prime location for bird migration within the Mississippi Flyway, says Sarah Kendrick, state ornithologist with MDC. "Expanding the MOTUS Wildlife Tracking network across the state and Midwest region will assist our own researchers

interested in tracking our smallest animals over great distances, as well as researchers north and south of us. This is a burgeoning field of study and MOTUS is growing at a rapid pace across the country. What we can learn from MOTUS is only as strong as we invest in it, to broaden the network. I appreciate the support of many Missourians who have supported the project and to MCHF for helping us grow this revolutionary, hemispheric tracking system!"

Researchers received about 10 fall-migration detections on the active receivers, and they still must visit and download data from two more receivers. Detections at various receivers include a Mourning Warbler, three Swainson's Thrushes, and two Gray Catbirds as part of other tracking studies north and south of Missouri.

Researchers are waiting to see if an MDC-led Competitive State Wildlife Grant will be awarded that would place 59 new MOTUS stations (48 in the Midwest and 11 in Mexico, Costa Rica, and Colombia).

MOTUS continues to grow and evolve at a rapid pace. In just two years since Kendrick started educating Missourians about MOTUS, hundreds more stations have been placed and are online. A new coalition of conservation partners in the Chihuahuan Desert migratory corridor are working together to place many more stations in coming years in a part of the country where MOTUS network growth is needed. MCHF, along with the partnership of donors who understand the importance of this research, will continue to support, and applaud the MOTUS progress.



DONOR SPOTLIGHT

BRUCE & JAN *Sassman*



Bruce and Jan Sassmann are members of the Distinguished Conservation Legacy Society, recognizing planned gifts that have been made to MCHF through a bequest, gift annuity or trust.

At Bruce and Jan Sassmann's Prairie Star Restoration Farm, time seems to slow down as nature takes over. Birds, wildlife, and native plants flourish. Replicas of Henry David Thoreau's cabin and Aldo Leopold's Sand County shack offer guests a unique experience to connect with the outdoors. A special campsite was created to honor John Muir. Throughout the farm, visitors can feel the influence from these three conservationists who helped develop modern conservation theory and practice.

During the 44 years they have been together, the Sassmann's have enriched their passion for the history of conservation by making it come alive. Jan is an art teacher with three decades of teaching art in public schools. While Bruce's passion is in the sciences, the family funeral business dictated his profession.

Tirelessly promoting nature, they want to share their restoration work, ensuring that future generations benefit. They hope to inspire others to learn more about the natural world and take an interest in its ethical management and use. They have taken steps to ensure this happens by including the Missouri Conservation Heritage Foundation (MCHF) in their estate.

"We don't have any children of our own and we want to leave a legacy," Jan says. "We are better off when we share the property and create a spark in someone new."

Restoring their 125-acre farm began in 2007 with the help of Bruce's late brother, David. They wanted to improve their land for better hunting and fishing. In turn, the wildlife benefit. Their restoration efforts include reviving native

tallgrass prairie habitat, timber stand improvement projects and overhauling a five-acre lake for fish habitat.

Preserving and Protecting

MCHF has enriched the quality of life for people like the Sassmann's since 1997 as the nonprofit support organization for the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC). As a result, many friends and donors want to help expand MCHF's distinction by providing additional financial support. One of the most effective ways to do this is through planned giving – the process of leaving a legacy gift in your estate or through a life-income gift.



Bequest Through Will or Trust

Drawing up a will can be the first step toward a wise financial plan for you and your family, as well as supporting MCHF or other organizations. A valid will allows you – not your state's laws – to determine distribution of your assets upon your death.

Whether providing for your spouse, children or charitable organization, your will should be prepared with the help of an attorney and reviewed regularly. MCHF receives bequests of all sizes. People who choose to include MCHF in their estate plans automatically become members of the MCHF Distinguished Conservation Legacy Society and are invited as guests to the National Lewis and Clark Conservation Awards celebration.



Let us know

The options for making a planned gift are almost endless. Gift vehicles to consider are charitable remainder trusts, charitable gift annuities, life insurance, personal property such as land, automobiles or boats, retirement plan assets or stocks. A planned gift can be the most significant contribution a person makes in a lifetime.

This is the ultimate opportunity to create a conservation legacy with MCHF. To discuss making a planned gift, contact Kevin Roper at 901-412-3818, kevin.ropers@mdc.mo.gov or send a letter to P.O. Box 366, Jefferson City, MO 65102.

How to give back

- **Our website** – mochf.org/donate-online.

- **Conservation Heritage License Plates** – Show how wild you are about conservation with a \$25 donation.



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- **Missouri State Employee Charitable Campaign** – <https://msecc.mo.gov/>. Make a monthly donation through payroll deduction using MCHF Charity Code 8447.

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Donor Levels

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Diamond Bluebird Circle	\$1,000-\$4,999
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President's Distinguished Conservation Society	\$10,000-\$100,000
Chairman's Distinguished Conservation Society	more than \$100,000
MCHF Distinguished Conservation Legacy Society	Planned gifts

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Gifts may be designated to the fund of your choice:

- Wherever most needed as determined by MCHF
- Anita B. Gorman Conservation Discovery Center
- Burr Oak Woods Conservation Nature Center
- Cape Girardeau Conservation Nature Center
- Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center
- Runge Conservation Nature Center
- Springfield Conservation Nature Center
- Shepherd of the Hills Fish Hatchery
- Bennett Springs Hatchery
- Shooting ranges
- Discover Nature Girls Camps
- Youth fishing activities
- Youth hunting programs
- Veterans hunting and fishing programs
- Stream Teams
- Monarch conservation efforts
- MOTUS Wildlife Tracking System
- Migratory bird habitat conservation programs
- Butterflies of Honduras

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