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The CDL testing will be effected by a change in the state law. Federal regulations will take in effect on August 28, 2013.

Colonel Ron Replogle, superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, would like to inform the public of a change in state law and federal motor carrier safety regulations that applies to commercial vehicle driver's licenses. Presently drivers applying for a commercial vehicle driver's license are required to pass a written test and then pass a skills test to obtain the appropriate class of commercial driver's license. Under current law the skills test can be taken on the same day the permit is received.

The new requirement which takes effect **August 28, 2013**, states that commercial drivers, after passing the required written test(s), **must obtain a permit, and maintain the permit for 14 calendar days** before they will be allowed to take the skills test, which includes the pre-trip, basic, and road tests.

Questions regarding this new requirement may be directed to the Driver Examination Division, General Headquarters, Jefferson City, at 573-751-2341.

For further information about obtaining a commercial drivers license, please
contact: Capt. J. Tim Hull
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Puxico Homecoming Events

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Puxico, Missouri -The Puxico Homecoming events will begin on Tuesday, August 13th and end on Saturday, August 17th. Below is the event schedule.

PUXICO HOMECOMING EVENT SCHEDULE

SQUARE DANCING EVERY NIGHT

TUESDAY, August 13th

Official Opening	10 A.M.
Midway Opens	6:30 P.M.
Bracelet Night	6:30-10:30 P.M.
Pre- Queen Contest Ceremonies	7:00 P.M.
Little Miss Puxico contest	7:30 P.M.
Miss Puxico contest	Immediately after Little Miss
Attendance Drawing	10:30 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, August 14th

Church Night (Veterans Park)	7:00 P.M.
Bracelet Night	6:30 – 10:30 P.M.
Attendance Drawing	10:30 P.M.

THURSDAY, August 15th

Goat Burger Golf Classic (Ozark Ridge Golf Course – Poplar Bluff)	8:00 A.M
Bracelet Night	6:30 – 10:30 P.M.
Bluegrass Music	7:00 P.M.
Attendance drawing	10:30 P.M.

FRIDAY, August 16th

Baby Contest	10:00 A.M.
Bracelet Night	6:30- 10:30 P.M.
Alumni Meeting (Puxico R- 8 cafeteria)	6:00 P.M.
Doniphan New Life Singers	7:00 P.M.
Attendance Drawing	11:00 P.M.

SATURDAY, August 17th

Mingo Tractor Club Show

Parade

Berry-Glenn Museum Quilt Show

Children's Bracelet Matinee

Children's Attendance Drawing

Bracelet Night

Iron Mountain Station

Attendance Drawing

9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

1:00 P.M.

10:00 -4:00 P.M.

1:00 – 4:00 P.M.

4:00 P.M

6:30 – 10:30 P.M.

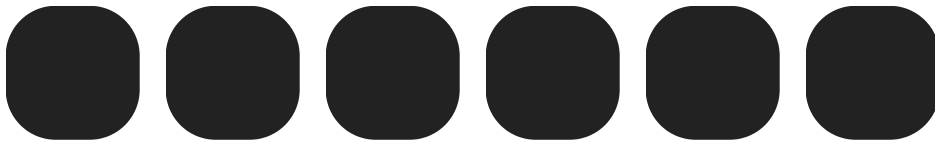
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Missouri - The annual Perseid meteor shower created by leftover bits of a comet is at its best in the night sky now, but there are a few tips to keep in mind to make the most the cosmic fireworks show.

The [2013 Perseid meteor shower](#) will peak in the late overnight hours of **Sunday and Monday (Aug. 11 and 12)**, and could light up the night sky with up to 100 meteors an hour for stargazers with the best viewing conditions. To see the most meteors, you will need clear weather and a dark sky far from the interference of bright city lights. This may not happen if the clouds do not dissipate in Missouri.

"For optimal viewing, find an open sky because Perseid meteors come across the sky from all directions. Lie on the ground and look straight up into the dark sky," NASA scientists advised in a skywatching guide. "Again, it is important to be far away from artificial lights. Your eyes can take up to 30 minutes to adjust to the darkness, so allow plenty of time for your eyes to dark-adapt."

The Perseids appear to radiate out of the constellation Perseus, which is how they get their name. The constellation is currently in the northeastern night sky after sunset, but observers will likely see more meteors by looking straight up, and not directly at the constellation, NASA scientists have said.

If bad weather spoils your Perseids viewing, don't fret. You can also watch the meteor display online tonight in two free webcasts. You can [watch the Perseid meteor shower webcasts live on SPACE.com](#), courtesy of NASA and the Slooh Space Camera.

Beginning at nightfall, NASA's all-sky camera at the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala., will offer a live view of the night sky and any meteors that flare up overhead. The webcast caught 14 Perseid meteors during its first night on Saturday (Aug. 10), MSFC officials said.

At 7 p.m. EDT (2300 GMT) tonight, the Slooh Space Camera, an online stargazing website that uses remotely operated telescopes, will offer a free webcast from its observatory on Mt. Tiede in the Canary Islands, off the western coast of Africa. You can watch the feed on SPACE.com or directly from Slooh via

the [Slooh Space Camera website](#).

Skywatchers around the world have already begun enjoying the Perseid meteor shower. Photographer Jeff Dai joined a group of stargazers in China who ventured up Mount Jinfo in Chongqing to observe the celestial display.

"Our 10-man group enjoyed more than 300 meteors early this morning," Dai told SPACE.com in an email today. "The waves of cheering lasted all night."

The Perseid [meteor shower](#) occurs each year in mid-August when the Earth passes through a dusty trail of leftovers from Comet Swift-Tuttle, a comet that orbits the sun once every 133 years. Most of this comet debris, which is made up of bits of ice and dust, is more than 1,000 years old, according to a NASA description.

As the Earth passes through the Swift-Tuttle debris stream, the ice and dust fragments slam into the atmosphere and burn up, creating one of the [best meteor showers of the year](#) for stargazers.

Humans have been observing the Perseid meteor shower for at least 2,000 years, NASA officials said. If you are planning an all-night meteor session, here are two more tips:

Get comfortable: Staring up at the night sky from the ground or a standing position can be tiring on your neck. Consider a reclining lawn chair to stay comfortable.

Stay warm: It can get chilly at night, even in the summer, so a light jacket or windbreaker might be just what you need to avoid dipping back inside and ruining your night vision.

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URGENT! MoDOT Urges Travelers to Exit Interstate

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Rolla, Missouri - Flooding has closed Interstate 44 at mile marker 172 near the city of Jerome. Traffic backups are now occurring near Rolla, Mo., as traffic detours to two-lane highways.

MoDOT urges motor carriers and other travelers to exit the interstate at the earliest, convenient alternate route. This is especially important for commercial motor vehicle traffic.

Major routes that can serve as alternates include Interstate 70, US 50 and US 60.

Please do not plan to travel to central Missouri and detour from there. The earlier travelers can find an alternate, the better.

U.S. 63 is also closed in both directions, south of Vienna in Maries County.

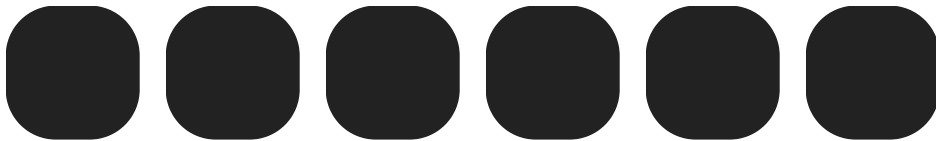
MoDOT expects I-44 and US 63 to remain closed for more than six hours. When the water recedes, MoDOT will inspect pavement and bridges for safety before opening highways for public use.

Visit <http://www.modot.org/> to find the MoDOT Traveler Information Map and information on obtaining the free smartphone app or call 1-888-ASK MoDOT (888-275-6636) for up-to-date information.

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Kentucky Transportation Cabinet- If you plan to travel to Paducah, Kentucky be aware of the traffic delays.

Traffic will be restricted to one lane at the intersection of US 51, US 60, and US 62 in Wickliffe/Ballard County starting Monday, Aug. 5.

During the time traffic restrictions on the US 51 Ohio River Bridge have lowered the traffic count at this busy intersection, a contractor for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet plans to place new concrete pavement in the intersection and along the approaches.

This work, starting Monday, Aug. 5 will require traffic to be restricted to one lane with flow through the intersection controlled by a temporary automated signal.

This is the "T" intersection where eastbound traffic from Illinois and Missouri for US 60 turns left toward LaCenter and Paducah and where southbound traffic for US 51 and eastbound traffic for US 62 turns right toward Bardwell.

The temporary traffic signal will be configured to allow one lane of traffic to move at a time to facilitate this intersection improvement work.

Due to the high truck volume at this intersection, the pavement has deteriorated and waffled. The asphalt pavement will be removed and replaced with a new concrete surface that will be more durable and safer.

Charbon Contracting is the prime contractor on this highway improvement project.

As a reminder, the US 51/US 60/US 60 Ohio River Bridge between Wickliffe, KY, and Cairo, IL, is restricted to a 7 ft. maximum vehicle width, a 19 ft. maximum vehicle length, and no trailers through about Sept. 14. This essentially restricts the bridge to passenger vehicles and standard pickup trucks for the duration of that project. All vehicles such as commercial trucks, motor homes, buses, and other vehicles that are over the 7 ft. width and 19 ft. length are excluded from the bridge work zone.

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