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City Offices Closed in Observance of Independence Day

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Dexter, Missouri - The City of Dexter offices will be closed on Thursday, July 4, 2013 in observance of Independence Day.

Commonly referred to as the Fourth of July, Independence Day is a Federal Holiday and commemorates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence.

In the United States, we commonly associate our celebrations with fireworks, parades, BBQs, carnivals, fairs, picnics, concerts, baseball games, family reunions, and ceremonies.

The first 4th of July celebration was held in Eastport, Maine in 1820 and is still one of the largest in the country.

Have a safe and happy holiday!

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National Catfish Day, Proclamation 5672 of 1987

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Dexter, Missouri - More and more Americans are discovering a uniquely American food delicacy -- farm-raised catfish. In 1986, catfish comprised the third highest volume of finned fish consumed in the United States.

Ninety-nine percent of all these catfish were farm-raised. Between 1975 and 1985, production of farm-raised catfish increased by 1200 percent. Most observers expect that production will continue to increase in 1987. Production costs of catfish farming, which have averaged only 65 cents per pound over the past 8 years, have resulted in a stable income for growers and an economical

food product for consumers. The accompanying growth of the catfish processing industry also has created thousands of permanent jobs.

Farm-raised catfish have come a long way from their bottom-feeding ancestors. The catfish that are available today, fresh or frozen in markets nationwide, are products of state-of-the-art methods of aquaculture. They thrive in clean freshwater ponds on many American farms, where they are surface-fed soybean meal, corn, fish meal, vitamins, and minerals. ***Farm-raised catfish not only furnish American consumers with a tasty delicacy but also provide a nutritious, low-calorie source of protein that is also low in cholesterol.***

In recognition of the value of farm-raised catfish, the Congress, by House Joint Resolution 178, has designated June 25, 1987, as "National Catfish Day" and authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in its observance.

Now, Therefore, I, **Ronald Reagan**, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim June 25, 1987, as National Catfish Day. I call upon the people of the United States to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-fifth day of June, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and eleventh.

President Ronald Reagan

If you haven't been to Fiddlers Fish House lately, tonight is the perfect night, besides President Reagan made it a proclamation to honor thy catfish and celebrate!

The specials for tonight are Crab Cakes and Yellow Fin Tuna, but not to worry they still have delicious Catfish platters with hushpuppies, choice of potato and salad bar! Serving catfish for over 30 years!

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Route WW Closed For Repairs

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Stoddard County, Missouri - Route WW in New Madrid and Stoddard Counties will be **closed** as Missouri Department of Transportation crews replace a pipe under roadway.

This section of roadway is located between County Road 404 and County Road 733.

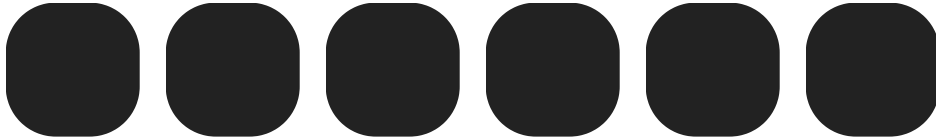
Weather permitting; work will be performed Wednesday, June 26 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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

For additional information, contact MoDOT's Customer Service Center toll-free at 1-888-ASK-MODOT (1-888-275-6636) or visit www.modot.org/southeast

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Route 60 Reduced at One Mile Road

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Dexter, Missouri - Route 60 in Stoddard County will be reduced to one lane as Missouri Department of Transportation crews perform pavement repairs.

This section of roadway is located from Route 25 to One Mile Road.

Weather permitting, work will take place Monday, June 24 through Thursday, June 27 from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

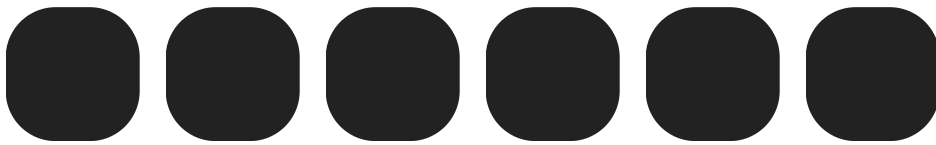
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Don Kennedy Is Retiring!

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Dexter, Missouri - On June 30th, longtime Media Minister of the First Baptist Church of Dexter, Mr. Don Kennedy will offer an inspiring message, "A Long Obedience in the Same Direction" during church services prior to his Retirement Reception.

Every one is cordially invited to the Retirement Reception held in honor of Don, a great father and husband, but most of all one who has been committed to his Church and dedicated to his God. Please celebrate with the First Baptist Church his tireless service and dedication to not only his church but his community as well.

On Sunday, June 30, 2013 from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. family and friends can celebrate with him in the Fellowship Hall at the First Baptist Church in Dexter.

There will be a slide show of photos of Don along with many photos of great memories from the past. The public is encouraged to attend!

"And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men."

Colossians 3:23

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