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Route 51 in Bollinger and Stoddard Counties will be reduced to one lane as contractor crews begin installing shoulders and resurfacing the roadway.

This section of roadway is located from to Route 34 at Marble Hill to US 60 in Stoddard Co.

Weather permitting, work will begin Monday, April 1 from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily and will be completed in Aug. 2013.

The work zone will be marked with signs. Motorists are urged to use extreme caution while traveling near the area.

For additional information, contact the Resident Engineer Audie Pulliam at (573) 840-9781 or MoDOT's Customer Service Center toll-free at 1-888-ASK-MODOT (1-888-275-6636) or visit [\[url_new=www.modot.org/southeast\]](http://www.modot.org/southeast).

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Dexter School's New Special Education Director

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Dexter, Missouri - Dexter School District has acquired more than one new teacher for the 2013-2014 school year and one of these teachers is the new Special Services Director, Amy James. James chose the course of her life during her time as a student at Southeast Missouri State University, where she graduated with her Bachelor of Science in Special Education. Her career in the education field began when she was offered a job at Bloomfield School District in August of 2000.

While working at Bloomfield, she obtained a Master of the Arts and a Specialist in Educational Administration. In the past thirteen years, James has served as a principal, special education teacher, and as a director of special services for the Bloomfield School District. She also enjoys teaching as an adjunct instructor for the Hannibal LaGrange

University.

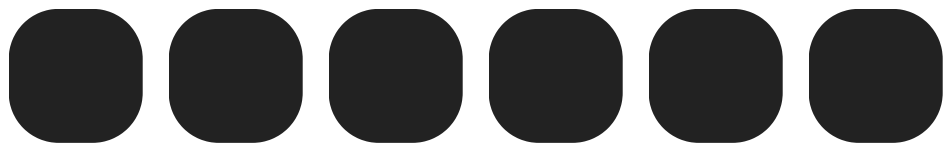
“Within my educational philosophy, I believe that every child has the potential to bring something unique and special to the world. I believe all children are capable of learning and that effective educators can reach every student.” James explains. “In my personal life, I have been blessed with a supportive husband and two amazing girls. When I have spare time, I enjoy reading, camping, participating as an active member of my church, and being a life-long learner. I am excited about the opportunity to serve the Dexter School District and look forward to the upcoming school year.”

The Dexter School District is really proud and excited to welcome their newest teacher into their faculty starting during the upcoming school year.

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Dexter, Missouri - Dexter's very own Twin Cinema has just finished their renovations. This weekend is the first time ever that the cinema is using their brand new 3D and 2D full HD digital projection and sound. The theater has vastly improved in more ways than one, but don't worry, it still has the same movie ticket prices and great hospitality that you find from the workers behind the counter.

After the \$150,000 screen and sound upgrade that was placed in the theater earlier last week, the Dexter Twin Cinema is open for business once again. It was most likely a busy weekend since the long awaited movie "*The Croods*" starring Ryan Reynolds, Nicholas Cage, and Emma Stone was put on the big screen. The movie is not only shown in the average 2D, but the new upgrade allows for amazing 3D viewing as well. Currently, the "*Oz The Great and Powerful*" movie starring Mila Kunis and James Franco is also available at the cinema all this week.

The cinema has launched a website at www.dextertwincinema.com that makes it easy for viewers to find show times, prices, and the upcoming movies that will be showing. On the website, you can sign up for weekly newsletters that explain the upcoming movies, events, and information about the theater. When you sign up for the newsletter, you will receive a free small popcorn at the next movie you see. The theater is also now open to hold events so birthday parties or other themed occasions can be planned and celebrated in front of the big screen.

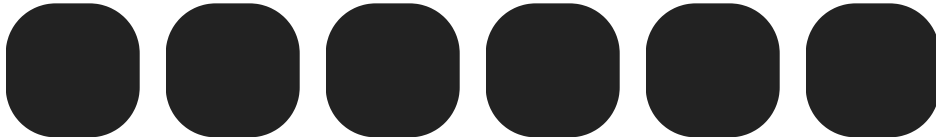
The theater might have changed a lot, but they are keeping their customers' favorite traditions. If you bring your own bowl to the theater on Monday or Tuesday night, you can get it filled for free. Tuesday night is also Bargain Night, so you can get your tickets for the show at the price of child's admission.

To keep up to date with the newest movies, you can add the theater as a friend on Facebook or check their website. They will keep you updated on show times, Bring Your Own Bowl Night, and Bargain Night so you can grab the best deal and see a great movie with hot and buttery popcorn.

The new screen and sound upgrade is something that you won't want to miss, so don't forget to stop by to see one of the new movies for a breathtaking 3D experience.

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Upcoming Prom Corsage Bar

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Dexter, Missouri - Prom is approaching quickly and while students rush to find the right shoes, dresses, and suits at the last minute, one thing they don't have to worry about is their corsages. Jackson Florist and Gifts in Dexter is holding a Prom Corsage Bar on April 4th and again on April 9th.

The Prom Corsage Bar is an excellent way for girls to pick out their very own corsage and design it the way they want it to look. The Corsage Bar will offer a number of things to place on the corsages, including ribbons, bows, feathers, bracelets, and glittery attachments. It is the perfect way to kick off the prom season and to have something one

of a kind that goes perfectly with everyone's unique attire.

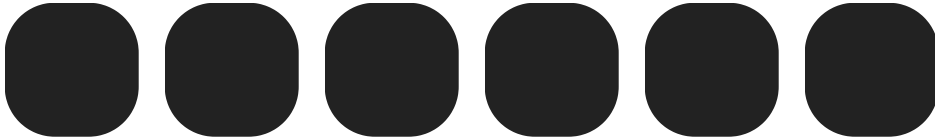
The newest prom idea is going to be a great hit. Jackson Florist and Gifts is also running an awesome special. Anyone who purchases or places an order at either party will receive an additional 10% discount.

Both parties will last two hours on April 4th and April 9th, beginning at 4:00pm and ending at 6:00pm. It will take place at Jackson Florist and Gifts on 205 North Walnut Street in Dexter. Everyone who is able to attend is invited to this special event!

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Aphis Mizzou Who?

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Columbia, Missouri - Today is the first day of Spring here in the Heartland of Missouri. Most of us are thinking about the upcoming Winter Storm Watch and perhaps not the beautiful springtime planting season soon approaching.

The last thing on anyone's mind is *Aphis Mizzou*. What is that? You can probably figure that with the word Mizzou in the title, it has something to do with the University of Missouri Tigers. Nope! How about aphids? What is that?

Well the University of Missouri has Jesse Hall, Faurot Field, Memorial Union, the Tigers and the Columns. Now, MU has its own bug, an aphid to be exact.

An MU researcher has discovered a new insect on campus and given it a Mizzou name. Ben Puttler, assistant professor emeritus of plant sciences at the [College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources](#), first discovered *Aphis Mizzou* while conducting research on wasps on the MU campus.

The insect, *Aphis Mizzou*, is a member of the aphid family of bugs. Aphids are tiny insects that live by feeding on the sap of plants. Nearly all-annual and perennial plants, including shrubs and trees, are potential hosts for aphids. When feeding on these plants, aphids can crumple leaves, distort plant tissue and bend stems. There are 5,000 species of aphids known in the world, but only 150 live in North America.

"When I was researching how wasps feed on another type of aphid I noticed the differences between the *Aphis Mizzou* and other aphids I was observing," Puttler said. "Once I realized that this bug hadn't been identified, I decided to give the aphid a Mizzou name considering these bugs haven't been found anywhere besides the MU campus."

Puttler worked with Doris Lagos in the Department of Entomology at the University of Illinois to confirm that the insect had not been discovered previously. The bug's uniqueness was confirmed by molecular tests at the University of Illinois.

"What makes the *Aphis Mizzou* so unique is that the aphid has a five-segmented antenna, a black head, thorax and abdomen that seem to be dusted with a white wax," Puttler said. "The *Aphis Mizzou* is found by the student recreation complex due to the large amount of St. John's Wort plants, which is the plant on which the bug lives."

Puttler's current research is focusing on the biological control of pests and how naturally occurring beneficial insects and other biotic agents can fight crop pests and weeds. However, the *Aphis Mizzou* doesn't seem to be harming anything. It just wants to feed on the young leaves of the St. John's Wort plant, Puttler said.

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Puttler has discovered six bugs prior to the discovery of the *Aphis Mizzou*, including one in which he named after his wife.

Puttler said that most people wouldn't notice the *Aphis Mizzou*, as it is smaller than a grain of pepper. Let's hope Mizzou keeps their new aphid as we begin our spring planting.

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