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THE WEATHER IS STARTING TO GET BAD AROUND THE STATE. KC METRO HAS A TORNADO ON THE GROUND. WE ARE MONITORING THE RADARS AND WILL REPORT ANY CHANGES.

A STORM SHELTER HAVE BEEN OPENED IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

1. DEXTER AT THE FIRST BAPTIST
2. BLOOMFIELD CITY HALL
3. ADVANCE 1ST BAPTIST CHURCH
4. PUXICO LIFE CHAPEL ASSEMBLY
5. BERNIE COMMUNITY CENTER
6. DUDLEY—RICHLAND GRAIN

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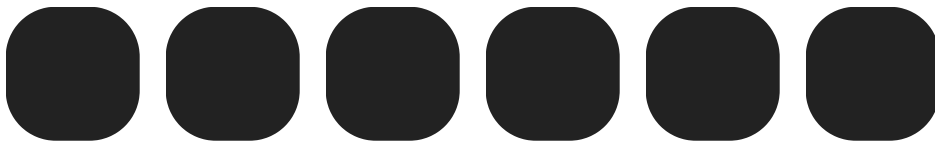
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WEATHER STATUS BRIEFING: From SCAD

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HAZARDOUS WEATHER OUTLOOK

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...AREA UPGRADED TO HIGH RISK...

...WIDESPREAD SEVERE THUNDERSTORMS EXPECTED THIS AFTERNOON AND EVENING...

THIS HAZARDOUS WEATHER OUTLOOK IS FOR PORTIONS OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS...SOUTHWEST INDIANA...WESTERN KENTUCKY AND SOUTHEAST MISSOURI.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2011 ...TODAY AND TONIGHT

THE ENTIRE QUAD STATE AREA IS IN A HIGH RISK OF SEVERE WEATHER TODAY AND TONIGHT. THIS IS A PARTICULARLY DANGEROUS SITUATION...AS THE POTENTIAL EXISTS FOR A SIGNIFICANT AND WIDESPREAD SEVERE WEATHER EVENT ACROSS THE REGION. SOME LOCATIONS MAY EXPERIENCE 2 OR 3 SEPARATE ROUNDS OF SEVERE WEATHER THROUGH THIS EVENING.

SCATTERED THUNDERSTORMS WILL DEVELOP OVER SOUTHEAST MISSOURI AND SOUTHERN ILLINOIS...POSSIBLY AS EARLY AS THE LATE MORNING HOURS. VERY STRONG WIND FIELDS AND PLENTIFUL INSTABILITY WILL ALLOW THE STORMS TO QUICKLY BECOME SEVERE...WITH LARGE HAIL...STRONG TORNADOES...AND DAMAGING WINDS. THE STORMS WILL MOVE RAPIDLY NORTHEAST ACROSS THE QUAD STATE REGION THROUGH THE AFTERNOON. OTHER SEVERE THUNDERSTORMS MAY DEVELOP FARTHER EAST ACROSS THE AREA DURING THE AFTERNOON.

FINALLY...A LINE OF SEVERE STORMS WITH AN INCREASING DAMAGING WIND THREAT WILL MOVE INTO WESTERN PORTIONS OF THE AREA AROUND 5 PM...AND THEN SWEEP THROUGH THE ENTIRE AREA THROUGH THE EVENING. TORNADOES...LARGE HAIL...AND HEAVY RAINFALL WILL ALSO BE POSSIBLE WITH THIS LINE. THE SEVERE WEATHER THREAT SHOULD BE EAST OF THE ENTIRE AREA BY MIDNIGHT.

OUTSIDE OF THUNDERSTORMS...STRONG SOUTH WINDS ARE EXPECTED TO GUST 25 TO 35 MPH THROUGH THE DAY AND INTO THE EARLY EVENING. CONSULT THE LAKE WIND ADVISORY FOR DETAILS.

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MAY 26 THROUGH MAY 31: DAYS TWO THROUGH SEVEN...THURSDAY THROUGH TUESDAY

A FEW THUNDERSTORMS WILL BE POSSIBLE AS AN UPPER LEVEL LOW PRESSURE SYSTEM MOVES EAST THROUGH THE REGION THURSDAY. ANY THUNDERSTORMS ARE EXPECTED TO REMAIN BELOW SEVERE LIMITS.

ANOTHER UPPER LEVEL STORM SYSTEM WILL SWEEP THROUGH THE AREA

WITH A CHANCE OF THUNDERSTORMS FRIDAY NIGHT. AT THIS TIME...SEVERE WEATHER IS NOT EXPECTED.

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Lake Ready For Summer; T Bypass Open

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Lake Ready For Summer; T Bypass Open

*By Annabeth Miller ,
ShowMe Times Editor*

WAPPAPELLO, Mo. – Things are gradually beginning to return to normal around Lake Wappapello.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers held a set of three community meetings around Wappapello on Tuesday to update residents on the status of work and to allow them to ask

questions and voice concerns.

The biggest news of the day was delivered by Lindell Huskey with the Missouri Department of Transportation – welcome news for those who live, work and visit the lake area.

“The T Highway bypass will be completed this evening,” Huskey said to the applause of the large crowd at Crabb’s Fisherman’s Net restaurant Tuesday afternoon. “In fact, the folks who come to the meeting this evening (the second Corps meeting) should be able to go home on the new road.”

Officials with the Corps, the Missouri Department of Transportation, and a representative of State Sen. Rob Mayer’s office , Brad Jarrell, were all in attendance at the early afternoon gathering.

The new road was built in less than two weeks, and is located along the Southside Spillway Access Road, which runs through the Blue Hole area. The roadway will be used until a decision is made about rebuilding the section of T Highway that was destroyed when the water overtook the spillway.

Wappapello Lake Operations Manager Cindy Jackson said the Corps of Engineers will work with the Missouri Department of Transportation and federal and state officials to develop ideas for how Highway T roadway will be rebuilt.

Open For Summer

This coming weekend is the traditional start of the summer season at Wappapello, and Jackson wants folks to realize that the lake is still “open”.

“I will open the campground at Redman on Thursday morning, and the upper campground at People’s Creek is already open,” she said. The Bill Emerson Visitor Center has reopened

A new road leading to the Redman Creek boat ramp is being constructed and should be open by Memorial Day weekend, Jackson said. The road will lead down the hillside from the Bill Emerson Visitor Center to the Redman launch area. The road will be gravel for now, until arrangements can be made for asphalt.

“The lake level is dropping 8 to 10 inches a day, she said, and as the water drops repairs and cleanup at recreational areas will begin. She stressed, however that visitors are indeed welcome during the upcoming holiday weekend. She said businesses have been readying for the holiday weekend and the summer season.

“I think this (the high water) has probably helped the crappie spawn,” Jackson said. “Nature takes care of things.”

“We’ve had floods before and we’ve done cleanup before – we’ll be business as usual with that,” she said. “I’ve got a resourceful staff.”

Summer pool at the lake is anticipated by early July at Wappapello.

Lake Wappapello

- T Highway Bypass: Open
- Redman Campground: Open
- Upper People’s Creek Campground: Open
- Lower People’s Creek Campground: Closed
- Sundowner Launch: Open (parking limited)

Lake Hotline

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- 1.877.LAKE. INFO
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A SMT News Report

POPLAR BLUFF, MO. – The men and women who graduated from Three Rivers College on Sunday afternoon received praise for their tenacity and determination in completing a degree at the region's community college.

Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee was the guest speaker at Sunday's commencement, held in front of a crowd of more than 1,200 people at the Black River Coliseum.

"You know this was the path to a better job and a better future," Huckabee told the graduates. Until last week, Huckabee was considered one of the leading contenders for the GOP nomination for president in 2012. "Your presence on this stage, receiving this diploma is an indication you are capable of doing what you wanted to do. Keep doing it."

Huckabee praised Three Rivers and America's community colleges in his Poplar Bluff address.

"The real builder of the workforce in America's future is in community college," Huckabee said. The former presidential candidate said that community colleges have the

ability to meet changing needs of a workforce.

Friend and U.S. Rep. Jo Ann Emerson introduced Huckabee at the commencement ceremony. Emerson said Huckabee “understands our way of life” and appreciates the work ethic represented in the Three Rivers graduates.

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Photos Above: Former Arkansas governor Mike Huckabee was the guest speaker at commencement at Three Rivers College on Sunday afternoon. Huckabee shared the stage with U.S. Rep. Jo Ann Emerson and TRC President Dr. Devin Stephenson (top photo). Huckabee (bottom photo) praised the college graduates for their hard work and dedication. (ShowMe Times photos by Andrew Cato)

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*By Annabeth Miller,
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Stoddard Countians may now be eligible for assistance in recovering from the spring's severe storms and floods.

Gov. Jay Nixon announced late on Friday that the Federal Emergency Management Agency has extended disaster assistance to individuals and households in Stoddard and several additional counties in the state. The counties in the additional coverage are Cape Girardeau, Howell, McDonald, Pulaski, Ripley, Scott, Stoddard and Stone.

Under this declaration, individuals can be eligible for federal assistance to cover uninsured losses or expenses, such as temporary housing, home repair and replacement of household items.

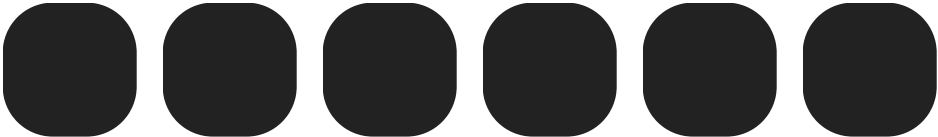
On May 9, President Barack Obama granted a request by Nixon for a major disaster declaration for areas across Missouri hit in April and May by severe storms, tornadoes and flooding. That declaration provided individual assistance for Butler, Mississippi, New Madrid, St. Louis and Taney counties.

"This additional assistance for Missouri families will help expedite our recovery and rebuilding," Gov. Nixon said. "State and local agencies are coordinating closely with the federal government to ensure that every possible tool and resource is available to help Missourians affected by these storms get moving again."

Working with local and federal partners, the State Emergency Management Agency continues to conduct damage assessments for public assistance.

Missourians who need disaster information, shelter information or referrals are urged to call 211. The 211 service number is now available for most areas in Missouri. In areas where the 211 number is not operational, citizens can call 800-427-4626. Weather and emergency information also are available on the state of Missouri's website, MO.gov.

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