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Submitted by Dee Loflin, SMT Manager/Editor

United States - Saturdays and Summertime are the perfect combination for Garage sales. That is why the 2nd Saturday of every August is designated National Garage Sale Day.

On this day, you will see people finding great deals at these neighborhood sales. For those having the sales, this is a way for them to find new homes for items they no longer need.

So if you see a driveway full of items and a sale sign out, stop by and celebrate National Garage Sale Day.

National Garage Sale Day History

C. Daniel Rhodes of Alabama came up with the idea of having a National Garage Sale Day in 2001 after seeing neighbors having sales on different weekends. Rhodes thought it would be more convenient if they all had them on the same weekend.

The above Yard Sale/Garage Sale is a real one in Dexter. Stop in and let them know you saw it on the ShowMe Times!

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Missouri Law Enforcement reminds motorists to Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over!

Jefferson City, Missouri - Each day lives are drastically changed or lost in preventable traffic crashes caused by impaired driving. Drivers continue to break the law by driving impaired, putting thousands of travelers at risk daily. Holiday weekends bring a surge in impaired driving, so this year's Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over high-visibility crackdown will run Aug. 15 through the Labor Day holiday on Sept. 1.

"We want drivers to know that we will not tolerate impaired driving," said Colonel Ronald Replogle, superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. "We will continue our year round efforts of enforcing Missouri's DWI laws, and through this campaign create public awareness to the dangers impaired driving causes on our highways."

National Highway Transportation Safety Administration data shows that drivers respond well to this type of high visibility enforcement. Past campaigns have resulted in a 20 percent decrease in substance-impaired crash fatalities.

On average, one person will die every 34 minutes in an impaired driving crash over the Labor Day period, that's a lot of lives that could be saved. Statewide, law enforcement made 587 DWI arrests during the impaired driving campaign in August and September of 2013.

"Substance-impaired driving contributes to nearly 30 percent of all Missouri traffic fatalities," said Leanna Depue, executive chair to the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety. "In 2013, 223 people were killed and 728 seriously injured in Missouri traffic crashes that involved at least one impaired driver." We are all a part of the solution.

Please consider the following tips:

- Don't risk it if you plan to drive, don't drink.
- Encourage safe driving behaviors among family, friends and co-workers.
- Choose a designated driver before partying. A designated driver is someone who drinks NO alcohol at all.
- Take mass transit, a taxicab or ask a friend to drive you home if you have no designated driver and no other means of transportation.
- Party hosts should include alcohol-free beverages for designated drivers.
- Report impaired drivers to law enforcement.
- Always wear your safety belt it's your best defense

against an impaired driver.

To learn more about impaired driving and how you can Arrive Alive, visit saveMOlives.com, or follow social media at Save MO Lives, #DriveSoberMO

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Dexter, Missouri – *Attention teachers and students!* High Quality Water Works has a special designed just for you!

Evan Jackson and Matt Banken are offering a **25% discount** to all teachers and students as they get ready for another school year. Don't have time to get your vehicle details and washed before school starts. Don't you want your special ride to look great? High Quality Water Works will take your vehicle and put a shine on it like you have never seen before.

This special discount won't last long!! You have until the end of August to get your special discount! Evan and Matt want to thank all the teachers for what they do for the students. The future of our kids are in your hands and it is a huge responsibility.

"Big or small we can do it all," says Evan Jackson, co-owner. "We can do everything that a car, truck, camper, would need from washing, waxing, buffing, polishing, sealant, cleaning wheels, tires, chrome polishing, steam cleaning, leather and vinyl treatment, carpet protection, shampooing carpets, and washing the motor compartment. We can do it all!"

Currently they run by appointment only at 24 East Business Hwy 60 in Dexter. They have a bright orange bay door and have painted the mailbox and office door to match. Call them at 573-614-2881 or 573-820-6114 for an appointment.

You can get a complete detail package or purchase specific cleaning needs such as the never ending BUG REMOVAL which is \$9.00, a regular wash is only \$12.00, and a wash and vac is just \$20. Quite reasonable prices!!

Evan and Matt have also created a Facebook page for their new business. Just click **HERE** and check it out. Let them know you saw their article on the ShowMe Times!!!

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Cairo, Illinois – If you are traveling to Kentucky this week leave a littler earlier as the US 51 Ohio River Bridge will be one lane between 8:00 a.m. – 5 p.m. each day. Delays should be minimal.

According to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, the bridge will be inspected daily over the next two weeks.

Drivers should be alert for equipment, flaggers, and inspectors on the bridge deck close to traffic flow.

Every two years the Wickliffe-Cairo Bridge gets a detailed inspection with long-span river and lake bridges getting an additional walk-through inspection every year.

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Dexter, Missouri - Year number six of the Otter Slough Greenwing Event has come and gone. If you missed it then you missed a good time. Fisheries Management Biologist Mike Reed got the crowd of approximately 200 started on the right foot with some nice largemouth bass, crappie and bluegill which were shocked, tagged and returned to Cypress Lake. Mike told the 80 or so youth who crowded along the shoreline around his boat, "Catch one of these fish with a red tag and I'll buy you a chocolate milkshake." That's all it took for at least one young angler who turned to his dad and said, "I want to fish here!"

From fish the group moved to banding doves, shooting ducks on the Ducks Unlimited laser shot game, watching a Labrador retriever do his thing and then to the main event of banding and releasing wood ducks. The day was topped off with an explosive demonstration of a rocket net as Wildlife Biologist Tommy Marshall managed to capture three snow goose decoys to show folks a common

wildlife capture technique.

Several MDC staff members were on hand to answer questions and help with the work at hand. In addition, volunteers from four area Ducks Unlimited committees helped remove ducks from trap and net sites. Some volunteers were up at 4:00 am in order to get to their assigned stations on time. Mike Wilburn of the Dexter Ducks Unlimited committee commented, "It was just like getting up for duck season only without the shotgun!" DU volunteers handed out commemorative duck bands, duck calls and other free items to youth who attended. Wilburn told the youth, "Now you've been banded too!"

This year's event was the biggest and best yet. We captured more birds and had more youth ready to band and release them. DU volunteers and a bunch of eager kids helped trap, band and release a total of 76 wood ducks, mourning doves and one hen mallard. We are already making plans to improve our catch rates and hopefully continue to grow the event. Getting kids excited about the outdoors and conservation is the best part of my job and Saturday's event definitely accomplished that. We hope that everyone makes time to head outdoors and we will see you next July about 7 am on a Saturday morning as Area Manager Kevin Brunke and his staff host the next Otter Slough Greenwing Event.

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