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# Absentee Ballots Now Available for August 5th Election

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**Bloomfield, Missouri** – Stoddard County residents may now vote via Absentee Ballot for the August 5<sup>th</sup> Primary Election and Special Election.

You can stop by the County Clerks office in the Government Building in Bloomfield to request an absentee ballot. You must fill out the application, which includes a reason you would like to vote absentee. It only takes a few minutes of your time and you will be able to vote that day.

You may also request an absentee ballot by mail. Please include the following information: Legal name of voter as listed on the voter registration card, current mailing address, date of birth, reason for voting absentee, and the your signature.

Since the upcoming election is a primary, you must also let them know which ballot you would like (Democrat or Republican, etc.).

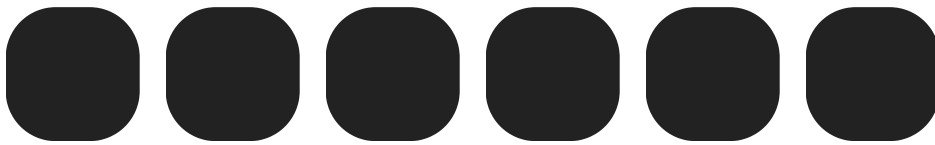
Send information and request to County Clerk Joe Watson, P.O. Box 110, Bloomfield, Missouri 63825.

***Either way don't forget to vote! It is extremely important that you as an American Citizen should exercise your right to vote!***

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## Want to be a Conservation Agent?

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**Missouri** - The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) is accepting applications from July 21 through Aug. 18 for its next class of conservation agent trainees. Selected candidates will undergo 26 weeks of intense training in all facets of law enforcement and resource management.

Those who make the grade will receive county assignments and become the face of conservation in their assigned communities – enforcing the Wildlife Code of Missouri and helping the public with issues such as nuisance wildlife and land management.

To qualify, applicants must have a bachelor’s degree in a field related to the natural sciences or criminal justice.

To apply -- and for more information including salary range, duties and responsibilities, degree requirements, qualifications, and special-ability requirements -- visit the Job Openings section of the MDC website Careers page at [mdc.mo.gov/about-us/careers](http://mdc.mo.gov/about-us/careers).

Contact MDC Protection Programs Supervisor Cheryl Fey at 573-751-4115, ext. 3819, or [Cheryl.Fey@mdc.mo.gov](mailto:Cheryl.Fey@mdc.mo.gov) with questions.

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## National All American Pet Photo Day

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**United States** - For many pet owners, a special day isn't needed to remind them to take photos of their furry family. But just in case you need an excuse to post to your Facebook page, Friday, July 11th is ALL AMERICAN PET PHOTO DAY!

You can get in on all the fun by dressing up your pets in their finest attire, take him/her to the park, set them in a chair, put them on a fancy pillow or whatever your imagination gives you for a special photo and snap away.

When you are done, post to Facebook or any social media source and share your pride and joy.

This day is all about the pets, which to most people are an extension of their family. No matter what photo you take you will end up with some sweet memories to put into a photo album, on the fridge or in a picture frame on your desk at work.

*Shown in the photo is Lilly Loflin at the 4th of July Parade in Dexter. Lilly is a Dachshund and lives with Jessica Loflin. She is one of many pets owned by Jessica and her mom.*

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## Flooding Closes Parts of Peck Ranch

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**Winona, Missouri** - The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) has closed the refuge portion of the Peck Ranch Conservation Area until further notice due to road damage caused by recent flooding. This closure includes the elk viewing route.

Wildlife Biologist Preston Mabry, manager of Peck Ranch Conservation Area, said this puts a temporary halt on auto tours and other activities in the refuge. He said access is still allowed on approximately 12,000 acres outside the marked refuge fence.

The Peck Ranch Conservation Area lies in both Carter and Shannon counties. The refuge portion of the area encompasses approximately 11,500 acres. In the portion of the Peck Area that's open to the public, Mabry still recommends caution wherever roads might have suffered damage due to recent flooding.

For more information, call the Peck Ranch Conservation Area at 573-323-4249 or the Missouri Department of Conservation's Ozark Regional Office in West Plains at 417-256-7161.

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## Business After Hours Hosted by Bagby Investment Consultants

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**Dexter, Missouri** – Mark your calendar for this month's Business After Hours sponsored by the Dexter Chamber of Commerce. This month's host is Bagby Investment Consultants at 302 N. Walnut Street.

***This event is open to the public from 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is encouraged to attend.***

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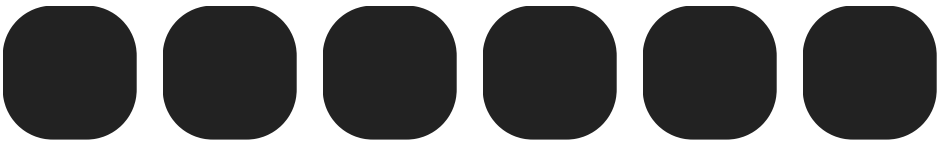
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