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Wappapello Pool To Go To Winter Levels

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Wappapello Lake – The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers at Wappapello Lake will begin annual winter drawdown from recreation pool to conservation pool beginning Dec. 15.

In accordance with the water control plan, the pool is drawn down 5 feet, from 359.74 feet relevant to the National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD) to 354.74 feet NGVD.

During conservation pool, boaters are urged to use caution when on the lake. Mud flats and tree stumps may be exposed or are just under the water surface.

To aid in navigation, the old St. Francis River channel is marked with red and white vertically striped buoys from Wappapello Dam to Chaonia Landing. Between Chaonia Landing and Sulphur Springs, there are nine “arrow” signs which help direct boaters in the direction of the river channel.

Conservation pool lasts until late March, which allows for additional storage of winter and spring precipitation/

Beginning in late March 2012, the lake level will begin transition to recreation pool targeted for early May. The Periodic Inspection of the dam, gatehouse and other flood related structures at Wappapello Lake is scheduled for early March 2012, if funding permits.

For this inspection the lake level will be lowered approximately 6-10 inches below winter pool for a 3-5 day period.

Persons with permitted floating duck blinds on the lake are also reminded to keep a watch on water levels, especially in coves or other shallow areas. Blinds are to be removed from the lake or moored in designated storage coves no later than Jan. 18, 2012.

Persons with questions concerning the annual winter drawdown or other topics, may contact the Wappapello Lake Project Office at (573) 222-8562..

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Photo Above: The Spillway at Lake Wappapello. (SMT File Photo).

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Corps Installs Barrier To Protect Levee

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MEMPHIS - The commander of the Corps of Engineers has ordered a shutdown of the Birds Point-New Madrid project area.

Based on National Weather Service forecasts of unseasonably high river levels and more to come, Maj. Gen. John Peabody, Commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Mississippi Valley Division, has directed an orderly shutdown of the Birds Point-New Madrid project area.

Further, he has ordered the installation of a Hesco Barrier at the upper crevasse to temporarily bring the system to a 55 ft level of protection (on Cairo gage) for the BPNM Floodway. Construction in this region usually stops between December and May due to adverse weather conditions. The Corps' Memphis District projects construction of this

interim measure will take approximately 10 good weather days to complete and work will begin in 48 hours when weather and ground conditions improve.

A HESCO bastion is a large collapsible wire mesh container with heavy duty fabric liners filled with sand. The HESCO bastions and related work can be done around the clock and are not as dependent upon favorable weather conditions.

"Weather conditions continue to hamper our ability to achieve our revised target of 55 feet using normal levee construction techniques," Col. Vernie Reichling, commander of the Corps' Memphis District said. "The orderly shutdown will commence using supplies and equipment that have been pre-positioned which will allow us to reach a 55-foot level of protection with temporary construction methods."

Citizens in the area are urged to stay in touch with their local authorities, and closely monitor river forecasts from the National Weather Service and additional information from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. They should be prepared to take whatever measures they believe are necessary to safeguard their lives and property.

"The Corps' number one priority is and remains public safety," Col. Reichling said.

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City Board To Hold Zoning Hearing

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City Board To Hold Zoning Hearing

A public hearing is on the agenda for Monday evening's meeting of the Dexter Board of Aldermen.

A public hearing will be opened for input concerning the rezoning of two properties on McCormick Street in Dexter. The properties are at 234 McCormick and 304 McCormick. A request has been submitted to change both properties from unzoned to R-1, Single Family Residential. Both properties are in Dexter's third ward.

Other agenda items include reports from the department heads, city attorney's report and committee reports.

The gavel will sound at 7 p.m. to begin the meeting. This is the only aldermanic meeting during December. Aldermen agreed at the last meeting to forego the second meeting in December due to the holidays.

The Board of Aldermen meets in the Dexter Municipal Building at 119 Vine Street.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

- **What:** Dexter Board of Alderman meeting
- **When:** Monday, Dec. 5
- **Time:** 7 p.m.
- **Where:** Municipal Building on Vine Street

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Judges Change Legislative Districts

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By Annabeth Miller, SMT Editor

JEFFERSON CITY — The new set of state legislative maps released this week have left politicians abuzz throughout the ShowMe State, and may paint a new political picture in many parts of Missouri.

The Missouri Appellate Apportionment Commission has filed new state Senate and House of Representatives redistricting plans and maps with the Missouri Secretary of State.

The Supreme Court of Missouri as prescribed by the state constitution appointed the Commission when bipartisan citizen apportionment commissions failed to reach agreement on new district lines in September. The state constitution gave the six appellate court judges 90 days to complete the task.

The new district boundaries could change the complexion in Southeast Missouri, where the 25th Senatorial District's western border is the county line between Stoddard and Butler counties. The 25th district will include Stoddard, Dunklin, Pemiscot, New Madrid, Mississippi, Scott, Bollinger and Wayne counties.

The 33rd District will now include Butler, Ripley, Carter, Oregon, Shannon, Dent, Texas, Howell and Ozark.

Dexter's Republican Senate President Pro Tem Rob Mayer, who currently represents the 25th District, cannot seek re-election due to term limits. Rep. Billy Pat Wright, R-Dexter, and Rep. Terry Swinger, D-Caruthersville, are now two of the district's announced candidates. Both cannot seek re-election to the House due to term limits.

Joining them is Rep. Ellen Brandom, R-Sikeston, who had planned to become a candidate for in the 27th Senatorial District, Brandom's part of Scott County is now in the 25th District, and she has announced that she will run for that seat.

The new 33rd District will include Poplar Bluff and West Plains.

Doug Libla of Poplar Bluff announced earlier this year he would be a candidate for the State Senate in the old 25th district. He is said to be a candidate with Rep. Ward Franz from Howell County, State Rep. Don Wells of Texas County and Jason Smith of Dent County.

The 151st District returns to being a Stoddard County district with an added slice of western Scott County. No candidate from either party has announced their intention to seek the 151st district spot in the Missouri House of Representatives.

Republicans currently hold at 26-8 majority over Democrats in the State Senate. House Republicans hold at 106-57 majority over Democrats.

Six judges sat on the panel responsible for the new House and Senate maps. Serving on the commission were three judges appointed by Democrat governors – Lisa White Hardwich from the Western District, Robert G. Dowd Jr. from the Eastern District and Nancy Steffen Rahmeyer from the Southern District. The other three members were appointed by a Republican governor – Don E. Burrell Jr., from the Southern District, Roy L. Richter from the Eastern District and James E. Welsh from the Western District.

All six judges on the panel signed off on the two legislative district maps.

The districts take effect for primary and general elections next year. Candidate filing for election to the new districts begins February 28, 2012.

Redistricting occurs every ten years following the census. Based on the 2010 Census, Missouri's resident population increased by 7% to 5,988,927. This increase, combined with regional population shifts, required significant changes in the state's 34 current Senate districts and 163 current House districts to meet the constitutional requirement that district be as equal in population as practicable.

This is only the second time in state history that a judicial panel has redistricted both chambers of the General Assembly.

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College Has 'Golden' Year In Dexter

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By Annabeth Miller, SMT Editor

It's been a busy year for the folks at Three Rivers College, but it is all a part of a 'Golden Age' for community colleges in the nation.

Dr. Devin Stephenson spoke about a year filled with growth for the community college during a luncheon with his Dexter President's Advisory Committee on Wednesday. The luncheon was attended by more than 30 leaders in business, government and education from the Stoddard County area. The lunch meeting was held in the Chamber of Commerce Conference Room adjacent to the college center on Market Street.

Stephenson assumed the leadership position at the Southeast Missouri college in July 2009, and he has been on a fast track since his arrival in the area. And the college has been on a fast track as well, riding the crest of a wave of growth for community colleges nationwide.

The opening of the Dexter center in January of this year is just one of many developments with the college. Where 12 months ago there were no students enrolled at the local center, today they are preparing for Spring 2012 semester that will include more than 200 area students.

Stephenson announced yesterday that the college has even greater plans in store for the Dexter facility – in growth in programs, growth in the number of students enrolled locally, and growth in the facility.

“Over the last six months we have been looking at what we can do here,” Stephenson told those gathered for the luncheon meeting. “We have applied for a \$2.1 million grant to build a conference/convention center that will be attached to this building or close to this building. We feel very confident that we are going to be approved for that.”

Stephenson said the college will have to match that grant with approximately a half million

“It will give Dexter – it will give our college – a place if we wanted to have a banquet or seminars, then we could do that here close. We have the vision,” he said. “We can utilize it in a really powerful way.”

Stephenson was joined with Dr. Wes Payne, vice president of learning, local coordinators Bill Hampton and Ann Matthews, and other college personnel.

Payne pointed out that the Green Diesel program offered at the Dexter campus is one of only two green diesel training programs in the county.

“I think the ‘calling card’ that was placed here is the Green Diesel program,” Payne said. “It started fairly small, and it’s through the roof right now. It is a program that is unique. Every student that comes out of this program – if they want one – will have a job.”

Payne noted that the college already has business partners asking when students will graduate and be ready to enter the job market, due to the high demand for trained mechanics.

“We also want to looked at student’s needs and where they are going,” he said. “My goal is to get as many programs that are viable approved and in place so that students can progress through the Dexter Center and out the other side as graduates.”

Photo Above: Dr. Devin Stephenson, president of Three Rivers College, speaks to a luncheon meeting in Dexter on Wednesday. Behind the college president is Dr. Wes Payne, vice president of learning at the college, and Dexter center coordinator Bill Hampton. (SMT Photo by Annabeth Miller)

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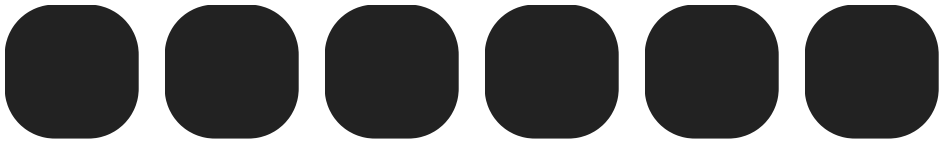
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