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Regional Legislative Issues Set for Region's Visit to Jefferson City

As legislators are gearing up for a new season in Jefferson City, so are the citizens of Northwest Missouri. The Great Northwest Day at the Capitol Steering Committee representing the 18 participating counties gathered and prioritized legislative issues for the region's annual visit to the state capitol city on February 2-3, 2010.

On that date approximately 350-400 people will visit Jefferson City to make their regional voice heard in a cohesive message. The Great Northwest Day at the Capitol group legislative platform for the February 2-3rd event includes the following four priorities:

- Maintain funding support for highway maintenance, County Aid Road Trust (CART), and Bridge Replacement Off-System (BRO) programs
- Remove impediments such as impending legislation banning local governments from requesting voter approval to exceed 1% taxing threshold for general use (commonly known as stacked taxes)
- Continue funding support for programs in economic development that positively impact business development, encourage local match and invest in regional tourism and development – such as the Highway 36 Heritage Coalition
- Eliminate and/or equalize pricing mandates of federal and state funding for municipal water/wastewater improvements

Along with these four priorities, communities weighed in on legislative items of concern throughout the Northwest Missouri region. The criteria for reviewing issues included – legislative impact, overarching regional impact, non-partisan perspective and timeliness of concern. The four marked priorities will be monitored as the Great Northwest Day Event comes closer and the message to legislators refined during that time.

This will mark Great Northwest Day's ninth consecutive year. Great Northwest Day at the Capitol is an annual legislative event that includes introduction on the Missouri House and Senate floors, time with legislators, a luncheon focused on issues, and an evening event for all of Missouri's legislators and department heads to meet with citizens from the eighteen-county Northwest Missouri region.

For more information on how you can attend with the delegation from Nodaway County, please visit the Greater Maryville Chamber of Commerce website at: www.maryvillechamber.com.

For more information about the GNW event, visit our website at www.greatnorthwestday.com/gnw.

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