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Autumn Leaves & Fall Festivals

JEFFERSON CITY – Fall is a wonderful time of year in the Show-Me State, as the temperatures begin to cool, leaves begin turning shades of red, orange and yellow, and communities host fall festivals to celebrate the season.

Unfortunately, this has been a tough year for trees in Missouri and fall color is likely to reflect that fact. In our part of the state we are starting to see a little fall color: flowering dogwood, sumac and maple are showing red and purple, while sassafras and blackgum have an occasional red leaf. However, a number of trees have leaves turning yellow and brown due to the dry summer conditions and pests. The cooler weather that has finally arrived will hopefully coax the trees to show us some color. A great place to visit for fall colors is the Big Buffalo Creek Conservation Area in Benton County.

One of my favorite activities in the fall is visiting community festivals, such as Mount Vernon's Apple Butter Makin' Days last weekend. Lamar recently hosted Apple Days on the downtown historic square and is gearing up for a Halloween Hullabaloo, where kids can trick or treat the merchants around the square and enjoy a costume contest and a hayride through town.

Warsaw celebrates Heritage Days the weekend of the 20th, with demonstrations from the 1800's at the Harry S Truman Visitor's Center. Many other communities in our area are planning community celebrations this fall, and I hope you have an opportunity to enjoy them.

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These fall festivals give each community its unique identity and offer its citizens an opportunity to work together on a common endeavor. Often, the spirit of cooperation that citizens demonstrate in putting on fall festivals carries over for the rest of the year, creating stronger community bonds and a greater sense of pride in one's hometown.

If you have questions or comments about this or any other issue, please feel free to contact me at 573-751-8793 or by e-mail at: delbertscott@senate.mo.gov.

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