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Congratulations to Joyce Kinder, County Wide Insurance's February contest winner! Joyce is the proud new owner of a 32" flat screen TV! Entries were granted to all existing customers who updated their contact information, and any first-time customers who opened a new policy with CWI. Pictured are Kinder (second to the left) with County Wide staffers (from left) Tracy Horton, Sharon McCord, and Ryann Riggle.

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BREAKING NEWS!

The Stoddard County Sheriff's office is currently searching for a prisoner who escaped custody earlier today.

Jason Stroup, 34, escaped custody at the Stoddard County Justice Center in Bloomfield. Stroup has been described by law enforcement officials as being 6 foot 2 inches tall, 220 pounds, has brown hair, hazel eyes and was dressed in an orange prisoner jumpsuit when he escaped.

A search has begun for Stroup in the Bloomfield area.

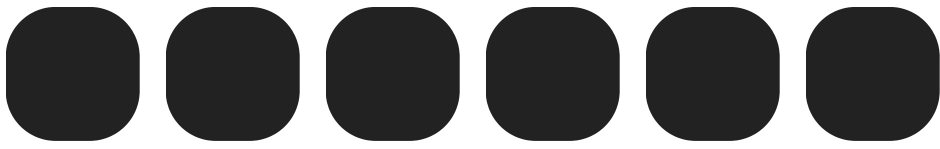
Anyone seeing Stroup or having information concerning his whereabouts is asked to contact the Stoddard County Sheriff's office at 573.568.4539 or nearest law enforcement agency.

*Watch the **ShowMe Times** for additional information on this breaking news story.*

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JEFFERSON CITY – In an effort to find ways to save on Missouri’s social service program, Senate Leader Rob Mayer has appointed a new committee to study the state’s programs.

Mayer, named five senators this week to serve on the Special Senate Committee on Social Service Program Savings. The committee is charged with conducting hearings in order to examine past and anticipated changes in the participation and cost of each social service program offered in Missouri.

“Missouri is facing an on-going budget crisis,” Mayer said. “As we have fewer dollars to fund our priority of education, as well as the critical functions of government, it becomes even more important that we find ways to counteract the hundreds of millions of dollars in annual mandatory increases embedded in our social service programs. We should examine ways we can provide better care and save lives, while also saving money.”

Members appointed to serve include three Republican and two Democrats. Appointed were Sen. Rob Schaaf, R-St. Joseph; Sen. Kevin Engler, R-Farmington; Sen. Brad Lager, R-Savannah; Sen. Joe Keaveny, D-St. Louis; Sen. Shalonn “Kiki” Curls, D-Kansas City.

Schaaf will serve as chair of the special committee.

“The severity of our current budget crisis demands that all solutions be considered, including options such as federal block granting, which has never been considered in our state,” said Schaaf. “We will meet our fiduciary duty to the state by looking at these options and reporting our findings.”

The committee will meet weekly in hopes of submitting an initial report of recommended actions before March 1, the last day to introduce bills in the Senate. The committee will continue its work after that date until a final report of findings is submitted to the Senate.

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BREAKING NEWS:

Dr. Wes Payne, Vice President of Learning at Three Rivers Community College, has informed the ShowMe Times that the college will close today, Monday, Feb. 13, at 3 p.m.

All college offices and centers will close and all classes on Monday evening are cancelled due to inclement weather. This includes office and classes on the college's main campus in Poplar Bluff, as well as at centers in Dexter, Malden, Kennett, Sikeston and Cape Girardeau.

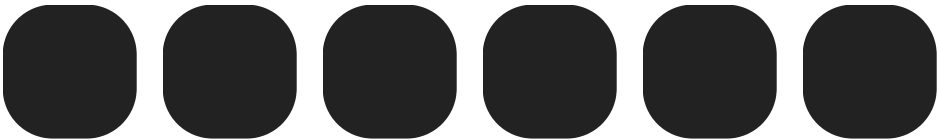
Dr. Payne also reported that a decision concerning college classes for Tuesday, Feb. 14, will be made prior to 6 a.m. Tuesday.

Watch the ShowMe Times for additional weather-related news.

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By Annabeth Miller,
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Dexter's street crews are staying in front of the latest round of wintry weather expected Monday and working to prepare city streets for the predicted ice and snow.

Street Department Supt. Jeff Myers said Monday morning city street crews have been out since early Monday morning preparing for the winter weather.

"I'd rather be safe than sorry," Myers said.

Crews have applied a salt solution - roadway "stripes" you see - to promote melting. Myers said the Street Department has three crews on the streets applying the solution. The tank on each truck contains about 425 gallons of solution. The solution is mixed at the department shed and then loaded onto the tanks on each truck.

The three city crews will continue to work on applying the solution. Myers said it will take the three crews 6-7 hours to apply the salty solution to all city streets.

The National Weather Service in Paducah has issued a Winter Weather Advisory for Stoddard County and the surrounding area. Snow is predicted, arriving Monday mainly after noon with a high near 35. The chance of precipitation is 90 percent. Total daytime snow accumulation of around an inch possible.

Freezing rain will arrive Monday night before midnight, with a low around 32. Chance of precipitation is 100 percent. New ice accumulation of 0.1 to 0.2 of an inch possible.

Photo Above: Street crews in Dexter are working to help prepare the city for the predicted winter weather due to arrive Monday evening. On hand at the Street Department Monday morning were (from left) Michael Wolpers, Street Supt. Jeff Myers and Jim Overall. (SMT Photo by Annabeth Miller)

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