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Thanks For Service

State Rep. Billy Pat Wright honored one of American's finest recently. 1st Sgt. Rob Myers of Essex is currently serving in Afghanistan is home in Southeast Missouri on a two-week leave. Myers and his wife Sherry both attended Wright's fish fry recently, where Wright and the crowd recognized Myers and thanked him for his service to the country. Myers led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag at the annual fish fry. Myers will return to his unit in Afghanistan at the end of his leave. (SMT photo by Annabeth Miller)

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WASHINGTON –U.S. Rep. Jo Ann Emerson has a reminder for high school juniors: The deadline for submitted an application to one of America’s service academies is right around the corner.

Emerson announced today that interested juniors have one week remaining to submit their applications for the nation’s five service academies. Congressional offices have the privilege of nominating outstanding students who wish to serve, and Emerson designates an Academy Review Board to make these decisions.

“For an outstanding college education and an incredible chance to serve our country, the service academies of the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Merchant Marine and Navy offer young Americans a prestigious opportunity. I’m always impressed by the caliber of students who compete for admission to the service academies from our Missouri congressional district. The members of our community who take on the difficult task of recommending students always have difficult decisions to make,” Emerson said.

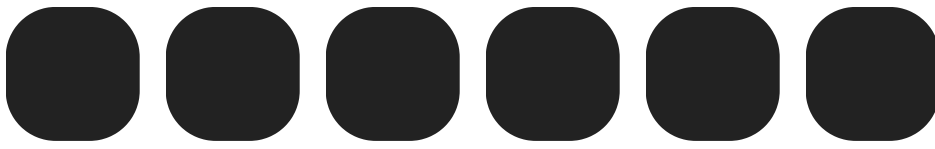
Emerson staff member Heather Peugh in her West Plains office is the designated a staff contact for information about the application, nomination and appointment process. Peugh may be reached at 417.255.1515.

The five U.S. service academies are: The U.S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, CO, The U.S. Military Academy at West Point, NY, The U.S. Coast Guard Academy at New London, CT, the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, NY, and the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, MD.

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Food, Fun, Friends For Fall Weekend

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It looks to be a great fall weekend ahead, with community cuisine and good times.

The weekend starts early for some. The students in the Dexter Public Schools will not report for classes on Friday, Oct. 21. Friday is a Professional Day for district teachers, and students will get to enjoy the day out of the classroom!

The Dexter Bearcats will travel Friday evening to New Madrid for a great evening of football. Kick-off time for the district game is 7 p.m. Better bundle up! The forecast for game time calls for clear skies and a "feels like" temperature of 48 degrees.

Kiwanis Pancake Day: The Kiwanians in Dexter are Pancake Wizards! For more than 45 years the Dexter Kiwanis Club has had this annual autumn event and through the years they have become experts about all things "pancake"! This year's Pancake Day begins bright and early Saturday morning at 6 a.m. at the Sacred Heart Catholic Hall. Pancakes hot off the grill, bacon and your choice of drink comes with your \$4 ticket.

Third Annual D.A.R.E. Rod & Custom Car Show: The D.A.R.E. event will begin with registration at 9 a.m. Saturday on the parking lot of the Dexter Aquatic Center. Judging will be held at 11 a.m. and award presentations at 3 p.m. The cost to register is \$15 in advance and \$20 on the day of the show. All proceeds from the show will benefit the Dexter D.A.R.E. Program

8th Annual Billy Pat Wright Fish Fry: State Rep. Billy Pat Wright will be hosting a Fish Fry beginning at 5:30 p.m. Saturday at Central Elementary School in Dexter. Special guests include U.S. Rep. Jo Ann Emerson, Missouri Senate Leader Sen. Rob Mayer, Missouri House Speaker Rep. Steve Tilley and more. The social time will begin at 5:30; dinner at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$15 each and include fish dinner, dessert and drinks. For more information call 573.624.7561 or 573.624.5997.

Annual Bess Truman Day: Hosted annually by the Stoddard County Democratic Women's Club, this year's Bess Truman Day will be held Saturday at 6:30 p.m. at Hidden Trails Country Club in Dexter. State Rep. and Missouri state senate candidate Terry Swinger (and Dexter native!) is the keynote speaker.

Demolition Derby: A Demolition Derby will be held beginning at 7 p.m. at the Stoddard County Fairgrounds. This event will be held rain or shine! For additional information contact Kevin Holman at 573.625.8650.

The BUZZ is back: The local band sensation The BUZZ will be performing from 7 - 11 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22 at the Boat House Wine Company north of Bloomfield.

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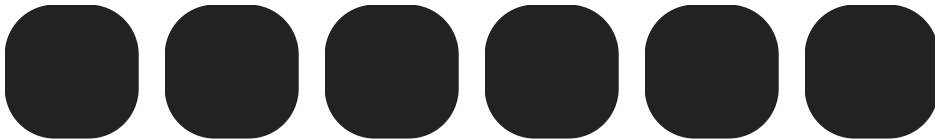
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WAPPAPELLO - The 19th Annual Festival of Lights Christmas Auto Tour in the Redman Creek East Campground at Wappapello Lake will be opening soon.

This year's event will open on Nov. 25 for weekends only, until Dec. 16 when it opens on a nightly basis until closing on Jan. 1, 2012.

This annual event is a partnership between the Wappapello Lions Club and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Wappapello Lake. With the help of local businesses, volunteers, churches and other organizations within the community, this year's event will be bigger and better than ever.

Those wishing to take part in this year's event by decorating a campsite are encouraged to contact the Wappapello Lake Project Office and register.

Campsites are free of charge and all electricity is free. Decorators can begin their work starting on Nov. 7, and are asked to have it completed by Nov. 25, at 5 p.m.

For those wishing to help in a different way, volunteers are sought to assist with placing lights and decorations up throughout the campground.

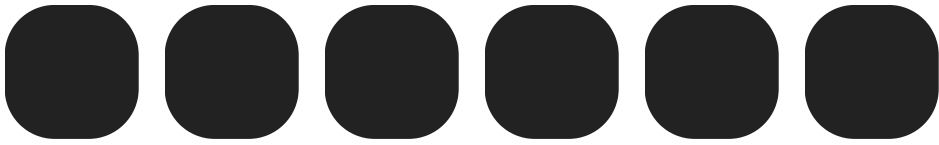
Hundreds of strands of lights are put up every year, in addition to many displays. Those wishing to assist will be provided with all needed tools and decorations.

Persons needing more information or have questions, please contact Park Rangers Andrew Jefferson or John Daves at the Wappapello Lake Project Office at 573-222-8562.

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