



**Sandy Trosper, outreach coordinator for Northwest Health Services, Inc., right** - Instructs kindergartners Kristina Welch (left), Griffin Kemerling (center) and Chloe Jordan (second from right) on correct brushing techniques as part of a dental screening at Craig R-3 on Wednesday, Oct. 16.



**Craig R-3 kindergartner Aaron Hinrichs, left** - Opens wide for dentist Samantha Hindupur on Wednesday, Oct. 16.

## Brush, floss and open wide, please

“Who’s going to be first?” asked Sandy Trosper, outreach coordinator for Northwest Health Services.

“He’s the line leader,” kindergartner Chloe Jordan said, pointing at fellow classmate Aaron Hinrichs.

With his head down, Hinrichs climbed into the chair opposite dentist Samantha Hindupur.

“Ok,” he said. After a gentle examination, Hindupur pronounced Hinrichs’ teeth to be in good shape. With a grin that flashed his (now decreed healthy) pearly whites, Hinrichs hopped out of the chair.

As part of an outreach program, Hindupur and Trosper, as well as Vickie Christensen and Brandee Davidson, joined forces with Holt County nurse Susan Lentz to provide free dental screenings to the students at Craig, MO, R-3 on Wednesday, Oct. 16. The screenings checked for decay, cavities and any urgent dental needs. When necessary, Christensen and Davidson also brushed a fluoride varnish on students’ teeth. The varnish, which is only available through a dentist, helps prevent tooth decay. According to Hindupur, it’s mainly used on patients un-

der the age of 18; by adulthood, teeth have calcified, so the varnish isn’t as helpful.

Although the other kindergartners in Hinrichs’ group received the varnish treatment, the general consensus between the students was voiced by Chloe Jordan: “Ew, that stinks!”

Despite the unfamiliar taste and smell of dental products, oral hygiene is a vital health issue, and the health workers at the dental screening were grateful they were able to provide their services. According to Lentz, maintenance and regular checkups can help prevent or in some cases point to inflammatory issues as gums are linked to the heart.

Hindupur, Trosper, Christensen and Davidson work out of Mound City, MO-based Northwest Health Services, Inc.

“It’s so nice to have a provider in Holt County,” Lentz said. “It’s a wonderful asset.”

Northwest Health Services is located at 1303 State St. and accepts all patients, regardless of income. The group charges for services based on a sliding scale.

“We can pretty much see anybody,” Hindupur said.



**District Supervisor Russ Shifflett** - Instructs youth participants at the intermediate shooting station at the Big Muddy Duck Hunt.

## Big Muddy Duck Hunt hits the target with successful Saturday

The Big Muddy Duck Hunt, which had its inaugural year in 2012, returned to host an informative day of duck hunting from 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 19, at the Sportsman’s Lodge in Bigelow, MO.

More of a clinic than a hunt, the Big Muddy Duck Hunt is a chance for military parents to train their children in the art and science of duck hunting. Last year, the Missouri Department of Conservation held the clinic for members of the 139th Air Wing Unit of the Air National Guard at Rosecrans in St. Joseph, MO. Fifteen children, along with their parents, gathered to discuss firearm safety and practice shooting clay pigeons with conservation instructors. The group was also given lessons on duck hunting calls, identification, strategies, regulations and waterfowl habitats. After the training courses, children and their parents were able to try their hand at live practice.

Approximately 30 children, 18 from the 139th Air Wing Unit and 12 from Holt County, attend-

ed last weekend to learn about and engage in duck hunting. Each participant was given a care package valued at \$150 that was put together using donated funds before setting off to a series of training stations.

After sufficient practice participants went on a guided hunt. The group was able to harvest 62 ducks of a variety of breeds, including blue and green wing teals, wood ducks and northern pintails, a decent haul that made Missouri Department of Conservation agents proud.

“My favorite part of the clinic is the stories that follow,” Agent Jade Wright said. “Hearing the guides tell the story with as much enthusiasm as the kids involved; kids that have never held a shotgun before today, bagging their first duck; the unbelievable shot on a teal zipping by. These stories and the memories that the guides and families take home make it all worthwhile.”

The Big Muddy Duck Hunt, which honored deceased hunter Shawn Eldredge this year, is a community-based event designed



**Tony Bragg, left, Mason Bragg, center, and their guide Chris Waegle, right** - Show off a limit of teal after their hunt on Earl and Brad Sutton’s duck club during the Big Muddy Duck Hunt.



**Conservation Agents Anthony Maupin and Josh Roller** - Instruct youth participants on waterfowl identification on Saturday, Oct. 19, at the Big Muddy Duck Hunt.

to enhance waterfowl hunting in Holt County and Northwest Missouri. The hunt itself is a collaborative effort between private duck clubs, state government, corporate sponsors and waterfowl enthusiasts. Conservation agent Anthony Maupin summed up the benefits of the collabo-

ration by saying, “It is great to see a turnout of over 100 people from instructors, guides, safety coaches, cooks, parents and youth hunters to achieve two objectives: learn to be a safe hunter and to have fun. Both were accomplished.”

## Beef is what’s for dinner

The 2013 Beef Producers’ Seminar will be held on Thursday, Nov. 21, at the St. Peter Catholic Church parish hall in Stanberry, MO, and beef producers are encouraged to attend. Registration begins at 5 p.m., and the seminar starts at 6 p.m. The event also includes a beef dinner. The pre-registration deadline is Thursday, Nov. 14.

The topics addressed include how to be resourceful and how to buy a good bull. Dr. Rob Kaltenbach, a state forage specialist with the University of Missouri (MU) Extension, and Dr. Justin Sexten, MU Extension beef specialist, will present on feed forage finances, and Dr. Twig Marston,

University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension district director, will discuss finding the “man amongst boys” when bull shopping. Dr. Marston’s presentation will take place after the dinner.

Additionally, area agriculture businesses and organizations will have booths set up for attendees to visit.

The Beef Producers’ Seminar is a cooperative effort between the MU Extension and the Missouri Cattlemen’s Association. The American Angus Association and MU Extension is sponsoring the event.

## Harrisonville, MO, children found

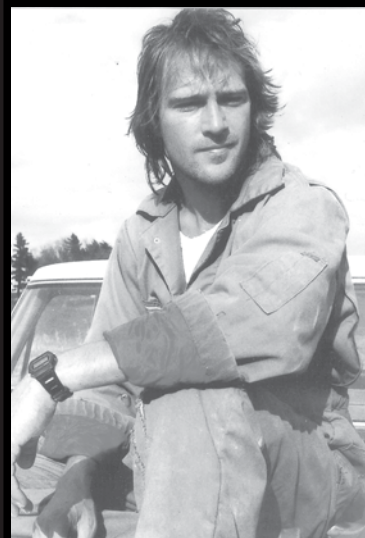
Three Harrisonville, MO, children who were reported missing on Friday, Oct. 11, have been found. The children were last seen by their father, the custodial parent, and were believed to have been kidnapped by their mother, Sherri O’Neal, the noncustodial parent. The children were recovered in Canada on Wednesday, Oct. 16, and O’Neal was placed in jail.

The children’s father, who has not been identified, was the last to see them the day they went missing. After eating lunch as a family, he left; when he returned at 4 p.m., the children were gone. According to a witness, a black SUV pulled into the driveway of the home sometime that afternoon, and the children got inside. *The Kansas City Star* re-

ported that the vehicle was later discovered at a Kansas City auto dealership, and detectives, after obtaining a search warrant, recovered a cell phone that belonged to Tabitha Linn Davis, the youngest missing child.

O’Neal, after changing vehicles, drove to the Canadian border where she and one of her sons appealed to a shelter for financial assistance, authorities said at a Cass County news conference. The shelter worker was suspicious of O’Neal’s story and contacted the police.

O’Neal has been charged with a felony warrant with interference with custody. Prior to taking the children, she had not had been in contact with them for three years. The investigation is still ongoing.



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