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Sen. Frank Barnitz Announces Tourism Funding for Pulaski and Phelps Counties

JEFFERSON CITY – Sen. Frank Barnitz, D-Lake Spring, today announced that the Division of Tourism has distributed a matching fund award to several projects in the district. Two organizations in Pulaski and Phelps counties will receive a total of \$47,798.50 in state funding.

“This program is a collaborative effort that utilizes state funding as well as local dollars to promote tourism in our communities,” said Sen. Barnitz. “These events attract visitors and improve economic development in the area.”

The Tourism Division’s Cooperative Marketing Program distributes state funds on a competitive basis. The program utilizes partnerships between the state and qualified nonprofit destinations for the promotion of tourism attractions and businesses. The program asks organizations to match the funds provided by the state.

In Phelps County, the Rolla Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center has been awarded \$4,566 for a leisure marketing project.

The Pulaski County Visitors Bureau will receive \$43,232.50 in state funding. A total of \$1,450 will go towards the Pulaski County Research Program while \$41,782.50 will go to the Pulaski County Leisure Travel and Group Marketing Co-op.

“It is so important to continue to expand and promote the tourism opportunities that are here locally,” said Sen. Barnitz. “I encourage families throughout the 16th District to utilize some of the local events taking place in our own backyards.”

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