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*By Annabeth Miller,
ShowMe Times Editor*

Bargain hunters on full alert: The annual 100-Mile Yard Sale is ready to begin!!

The Memorial Weekend tradition stretches from Jackson in the north, and follows Highway 25 through Delta, Advance, Bloomfield, and Dexter and continues south through Bernie, Malden, and Holcomb and finally ends in Kennett.

Along the way shoppers will find card tables set up in yards, tents full of “stuff” along the side of roads, and groups of folks selling everything from family treasures to treasured junk.

Chambers of Commerce directors along the sale route say those driving the 100-mile route will often find vendors at church parking lots, grouped together and that many often have their yard sales off the highway in communities along the way.

In Dexter the Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring space for yard sale vendors at the Stoddard County Fairgrounds, just east of Highway 25. Restrooms, concessions, inside and outside booth space, with plenty of parking are all available through the Chamber.

According to the Dexter Chamber, vendors can rent a space at the Fairgrounds for just

\$20 a day; all three days of the sale is just \$50. Persons interested should contact the Dexter Chamber at 573.624.7458.

Use Caution Along 25

The 100-Mile Yard Sale can be a fun time for those hunt for treasures and collectables, but drivers should all remember that the greatest savings of the event could be a life.

"It's a fun weekend that people look forward to each year," says Traffic Engineer Craig Compas, "but we want people to remember that there's more traffic and more congestion along Route 25 this weekend than any other and drivers need to keep that in mind."

MoDOT will do its part to bring the safety message to the forefront. Message boards will be in place along the route to alert drivers of the unusual traffic patterns and promote safe driving.

"We really want drivers to be alert-to be aware of their surroundings, to be aware of sudden stops and to look for pedestrian traffic," Compas says. "It's a big event locally, and we want everyone to enjoy themselves and be as safe as possible."

For more information, contact Compas at (573) 472-5310 or call MoDOT's Customer Service Center toll-free at 1-888-ASK-MODOT (1-888-275-6636).

The sale begins in earnest on Friday, with folks checking out the bargains throughout the holiday weekend. It's highly recommended that buyers bring cash, since many "yard sale merchants" will not accept personal checks or credit and debit cards.

Photo Above: A MoDOT urging roadway safety along Highway 25 south of Dexter is visible for all the 100-Mile Yard Sale and others on the busy highway.

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Storms Cause Major Damage In Area

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Storm predictions caused many businesses to close early and area churches to cancel activities. Events in the Southwest side of Missouri only heightened the awareness of being prepared for whatever the afternoon would bring the Heartland. Many residents throughout Dexter and the surrounding area made special arrangements to be near basements and safe areas in their homes.

As the clouds rolled through the area, the line of storms brought about more storm warnings than normally experienced. Local news broadcasts began at 5:00 PM and continued to after 7:30 PM strictly reporting of different storm cells from St. Louis down through Northeast Arkansas.

As the radar screen began to clear and the storm warnings were lifted, locals began to venture out into their yards and to inspect of any damage created by the storm. Throughout the community, broken branches as well as large trees were dropped in yards. Various building damage could be seen in certain area in the Northern section of town.

The Mule Barn was one of the most heavily damaged properties found in the area. Strong winds completely destroyed the entire warehouse building, scattering tin and wood throughout the field behind the business. Many areas of the damaged building displayed the incredible strength of the storm as wood planks were driven through the

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metal siding.

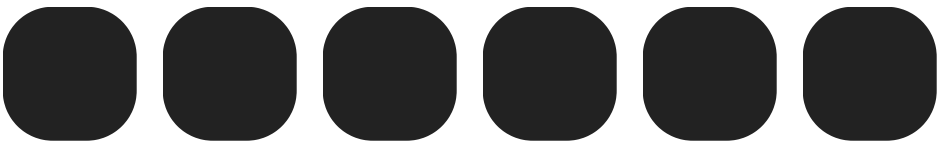
As a popular locally owned agricultural business, the Mule Barn owners and friends were immediately busy taking necessary steps to clean up the storm damage.

The Mule Barn is located 3 miles North of Hwy 60 on State Hwy F near Aid, Missouri.

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Local Churches Cancel Wednesday Events

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Updated at 3:53 p.m.

Due to severe weather forecasted for our region for Wednesday evening at soe area

churches have reported cancellations to the ShowMe Times.

The ShowMe Times has been informed of the following cancellations:

- All functions at the First Baptist Church in Dexter
- The Chancel Choir at the First United Methodist Church in Dexter is cancelled. Choir Director MaryRuth Boone said "stay home and stay safe."
- The 6:30 Hope Epidemic Chapel service at the Sikeston First United Methodist Church
- All activities at the Risen Church (2nd General Church) in Dexter have been cancelled Wednesday evening.
- The Ecumenical Prayer Service at 6 p.m. this evening at the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Dexter has been postponed.

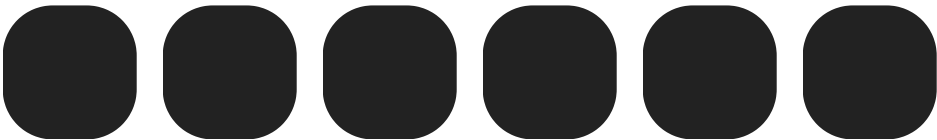
A major severe weather outbreak is expected across the region today and this evening. Storms are expected to quickly develop into supercells over southeast Missouri and southwest Illinois early this afternoon. These storms will move northeast across the area at 35 to 45 MPH. Individuals in the area should be on the alert all day Wednesday for severe weather and take necessary shelter if necessary.

Churches and organizations cancelling activities may send information to the ShowMe Times and information be updated. Please send information to amiller@showmetimes.com

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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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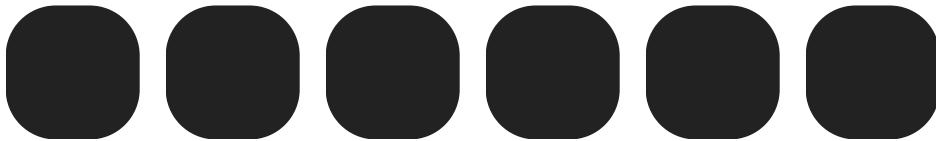
today.

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WEATHER STATUS BRIEFING: From SCAD

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WEATHER STATUS BRIEFING: From SCAD

SCAD (Stoddard County Ambulance District) in conjunction with the Stoddard County Emergency Team is informing the community of the impending weather for our area. SMT received this information from SCAD Manager David Cooper.

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evening. Storms are expected to quickly develop into supercells over southeast Missouri and southwest Illinois late this morning or early this afternoon. These storms will move northeast across the area at 35 to 45 MPH.

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HAZARDOUS WEATHER OUTLOOK

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NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE PADUCAH KY

813 AM CDT WED MAY 25 2011

COUNTIES EFFECTED: JEFFERSON-WAYNE IL-EDWARDS-WABASH-PERRY IL-FRANKLIN-HAMILTON- WHITE-JACKSON-WILLIAMSON-SALINE-GALLATIN-UNION IL-JOHNSON-POPE- HARDIN-ALEXANDER-PULASKI-MASSAC-GIBSON-PIKE-POSEY-VANDERBURGH- WARRICK-SPENCER-FULTON-HICKMAN-CARLISLE-BALLARD-MCCRACKEN-GRAVES-LIVINGSTON-MARSHALL-CALLOWAY-CRITTENDEN-LYON-TRIGG-CALDWELL- UNION KY-WEBSTER-HOPKINS-CHRISTIAN-HENDERSON-DAVIESS-MCLEAN- MUHLENBERG-TODD-PERRY MO-BOLLINGER-CAPE GIRARDEAU-WAYNE MO-CARTER- RIPLEY-BUTLER-STODDARD-SCOTT-MISSISSIPPI-NEW MADRID- *813 AM CDT WED MAY 25 2011*

...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.

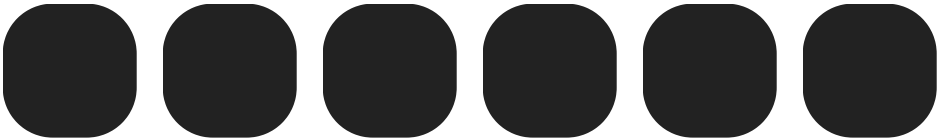
ANOTHER UPPER LEVEL STORM SYSTEM WILL SWEEP THROUGH THE AREA

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

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